



Michael Smith

September 6, 1951 - February 9, 2023

On September 6, 1951, a baby boy was born to Mr. James Ware and Mrs. Earnestine Smith Ware of Huntsville, Texas. They named him Michael Smith. He grew up in The Friendship Baptist Church under leadership of Rev. M.C. Battle.

Michael graduated from Huntsville High School in the Class of 1970. On July 4, 1973, he married his high school sweetheart, Ms. Mary J. Spivey and to this union two daughters were born.

Michael worked for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice beginning his career at the Darrington Unit in Rosharon, Texas in 1973. He then moved his family back to Huntsville and continued with the agency until he retired in 2005. He came out of retirement and returned to the agency for another 6 years totaling 38 years of dedicated service.

On Thursday, February 9, 2023, the loving spirit of Bro. Michael, crossed over the finish line. His race was won.

Preceding him in his death are his parents and his wife of 23 years.

To cherish his memory, Michael leaves his devoted daughters: Mrs. Earnestine Smith-Murray (James), and Charlotte D. Smith; four sisters: Mrs. Joyce L. Crawford, Mrs. Barbara A. Walker (Johnnie) and Debora L. Byrd all of Huntsville, Texas and Genevieve Strahan Arieta (Rene) of Bowie, Maryland. One, grandson: Atyias Mikel Casteel; three, granddaughters: Ashleen Marshaye Brown, A'Jaelyn Mishelle Brown, and Courtney McKenna-Jane Johnson. And a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A special friend of 18 years, Ms. Sylvia Diggins, and dear friends: Bishop L.O. Mills, Deacon Don Willis, Mr. BJ Watkins, and Mr. Frank Wiley.

A visitation is scheduled for Saturday February 18, 2023, at 10:00am and funeral service will begin at 11:00am at Greater Robinson Memorial Church of God in Christ in Huntsville, TX, with Superintendent Charles H. Greggs officiating. He will be laid to rest at Mt. Zion Cemetery in Huntsville, TX. Memorial condolences to the family may be made at www.shmfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Mount Zion Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Greater Robinson Memorial Church of God in Christ
515 Avenue M
Huntsville, TX 77320

Funeral Service

FEB 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Katie Crawford Davison lit a candle in memory of Michael Smith* ”



Katie Crawford Davison - February 20, 2023 at 06:56 PM

EP

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Your Father was truly a Godsend and will certainly be missed by many of us. May you always be comforted with the fondest memories of Cousin Michael and bask in God's grace, His endless mercy, His abiding love, strength in times of weakness. May this scripture, Isaiah 25:8 "He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it." revive your hearts with endurance until you are reunited by Jesus Christ in heaven.

In His Service,

*Evang. Debbie L. Parker
Associate Minister
Church of The Living God, CWFF, Temple #230
Sun City, AZ..*

Evangelist Debbie Parker - February 17, 2023 at 12:14 AM

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Evangelist Debbie Parker - February 17, 2023 at 12:13 AM

JO

“ *Jordan lit a candle in memory of Michael Smith*



Jordan - February 15, 2023 at 03:29 PM

MH

“ *M. Hyvl lit a candle in memory of Michael Smith*



M. Hyvl - February 14, 2023 at 11:37 AM

MB

“ *Condolences to family on behalf of the class of 1969-70. GOD chose to bring his servant home to rest. Be well now our friend. Margaret McAdams Baptiste*

MARGARET BAPTISTE - February 14, 2023 at 11:04 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Michael Smith.*



February 13, 2023 at 10:27 PM



“ *May the Lord bless you, and keep you and make his face shine upon you may the Lord grant you peace and give you rest. I am so sorry for your loss for indeed it is great. He was a dear friend.*

Sheila Kelley - February 13, 2023 at 07:35 PM



“ *Praying for comfort, strength, and peace for the Smith family and friends 🙏*



Gayle Spears Kelly - February 13, 2023 at 06:25 PM



“ *May God hold your family in his loving arms during this time of grief. Blessings*

Lottie Harrison - February 13, 2023 at 06:04 PM

LM

“ *My classmate, my friend will be truly missed. Remembering the good times we shared in school as well as adults. Michael had a strong belief in God and lived a Godly life. Rest in Heaven my friend*

Praying for the family

Linda Moten - February 13, 2023 at 02:05 PM