



Mr. Bernard Roosevelt Smyers

October 18, 1936 - July 4, 2018

SMYERS, Mr. Bernard R. - Age 81, passed away Wednesday, July 4, 2018 at Genesys Health-Park-Grand Blanc, MI. Family hour 10:00 AM Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at Southeast Christian Church of the Apostolic Faith, 4171 Lapeer Rd., with funeral service commencing 11:00 AM Elder Kenneth Brown officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Association, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at church 10:00 AM Tuesday. Mr. Smyers will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12:00 PM -8:00 PM Monday.

Mr. Bernard Roosevelt Smyers was born October 18, 1936 in Flint, Michigan, the son of Artie Clay and Irene M. (Duke) Smyers. He graduated from Flint Central High School and later worked at Fisher Body Plant, a division of General Motors, before becoming a Truck Driver for UPS. Upon leaving UPS, Ben as he was affectionately known, also spent over twenty plus years with the Flint Board of Education as a Custodian. He was one of their most faithful, hardworking, diligent and precise employees.

Bernard was baptized on January 22, 1990 in Jesus Name and filled with the Holy Ghost at Alpha & Omega Church in Flint, Michigan, under the leadership of Pastor Marcella Howard. For the past four years, Mr. Smyers had faithfully attended Abundant Life Ministries in Flint, under the leadership of Pastor Larry Holley.

Mr. Bernard R. Smyers was a loving husband and a dedicated and supportive family man, who was adored by his children. So many were touched by his acts of kindness; he was such a giver. Even when he missed a service, he always sent an offering to the church every Sunday at Abundant Life. Almost 20 to 30 children would gather around "Papa Smyers" to receive a \$1.00, he always made sure that every child left with something. Sometimes some of the adults would even sneak in line to receive a Blessing.

Mr. Smyers leaves to cherish his memory: his loving wife of 58 years, Katie; 5 children, Joseph Smyers of Flint, Wanda Smyers of Charlotte, NC, Dianna (Paul) Spears of Ypsilanti, MI, Carleen (Larry) Holley of Grand Blanc, MI and Archie Smyers of Ypsilanti, MI; 7 grandchildren, Cherese Brickey, Johnathan Lymon, both of Flint, Joseph Hughes of Detroit, MI, Treasure, Angel and Destiny Holley, all of Grand Blanc, MI and Taylor Cunningham of South Haven, MI; 7 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters, Pastor Emeritus Marcella Howard and Beverly Hill, both of Denver, CO; brother, David Smyers of Oakland, CA, 2 sisters-in-law, Thelma Mason, Linda (Greg) Lyons; 5 brothers-in-law, Governor Johnson, James (Renell) Johnson, Lovell (Gwen) Johnson, Floyd Johnson, all of Las Vegas, NV and Ellis Johnson of Carthage, AR.

Mr. Smyers was preceded in death by his parents, Artie C. and Irene M. Smyers; 3 brothers; 2 sisters; and 1 brother-in-law.

The family would like to express special thanks to Elder Kenneth M. Brown and Southeast Christian Church families & staff, Pastor Larry Holley and the Abundant Life Ministries Church families & staff for their many acts of kindness, support and encouragement in their time of need.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hills Association

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUL **9.** 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Inc., Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
Flint, MI 48505
(810) 789-6666
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com
<https://lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

Family hour

JUL **10.** 10:00 AM (ET)

Southeast Christian Church
4171 Lapeer Rd.
Burton, MI 48509

Service

JUL **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Bernard Roosevelt Smyers*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *My condolences to the Smyers family. I graduated Flint Central high school with Bernard—Sharing his picture from the 1955 yearbook —time goes by too quickly!*
Lorraine Edwards-Yancey, Austin, TX

Lorraine - August 04, 2018 at 11:56 AM



Wanda, I am saddened to hear of your fathers passing and know your faith will bring you through the grief. May Hod grant you peace my friend. Love you. If you need anything you know it is yours.

Philip J. Penn - September 17, 2018 at 07:16 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories*



Lorraine Edwards-Yancey - August 03, 2018 at 08:12 PM

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Lorraine Edwards-Yancey - August 03, 2018 at 08:07 PM

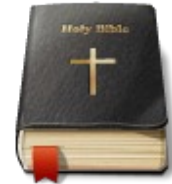
LW

“ *Wanda, my sincere sympathy is extended to you and your family . Grief can be so hard, however special memories will help you cope. Remembering you and your love one today and always. Lizzie Williams, Charlotte, NC*

Lizzie Williams - July 10, 2018 at 09:12 AM

TM

“ *Theresa Miller sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Bernard Roosevelt Smyers*



Theresa Miller - July 10, 2018 at 07:36 AM

WF

“ *Our deepest condolences to Mrs Smyers and family. From Robbin Davis, Stacey, Barron, Sabrina, Turok and Cora Woods.*



Woods Family - July 10, 2018 at 06:28 AM

TC

“ *The Geriatrics Clinic purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Bernard Roosevelt Smyers.*



The Geriatrics Clinic - July 09, 2018 at 04:05 PM



“ *Sharon Mixon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Roosevelt Smyers*



Sharon Mixon - July 07, 2018 at 07:01 PM

VN

“ *To my co- worker Diane and her entire family.*

I am so sorry to hear about your loss, you and your lovely family are in our prayers and thoughts.



May the love of Christ console you during this period of grief....

May his soul Rest In Peace.

*Sincerely
Veronica Nwagwu*

veronica N - July 06, 2018 at 07:09 PM

VS

“ Valerie Southall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Roosevelt Smyers



Valerie Southall - July 06, 2018 at 05:51 AM

AN

“ Wanda, we were sincerely shocked to hear of your Dads passing. God Bless You, your Mom and the entire Smyers Family. Aunt Gail, John, Tujunana and Nicholas Reaves



Aunt Gail, John, Tujunana & Nicholas - July 05, 2018 at 07:51 PM

KS

“ Kimberly Smyers-Sarr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Roosevelt Smyers



Kimberly Smyers-Sarr - July 05, 2018 at 06:38 PM

LP

“ I will truly miss your presence Mr Smyers. My sincere condolences to Mother Smyers, his children, and his grandchildren. To my Pastors Larry and Carleen Holley, and their children, Treasure, Angel, and Destiny I love you, and my heartfelt prayers are with you.

LeVoid Price - July 05, 2018 at 12:57 PM