



## Evangelist Alverma Smith

May 6, 1938 - October 11, 2013

SMITH, Evangelist Alverma - Age 75, went home to be with the Lord, Friday, October 11, 2013 at Hurley Medical Center. Family hour 10 a.m. Saturday, October 19, 2013 at Cathedral of Faith Ministries C.O.G.I.C., 6031 Dupont St., with Homegoing Service commencing at 11 a.m. Supt. James E. Walker, Jr., officiating, Supt. Christopher Martin, Host Pastor. Interment Flint Memorial Park Cemetery, G-9506 N. Dort Hwy. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10 a.m. Saturday. Evangelist Smith will lie in state at Cathedral of Faith Ministries C.O.G.I.C. and may be viewed Friday, October 18, 2013 from 12 noon to 6 p.m. with Homegoing Celebration from 7-9 p.m.

Mother Alverma (Calip) Smith was born May 6, 1938 in Lindale, Texas to parents; Ms. Lula Calip and Mr. Freeman Evans. Her grandparents, Mr. John Arnold and Jannie Calip raised her in the fear of GOD. Her early spiritual experience was nurtured in the Methodist and C.O.G.I.C. churches of Lindale. In 1958, with the blessing of her grandfather, she moved to Flint with her God-Mother Juanita Ross. "Mother" loved momma just as she loved her own children.

She served in many capacities at Deliverance. She was very active in the local, district, and state work throughout her life in the church. She was a pro at fundraising. Some of her most enjoyable times serving were in the Sunday School, Sunshine Band, Ministers Wives, Mothers Board, Sewing Circle,

Home and Foreign Missions, and the Music and Youth Ministries.

Her favorite scripture is: I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day, the night cometh when no man can work. (St. John 9:4)

Mother Smith was a homemaker, who trained her eight children in the admonition of the "Lord!" She was an avid reader of the Bible and taught us the same. She loved poetry, mostly by Helen Steiner Rice. She never slacked in her duties, home first, then abroad. She was a very active parent in the Beecher and Flint Community School Districts. She taught her children the importance of God, education, making and reaching goals.

Mother Smith was famous for being an awesome cook. She loved baking, and cooking almost anything. She prepared a spread for royalty, especially during the holidays and family celebrations. She also loved shopping, traveling, and spending time with her family.

She was a faithful wife for 51 ½ years to the late Dr. Zack Smith, Sr. until he went home to be with the LORD on Valentine's Day 2012. "Sis. Smith was the only hen that sat on his eight eggs", as our daddy would say. Their love story was everlasting and a great example to single and married couples young and old. This year Mother Smith celebrated 50 years as co-founder of the Deliverance Church of GOD In CHRIST and her Diamond (75th) birthday on May 6. To GOD be the Glory for the things he has done!

The awesome legacy of our parents will live on through their eight children: Niketta (Michael) Fleming, Eld. Zack Jr. (Alta) Smith, Emmanuel (Annie) Smith, John (Donett) Smith, Alverma Denise (Sam) Sanders III, Gwendolyn (James) Richardson, Katrina Smith and Deadrea Smith; 18 grandchildren, Keon, Micah and Quinyatta Atkins, Faith and Zack Anthony Smith, Emmanuel Jr., Shaquan and Sherita Smith, Imari, Aleah, John Jr. and Jared Smith, Demetrius, Gwendolyn and Ja'Len Sanders, Doris, James Jr. and Diamond

Richardson; special grandson, Jonathan Blanchard; one great granddaughter, Ariel Mizell; sisters, Dorothy Mae Collins, Evangelist Erma Lee Young, Evelyn (Robert) Dorsey, Evangelist Joyce Ray and Jacqueline Calip, Lorraine Marshall, Jeraldine Williams, Alecia Pettigrew, Dorothy Denmore and Ermogene Hayes, all of Tyler, TX; brothers, Eld. Bennie Ray (Mary) Calip, Dea. McKinley Andrews, Rev. Ronald Ross, Dennis Releford and Cleveland (Lisa) Evans of Mesquite, TX, Cortess (Tonni) Evans of Tyler, TX; many nieces and nephews; special friends, Missionary Norma Stanley Thompson, Missionary Mary Charles, Pastor Earl Fisher, Bro. Charlie (Carol) Mitchell, Barian (Javonna) Vaughan, Solomon (Shelia) Buford, and the entire Deliverance Church of God in Christ family.

The family would like to express special thanks to: Tyanna Conner, Dr. Elmaadi Saeed, Loving Hands, Pastor James E. Walker and Faith Gospel Temple COGIC, Supt. and Miss'y Christopher Martin and Cathedral of Faith COGIC, Bishop and Mrs. Urundi Knox and Ebenezer Ministries, and our awesome Deliverance COGIC family.

# Cemetery Details

## Flint Memorial Park Cemetery

G-9506 N. Dort Hwy.  
Mt. Morris, MI 48458

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

OCT **18**. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Cathedral of Faith C.O.G.I.C.  
6031 Dupont St.  
Flint, MI

## Homegoing Celebration

OCT **18**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Cathedral of Faith C.O.G.I.C.  
6031 Dupont St.  
Flint, MI

## Family hour

OCT **19**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Cathedral of Faith C.O.G.I.C.  
6031 Dupont St.  
Flint, MI

## Homegoing

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OCT **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Cathedral of Faith C.O.G.I.C.  
6031 Dupont St.  
Flint, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Evangelist Alverma Smith*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *To the Smith family, God gave you guys the best of the best for parents, Dr. Zack Smith Sr. and Evangelist Alverma Smith. Not only did they touch your lives, they touched many lives, and brought many souls to God. Your mom did the work of God who sent her, now it's time for sweet rest. She fought a good fight, finished her course, and she kept her faith. She has her crown of righteousness. Your mom will be missed. We are praying for your family. God bless. Elder Charles and Linda Woods*

**Elder Charles & Linda Woods** - October 19, 2013 at 11:31 AM



“ *Regina Rice, Oak Grove, Ky lit a candle in memory of Evangelist Alverma Smith*



**Regina Rice, Oak Grove, Ky** - October 19, 2013 at 09:48 AM



“ *Kathy Davis And Kalonna sent a virtual gift in memory of Evangelist Alverma Smith*



**Kathy Davis and Kalonna** - October 18, 2013 at 01:33 PM

KK

*Praying for the entire Smith Family!!!*

**Kathy Davis and Kalonna** - October 18, 2013 at 01:34 PM

PJ

“ *Praying for you and your family*

*Paulette Johnson*



**Paulette Johnson** - October 17, 2013 at 02:22 PM

TS

“ *Tonia M. Stanley lit a candle in memory of Evangelist Alverma Smith*



**Tonia M. Stanley** - October 17, 2013 at 10:04 AM

TS

*ONE OF THE GREAT ONES!*

**Tonia M. Stanley** - October 17, 2013 at 10:05 AM

EL

“ *Elder Michael & Phyllis Leslie lit a candle in memory of Evangelist Alverma Smith*



**Elder Michael & Phyllis Leslie** - October 16, 2013 at 09:36 PM

CC

“ *C. Caldwee lit a candle in memory of Evangelist Alverma Smith*



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**C. Caldwee** - October 16, 2013 at 12:08 PM

RS

“ *RE-NAYE SANDERS lit a candle in memory of Evangelist Alverma Smith*



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**RE-NAYE SANDERS** - October 16, 2013 at 09:08 AM

RS

“ *TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF EVANGELIST SMITH, YOU ALL HAVE MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND I WILL KEEP YOU ALL IN MY PRAYERS. SO VERY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS.*

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**RE-NAYE SANDERS** - October 16, 2013 at 09:08 AM

MW

“ *Mother Mary & Diane Williams lit a candle in memory of Evangelist Alverma Smith*



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**Mother Mary & Diane Williams** - October 16, 2013 at 08:17 AM

AJ

“ Thinking of you in friendship and in sympathy in the passing of Mother Smith. She was an AMAZING woman of God. So look for comfort in the Master's words knowing that His love will lift you, hold you close and give you peace. Safe at home.



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**Andrea Jones** - October 15, 2013 at 11:09 PM

EM

“ I HAVE KNOWN EVANGELIST A SMITH AND HER LATE HUSBAND PASTOR Z SMITH FOR A VERY LONG TIME. EVANGELIST A SMITH WAS ALWAYS KIND AND SHOW EVERYONE .GOD LOVE AND KINDNESS .SHE ALWAYS HAD A SMILE. TO THE SMITH FAMILY SHE WILL BE MISS.I AM VERY SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR LOSS.MAY GOD PEACE BE WITH THE SMITH FAMILY.AND I WILL BE PRAYING FOR YOUR FAMILY. SHE ALSO ALWAYS CALL ME BUFFALO. ELD JAMES MCDADE

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**ELD JAMES MCDADE** - October 15, 2013 at 07:24 PM

RR

“ I have known this wonderful lady for many years, she and her late husband were very loving, caring , God fearing people. I am sadden by her passing be know in my heart that she has joined her husband resting in the arms of our Lord and Saviour. May her family be comforted by this knowledge.

*Reggie & Ron Richardson*

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**Reggie Richardson** - October 15, 2013 at 06:48 PM

VS

“ *I am sorry to hear about Mrs. Smith's passing, I am praying for your family*



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**Valerie Southall** - October 15, 2013 at 05:38 PM

AS

“ *It is with great sorrow that I herera of Mrs. Smith's passing. My family's thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time of grief. May you be comforted by the knowledge that Alverma is home in Heaven with her savior now.*

*In Sorrow,  
Anthony Sitko*

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**Anthony Sitko** - October 15, 2013 at 03:12 PM

RW

“ *To the family of Evangelist Smith, you are in my prayers. I didn't know mother, but I felt like I did. Denise shared so many beautiful comments about her. May God be with you all . I love you Denise, R'Waller*



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**roberta waller** - October 15, 2013 at 03:05 PM

SH

“ *Shirley lit a candle in memory of Evangelist Alverma Smith*



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**Shirley** - October 15, 2013 at 08:25 AM



“ *Mother Smith was a true woman of god she will be truly missed*

Tara Jefferson - October 14, 2013 at 09:04 PM



“ *Robert Smith, Jr. lit a candle in memory of Evangelist Alverma Smith*



Robert Smith, Jr. - October 14, 2013 at 08:58 PM



*Heaven is blessed to receive Mother Evangelist A. Smith. She was always full of love and joy. She was a shining example to women as a wife and mother. She will long be remembered for she leaves a strong legacy. Praying for the comfort and strength of the family. The God of all Grace embraces you and will see you through. Through it all, learn how to trust in Jesus and learn how to trust in God - hills and mountains will be moved or tunneled through. Yu can and will make it. Love U all.  
R. Smith, Jr.*

Robert Smith, Jr. - October 14, 2013 at 09:03 PM



“ *To the Family of Evangelist Alverma Smith, Better known to the "MOORES" of Harriet Street, as, "DUMP"!!!! Please accept these of words of sympathy to encourage your hearts. WEEPING may endure for a night, but surely JOY cometh in the morning. Keep looking to the hills knowing that the Lord will see you through these days ahead of you. The Moores are praying with and for you.*



B-Moe Clifton - October 14, 2013 at 05:42 PM



“ God Bless you all. Our prayers of comfort are with the entire Smith family. Be encouraged...love Renee and Brandon Jones and The Harmonic Ambassador Families...”



**Renee Thompson-Jones** - October 14, 2013 at 03:52 PM

MM

“ ANOTHER ANGEL HAS JUST RECEIVED HER WINGS, AND HER CROWN FOR ALL OF THE JOY THAT SHE HAS BROUGHT TO SO MANY PEOPLE...” A LIFE WELL LIVED AND A LIFE WELL LOVED FOREVER.”



**Mother Margaret Montgomery** - October 14, 2013 at 02:47 PM

BM

“ Bishop Richard W Mosley lit a candle in memory of Evangelist Alverma Smith



**Bishop Richard W Mosley** - October 14, 2013 at 01:43 PM

LS

“ Larry Simmons lit a candle in memory of Evangelist Alverma Smith



**Larry Simmons** - October 14, 2013 at 01:10 PM

MC

“ Our days as a North Central Jurisdiction Family, shall forever be embedded in my heart, we became a close family. I know this feeling well and you ALL have been in my prayers. I would say, The Lord has granted your Mom's request, she is now with the Love of her life and at Home with our Father. We love you so much!  
Myra plus all the other Coleman's!

Myra Coleman-Williams - October 14, 2013 at 12:37 PM



“ A Jeffrey LaValley lit a candle in memory of Evangelist Alverma Smith



A Jeffrey LaValley - October 14, 2013 at 12:24 PM

DR

“ Diane Rankins lit a candle in memory of Evangelist Alverma Smith



Diane Rankins - October 14, 2013 at 08:54 AM

HA

“ I love this family so very much. The man was generous, spiritual, anointed, kind, powerful, a great parent, a great husband, and a great friend. He was all these things because she completed him. She helped to define him. She always had his back. She was quiet, but powerful. Meek but strong. She was beautiful but very modest. She was nice but firm. There will never be another Zack and Alverma Smith.

*Superintendent Harold W. Jones, Sr. 1st Lady Althea Jones, the Jones family, and the Greater Ephesians COGIC Family.*

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**Harold** - October 13, 2013 at 10:47 PM

PL

“ I would like to send my condolences to the family. When someone we love dies its very painful. But the Bible talks about God doing away with pain at Rev 21:4. May the God of comfort provide solace to your family at this time.

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**Peggy Land** - October 12, 2013 at 08:36 PM

LI

“ Dear Smith Family and Friends,  
I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your dear loved one. Please accept my sincere condolences. I too have lost several loved ones in death, and the pain is tremendous, even with the passage of time. Thankfully, I have found relief in knowing that "The Most High God" is the "Hearer of Prayer", and a source of tremendous comfort in times of grief and distress according to Psalms 83:18, and Psalms 65:2. Please be assured , death will soon be "swallowed up forever" and we will have the opportunity to see our dead loved ones again, as promised at John 5:28.29 and Isaiah 25:8. My family and I wish you and yours peace.

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**Lisa** - October 12, 2013 at 04:34 PM