

Active Pallbearers

Dereck Williams • Charles Bryant • Chase Bryant
Marquis Carter • Barry Lofton
Craig Love • Quincy Haynes • Paul Love

Honorary Pallbearers

Laverne Rogers • Kevin Shelton • Arthur Joe Smith
Fred Patterson • Charles Smith • Brian Keith Johnson
Ronald Johnson • Ronald Harris • Ryan Roberts • Marcus Selders

Flower Bearers

Rochelle King • Sandy Simpson
Connie Love • Stepheny Smith
Sherry Thompson • Karen Wafer • Sherry Knox

Honorary Flower Bearers

Tamarra Fee • Karcinda McLain • Sha'Quan Sanders
Amour Carter • Michelle Fry
Mary Smith • G'Daiya Hall • Rondisha Lorne

Interment

Rose Hill Burial Park
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Services under the direction of:
TEMPLE & SONS FUNERAL DIRECTORS, INC.

2801 North Kelley Avenue
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111

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"We Care" — II Timothy 4:8

Acknowledgment

We, the family of Rev. Dennis M. Smith, would like to express gratitude and thanks to everyone for all the phone calls, visits, food, cards, and all other acts of kindness shown during our time of bereavement. A special thank you to Dr. T. Swygert, Dr. R. Allen, and St. Anthony Hospital doctors, nurses, and staff for the exceptional care over the years.

Celebrating the Life of Reverend

Dennis Micheal Smith

Sunrise

October 26, 1953

Sunset

February 14, 2020



SERVICES

Friday, February 21, 2020 — 1:00 p.m.

GREATER MT. CARMEL BAPTIST CHURCH
3721 Staton Drive • Oklahoma City, OK 73111

Dr. K. Gerone Free, Senior Pastor

Rev. Christine Byrd, Pastor
New Life Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, OK
Officiating

Rev. Tony F. Wise, Pastor
Voice of Praise Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, OK
Eulogist



Order of Service

Music Prelude

Processional . . Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family

Selection Voice of Praise Baptist Church

Scripture Reading

Old Testament Pastor Melvin Sanders

New Testament Pastor James Greenwood

Prayer Pastor K. Gerone Free

Selection Stepheny Smith

Obituary (*Read Silently*)

Resolutions/Acknowledgment. . . . Linda McClarty

Selection Pastor Jai Newson

Special Remarks Dr. Randy Allen
Versa Goodman
Vincent Price-Smith
Rev. DesJean Jones

Selection Kelvin Drake

Eulogy Pastor Tony Wise

Video Tribute

Recessional

Our Grandfather

Our grandfather was a quiet man,
But his silence could speak volumes.

The warmth of his gaze said, *"I love you."*

The strength of his hugs said, *"I will keep you safe."*

The gentleness of his hands said, *"You're precious to me."*

His nod of approval for a job well done said, *I respect you."*

In the years to come,

We may not remember many of the

Words our grandfather spoke,

But the memories of what he conveyed
without speaking a word will stay in our hearts.



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Reflections of Life

Reverend Dennis Micheal Smith was born on October 26, 1953 in Topeka, Kansas to Marvin W. Smith and Darlene Tyrell, both preceding him in death. He was raised by Barbara Y. Smith, who also preceded him in death. He was the third of six siblings. His brothers, Marvin and Ronald Smith also preceded him in death.

Dennis accepted Christ at an early age in Topeka and was baptized in the Faith of Jesus Christ. He attended school in Topeka until moving to Oklahoma with his aunt, who adopted him and later graduating from Star Spencer High School.

During his adult years he met and married the "Queen Love of his life", Ms. Kathy Ann Abram, who he regarded as his best friend. He enjoyed and was very proud of his five children: Shannon, George, Alonya, Vincent, Valentine, and his grandson, Malikhi, who he raised.

Rev. Dennis Smith's love of God was always shown everywhere he went as he did not mind telling of the goodness of God. He accepted his call into the ministry in 1984 under the leadership of the Late Rev. John Thigpyn, then pastor of the Paradise Baptist Church and later New Life Baptist Church. Rev Smith served as Pastor Thigpyn's assistant pastor.

Rev. Dennis Smith also served as pastor of Rock of Ages Baptist Church, Community Baptist Church of Konawa, as interim pastor of the New Direction Baptist Church before joining Voice of Praise Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Tony Wise. While at Voice of Praise Baptist Church, Rev. Smith served as the Men's Sunday School instructor, Prayer meeting conductor, sang bass/baritone with the male chorus, and associate pastor until his death.

His life was centered in love for Christ and caring for others. He never met a stranger and was always willing to help others by giving encouraging words, food, and shelter. He had a deep love for the under privileged. Many he kept in his home as foster children. He enjoyed talking to his spiritual mother, Willie Webb, about the goodness of God.

Other interest he enjoyed were track, often stating that he could out run Usain Bolt in his younger years. He taught Valentine his love for track. He loved cooking family dinners and bowling. He was a die hard Kansas Jayhawk fan, and could be seen wearing KU clothing at anytime — Rock Chalk. He also loved playing dominos and winning as he is the "domino king", we can ask George about this one. He was a historian and taught Shannon all about Black

History. He was a math whiz and taught Alonya math. Lastly, he taught Vincent and Malikhi how to be great men and leaders. He taught all of his grandchildren about the value of money and about the benefits of hard work. His love for his wife was undoubtedly the most genuine and caring love anyone could ever imagine, as well.

He leaves to cherish his lasting memory, his loving wife, Kathy of the home; five children: Shannon Hall-Sanders (Rudy), George Hall, Alonya Smith-Ansah (Welbeck), Vincent Price-Smith, and Valentine Price-Smith; 10 grandchildren: Sha'Quan, Mar'Kwae, Deontae, Georell, G'Daiya, George Jr., Demoray, Malikhi, Lay'Shawna, and Amour; one great-grandson, Mar'Kwae; two brothers, Delloyd Smith and Kevin Shelton; three sisters: Charlette Bright (Shannon), Clarice Brown (Curtis), and Tanya Elliott; and a host of foster children, foster grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.



In Loving Memory Dad

He never looked for praises
He was never one to boast
He just went on quietly working
For the ones he loved the most.

His dreams were seldom spoken
His wants were very few
And most of the time his worries
Went unspoken too.

He was thereA firm foundation
Through all our storms of life
A sturdy hand to hold on to
In times of stress and strife.

A true friend we could turn to
When times were good or bad
One of our greatest blessings
The man that we called Dad



In Loving Memory Of A Very Special Husband

When God was making husbands as far as I can see,
He made a special soulmate especially for me.
He made a perfect gentleman, compassionate and kind,
With more love and affection than you ever wish to find.
He gave my darling husband a heart of solid gold,
He gave me wonderful memories only my heart can hold.
He was someone I could talk to that no one can replace,
He was someone I could laugh with till tears ran down my face.
Next time we meet will be at heavens door,
When I see you standing there I won't cry anymore,
I will put my arms around you and kiss your smiling face,
Then the pieces of my broken heart will fall back into place.

