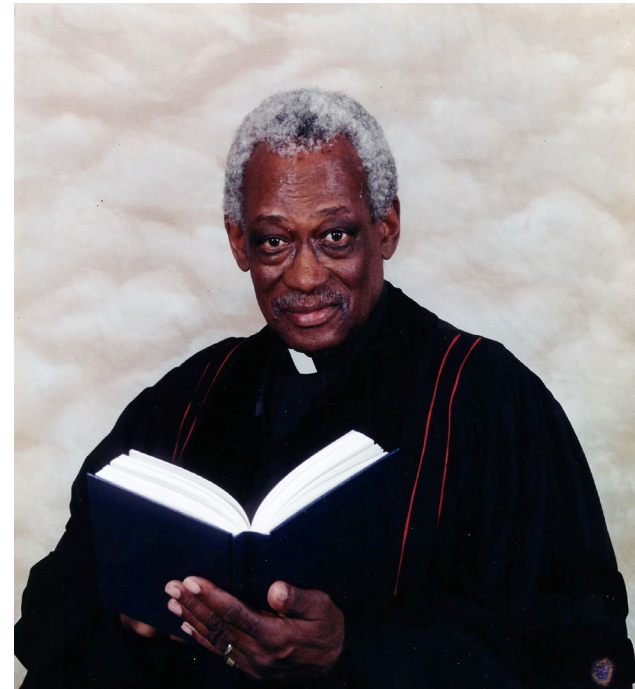


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Acknowledgements - Thank you for your support kind words
and for being with us during this most difficult time.....
- The Smalls Family

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Lee's Funeral Home, LLC
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Pallbearers: Steward Board of Mt. Hope
INTERMENT:
Kensico Cemetery, 273 Lakeview Avenue,
Valhalla, NY
Family Repass: Mt. Hope A.M.E. Zion Church

Sunrise: March 9, 1933 Sunset: July 16, 2026

Wednesday July 29, 2026
12:00 p.m.
Mt. Hope A.M.E. Zion Church
65 Lake Street, White Plains, NY 10604
Rev. Gregory Robeson Smith, Senior Pastor

Obituary

Rev. Dr. William Smalls, a beloved and devoted servant of God, and was born on March 9, 1933 to the late Jane and Tommy Smith, and raised by his Aunt Lena Smalls. He received his early education in the Prescott South Carolina school system. He joined Saint James Methodist church at the age of 12. Rev Smalls was employee by the City of White Plains for 33 years. as foreman in the department of sanitation, the building maintenance department, breaking a barrier by becoming the first black employee and supervisor. He was instrumental in establishing a union for all White Plains City workers, which still exists today. He met and married Jessie Scott. Through this union they had 3 children, Sandra, Jacqueline and William Smalls. They joined the Mt. Hope AME Zion Church under the pastorate of the Late Rev. Dr. Ralph W. Gullette. Rev. Smalls received his call into the ministry, and preached his trial sermon on September 24, 1974. He received his first ordination In June 1977 from Bishop Herbert Shaw at Mount Hope AME Zion. His second ordination was from also Bishop Shaw on June 16, two years later at Mother Zion church in Harlem NY. He graduated from union temple Theological Center; received a Bachelor of Science degree from Manhattan Bible institute, NYC. He also attended the College of New Rochelle School of New Resources. Bishop Shaw appointed Rev Smalls to Pastor St Thomas AME Zion, Haverstraw NY in 1978.

In June 1982 Bishop William Smith assigned him to St. James AME Zion Church, Beacon NY. June 1985, he was assigned as Pastor to Franklin Street AME Zion Church, Kingston NY. June 23, 1989, Bishop Smith assigned him to Naomi AME Zion Church, Coney Island NY. Through his work for the Lord, he has received numerous citations, awards from local, state and federal level. He was instrumental in saving the Coney Island hospital from closing, he organized the minister's alliance network of local ministers, worked on cleaning up drug infested areas, and at the same time he received an honoree doctorate degree. Oct. 10, 1980, he married Anna Schofield of White Plains NY. And from this union, he gain two sons Bishop Jerome Edgerton and Isaiah Charles Schofield. The sage, as he was often called, was a proud member of the AME Zion church as a member on the board of trustees, steward board, class leader, and was a very popular bible study teacher. He was avid fan of the Mets and WWF wrestling. Family was near and dear to his heart, he never missed a family reunion until this year. He was considered the family historian by many; as a descendent of Robert Smalls, his uncle, who was a civil war hero and became the 1st black congressman of the House of Representatives. Rev Smalls held an unwavering faith in God and shared the gospel of Jesus Christ wherever he went, even on his sick bed. He was loved by all and a respected Elder. He was a mentor to many ministers in Zion and his spiritual children are too numerous to count spanning all over the United States. Rev Smalls was preceded in death by his first wife Jessie Mae Scott- Smalls, his only son William Bubbie Smalls, his brother Douglas Perry, his sister Vivian Baker, and second wife, Anna Edgerton-Smalls, and stepson, Bishop Jerome Edgerton. He leaves to cherish fond memories, his daughters, Sandra Barbry, Jacqueline Smalls, and Sharon Smalls-Williams. Eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts. & spiritual children and friends. In his final day, he often spoke of being ready to see his Jesus and was waiting on God to take him home. He shared visions and vivid dreams of Jesus taking him up to heaven and showing him the chair he will sit in.

Order of Service

Officiant

Rev. Patricia Dale Gillman

Organ Prelude

Jonathan Harris

Hymn of Comfort:

"I Am On The Battlefield For My Lord"

Scripture Lessons:

Old Testament: Psalm 46

Rev. Dr. Charles W. Young

New Testament: Hebrews: 11: 1-10

Rev. Dr. Classtine Pendarvis

Prayer of Comfort:

Rev. A. Alfred Carson, Presiding Elder

Selection:

The Smalls Ensemble

Acknowledgements/Resolution:

Mrs. Carolyn DuBois-White

Selection:

Mt. Hope Choir

Remarks: Clergy:

N.Y. Conference Clergy, Rev. Keith I. Harris, Presiding Elder

Rev. Isidoa Branch, Sr., Presiding Elder, (Emeritus)

Rev. Dr. Stephen W. Pogue, Sr., Presiding Elder

Bishop George D. Crenshaw, Presiding Prelate

Obituary:

(Read Silently)

Solo:

Lorenda Robinson

Eulogy:

Reverend Gregory Robeson Smith, Senior Pastor

Recessional:

"When We All Get To Heaven"