



Pastor Smith,

August 15, 1934 - February 14, 2012

SMITH, Pastor Zack, Sr. - Age 77, passed away Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at Hurley Medical Center. Memorial Service Thursday, February 23, 2012 from 6-9 p.m. at Deliverance Church of God in Christ, 3311 Mildred St., Family hour 10:30a.m. Friday, February 24, 2012 at Harris Memorial Church of God in Christ, 4317 Lippincott Blvd., with Homegoing Service commencing immediately 11a.m. entombment Flint Memorial Park, G-9506 N. Dort Hwy. Friends and Pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:30 a.m. Friday. Pastor Smith will lie in state in the Sanctuary of Deliverance Church of God in Christ, 3311 Mildred St., and may be viewed from 2 p.m. -9 p.m. Thursday. Pastor Zack Smith, Sr. was born August 15, 1934 in Bogue Chitto, Mississippi, the seventh of twelve children, to Richard and Tiny Smith. After moving to Flint, Elder Smith became employed at Chevrolet Metal Fab, retiring April 10, 1981 after 27 years and was a member of UAW Local #659. Elder Smith was married to one wife, Mother Alverma (Calip) Smith on June 11, 1960 at 4:00 in the afternoon at Congregational Holy Ghost Church of God in Christ. They were known throughout for their hospitality and liberality. While serving faithfully at Congregational Church, Elder Smith accepted his call to the ministry in 1961. On March 13, 1963, Elder Zack Smith became founder and Pastor of Congregational Church of God in Christ under the leadership of Bishop I.W. Winans. The name of the church was later changed to Deliverance Church of God in Christ. During his years of preaching and teaching, Pastor Smith served in North Central Jurisdiction as State

Evangelist with Bishop H.J. Williams and for 35 years, he continued his servant hood in North East, The Historic First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction with Bishop P.A. Brooks. Affectionately known as “Jesus’ Little Boy”, Pastor Zack Smith was dynamic evangelist and a True Prophet with many spiritual gifts including the gift of prophecy, the gift of healing, and winning souls to Christ. Through evangelism and his ministry many souls were saved, demons were cast out, bodies were healed from sickness and disease and life was restored from the dead, according to St. Mark 16:15-18. Pastor Smith was a wise man of God with strong faith. He lived his life according to Hebrews 11:1...”NOW”... (Close your Bible). In 2011, he received an Honorary Doctorate degree in Divinity from Bethlehem Bible Institute of Oral Roberts University. Dr. Zack Smith, Sr. leaves his life, his love and legacy to his loving and devoted wife of 51 years, Mother Alverma Smith; loving Children, Niketta (Michael) Fleming, Eld. Zack Jr. (Alta) Smith, Emmanuel (Annie) Smith, John (Donett) Smith, Alverma D. (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; 2 sisters, Mamie Lee Porter and Ora Pearl (McCoy) Gutter; 2 brothers, Johnny Smith and Roosevelt (Vern) Smith; sisters-in-law, Dorothy Mae Collins, Erma Lee Young, Evelyn (Robert) Dorsey, Evangelist Joyce Ray and Jacqueline Calip; brothers-in-law, Eld. Bennie Ray (Mary) Calip, Dea. McKinley Andrews, Rev. Ronald Ross, Dennis Releford and Cleveland Evans; many nieces and nephews including special nephews, Willie Miller Jr., Thelma Miller and Willie Porter; a host of great nieces and nephews, other relatives and spiritual children including Elder Charles (Debra) Richardson, Min. Michael (Dianna) Blanchard, Mother Sharon Barbee, Pastor Earl Fisher, Bro. Charlie (Carol) Mitchell, Barian (Javonna) Vaughan, Solomon (Shelia) Buford, Missionary Norma Thompson Stanley, Missionary Mary Charles, Mother A.

Childress and the entire Deliverance Church of God in Christ family. Dr. Zack Smith was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Jessa; parents, Richard and Tiny Smith; brothers and sisters, Willie Smith, Geneva Cook, Emma Lee Sanders, Richard Smith, Emogene Mays, Arthur Lee Smith and Robert Lee Smith; and mother-in-law, Mother Juanita Ross. The Smith family would like to express special thanks to Bishop P.A. Brooks & family, New St. Paul Tabernacle COGIC, Supt. Virgil (Jacqueline) Thomas and the entire Friendship District; Supt. Robert (Gilda) Smith & family, North East Michigan Jurisdiction, Supt. James E. Walker Jr. & Faith Gospel Temple COGIC family, Miss'y Doris Richardson, Supt. Kevelin B. (Joyce) Jones & Bountiful Love COGIC, Supt. Samuel (Patricia) Marsh & Civic Heights COGIC, Bishop Roger L. Jones and Greater Holy Temple COGIC, Bishop Urundi Knox and Ebenezer Ministries, Rev. Freelon Threlkeld & the Faith Baptist Temple, Dr. E. Saeed & staff, Dr. Rizwan Danish & Staff, James (Angela) Allen, Tyanna Connor, Coty's Restaurant, Chips Fish and Shrimp and the entire staff of Hurley Medical Center.

Tribute Wall

SE

“ *Sis. Mary Evans lit a candle in memory of Pastor Smith,*



Sis. Mary Evans - December 17, 2023 at 08:33 PM



“ *Pastor Smith,*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM

MP

“ *Eld. Zack will be deeply missed. He was such a lover of God and the Saints. He was a man given to such hospitality and fellowship. My prayers are with Mother Smith, the family and the Deliverance church family.*

Miss'y. Pearl Poole - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ *Our Condolence to the Smith family. Pastor Smith will truly be missed, we are glad we are apart of that family. Pastor Smith was there for me and my wife when we just needed someone to talk too. God bless and be with the family.*

Arthur & Tennie Pettigrew - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *To Mother Smith & The Smith Family;
We mourn with you the loss of our Brother and one of our Church and Community's finest, Pastor Zack Smith. Eld. Zack was a man among men, an anointed and gifted Pastor/Preacher. Pastor Zack was a man given to hospitality and possessed a great love for fellowshiping with the Saints. He was respectful and highly respected as a Pastor, Husband, Father and Friend. He always said 'It's just nice to be nice.'
Our love and prayers are extended to Mother Smith, The Smith Family and the Deliverance Church Family. Know that God is with you and He is a Mended of broken hearts.
Respectfully,
Supt. Sammie L. Hall, Sr. and The Higher Dimensions Ministries Church Family*

Supt. Sammie L. Hall, Sr. - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ *We send our deepest sympathy and prayers in your time of bereavement. May the Lord continue to comfort you, our prayers are with you...God Bless*

Elder Carl and Msny.Cathy Johnson - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ To my cousin, you all don't know me, (Louis's sister) but I am one of Uncle Zack niece. I just want to express my condolence to the family. In your sadness, may there be hope...In your thoughts, may there be peace...In your hearts, may there be healing.
When you lose someone so unexpectedly many share in your sorrow.
In every memory...love lives on.
I been though what you all going though, it will get better in time, take care.
Love, your cousin, Ada

Mrs. Ada Taylor - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ May the soul of Pastor Zack Smith is born again and will see God's Kingdom. He was a good man of God like many Preachers are.
John 3:3

www.myspace.com/ubpsfilm

Linda Jennings - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ I was saddened to hear of Pastor Smith's homegoing and I am praying that God continues to strengthen the family and congregation during your time of need.

Sis. Michele Buckler-Williams - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ PASTOR ZACK SMITH SR I JUST WANT TO THANK U, AND YOUR FAMILY FOR ALLOWING MY DAUGHTER MS.TAQUICHIESA THOMAS TO COME INTO YOUR HOME. I THANK YOU FOR TREATING HER JUST LIKE FAMILY.DEANDREA YOUR DAUGHTER WAS THE BEST BIG SISTER AND FRIEND AND I KNOW SHE LEARNED IT FROM YOU.WHEN GOD CALLED YOU HOME HEAVEN LITED UP BECAUSE YOU ARE A SOLDIER FOR GOD. GOD IS IN CONTROL. GOD IS AWESOME AND SO AMAZING.FLINT MICHIGAN IS GLAD GOD SENT YOU HERE TO TEACH AND PREACH GOD'S WORD. PASTOR ZACK SMITH THE JACKSON'S LOVE AND THANK YOU

JANEZE JACKSON - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ *Pastor Smith will be missed immensely in the body of Christ. He holds a special significance in my life because it was on a visit to Deliverence COGIC that I accepted the call to gospel ministry, and Pastor perceived it and spoke prophetically into my life. From then on when I would see him at Bob Evans or where ever, he never ceased to pour into my life and encourage me to fulfill the call he saw in me. It was impossible to leave his presence and not feel energized. He shared his love without condition, and his bubbling laugh and smile was like a medicine. My wife and I would like to thank the family for sharing him with us and our prayers is that all your needs are met from here forward, and he will do for you exceeding abundantly above all you can ask or think. Remember he is faithful that promised.*

Elder Sanders

Elder Alvin and Renee Sanders - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ We were so sadden to hear about the homegoing of Pastor Zack, our heartfelt sympathy goes out to "Dump" and the entire Smith family. Weeping may endure for a night, but surely JOY will come in the morning. Keep looking to the hills knowing that God makes no mistakes and HE will see you through. Keeping you lifted up in prayer.

The Moores, Kenneth (Deborah), Barbara (Sherman) Patty, Sheila, Billy (Vivian) and Nita.

Barbara Moore-Clifton - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VD

“ Elder Smith rest in peace. You are truly a man of God and appreciate you so very much and the support and love that you have shown me over the years. I am sadden that you have left this life, but I know in all my heart that you are with God and all the others that you have prayed for and mentored and have gone before you. You will always be a friend. To the family you have my condolences and my support. love You All

Verdell

Verdell Duncan - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ We were saddened to hear of the passing of your dearly beloved Pastor Zach Smith, Sr. As soon as we got the news our hearts went out to you. We are praying that you will have a safe journey as you go to commemorate the life of your loved one.

As you go through this season, remember that God will never leave you nor forsake you. He knows how to heal our broken hearts and mend them back together again. Please know that the saints are praying for you. You have prayed for us and many others in their times of sorrow and challenge. Now, it is your turn to reap a harvest of love and support.

We will be here for you today and in the days to come.

Sincerely,

Evangelist Alfreida D. Wynne

Evg. Alfreida D. Wynne - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ My wife and I would like to express our love and concern for the entire Smith family. We appreciate the love and good nature always demonstrated by Pastor Smith whenever we encountered him. His memory will be with us for all time. He was a great Man of God who walked in love at all times. Thank you for sharing him with us. We will be praying for you.

Eld. Jonathan and Sis. Valerie Wynne - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ To the family of Pastor Zack Smith. We extend to the family our deep and sincere sympathy in your great loss. Our prayers are with you at this most difficult time. It is a comfort to know that Jesus' "Little Boy" is at home with the Father. May God's grace and mercy be with you during this time.

Pastor Louis C. Knox Sr. - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ To the family of Elder/Pastor Zack Smith. May God give you peace as Elder Smith makes his transition to his heavenly home. You all are loved deeply. Elder Zack Smith will truly be missed but his spirit will live on!!He was truly an inspiration Supt. Quintin L. Marshall Sr Pastor New Life Tabernacle Ministries 5149 Bray Rd./ Missy Gloria Thompson (PR)

Supt. Quintin L. Marshall/New Life Ministries - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ The Smith Family took me in as a child an added spiritual values to my childhood character. God Bless this Family, their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Tyanna Connor - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ I was sorry to hear about the passing of Pastor Smith,he was a very good friend and a great man of God. He truly lived what he preached and touched many lives including my own. I extend my deepest sympathy to the Smith family on behalf of myself and the Southall family.

Dr. Warren E. Southall MD & Family - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Sorry for your lose, remember that god is good all the time. I pray that god would bless you all.

Robert Davis - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ ****PASTOR ZACK SMITH, Sr...A ONE OF A KIND PREACHER-MAN, GOD'S BOY,That the Lord tuned into a Preacher with a Pastor's Heart, that never met a stranger.A People-Person who could fit in any place that he went. A man that loved the Lord and His family.He had a sweet spirit of caring and sharing for others. We are praying for the entire Smith Family, that you draw strength, peace and comfort from the Lord." To God Be The Glory" ..Sis. Sandi Epps, Director.*

Sandra Epps - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ MAY GOD BLESS THE SMITH FAMILY.
PASTOR ZACK SMITH SR.WAS A GREAT MAN OF GOD.I GOT SAVE UNDER PASTOR SMITH MINISTRY.HE ALWAYS SAID HE WAS JESUS LITTLE BOY.HE ALWAYS HAD ME IN HIS HOME AND AFTER CHURCH SERVICE HE ALWAYS HAD FOOD FOR EVERYONE.PASTOR ZACK SMITH SR CARRY ME WITH HIM ON THE THE ROAD WHEN HE WAS PREACHING.HE TAUGHT ME SO MUCH.HE SHOW ME AND EVERYONE THE LOVE OF GOD THAT WAS IN HIS LIFE.HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTERS AND SONS ALSO THE SMITH FAMILY SHOW EVERYONE THE LOVE GOD THAT WAS IN THEIR LIVES.MAY GOD BLESS THE SMITH FAMILY.I WILL MISS PASTOR ZACK SMITH SR VERY MUCH.SO MUCH GOD LOVE THAT WAS IN HIS LIFE.HE WOULD ALSO HAVE PEOPLE AT HIS HOME.AND FEED THEM.TO THE SMITH FAMILY I AM PRAYING FOR YOU BE BLESS.BUFFALO.

JAMES MCDADE - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ A great friend! Full of hospitality! A true prophet!
One of the smartest men around. A great family!
Left his mark on all of us!

Supt & Mrs Robert E Smith, Sr - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Praying for the entire family. I have always loved and appreciated our fellowship down through the years. I always respected the love that Pastor Zack had for my grandparents Pastor and Mother Strong. I always enjoyed hearing Pastor Zack tell his testimony about when he got saved! He was truly Jesus' baby boy. You have my deepest sympathy. Love to the family.

Supt. Steven Gaddy - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ To the family of my good friend Elder Zack Smith. May the God of all peace comfort your heart and uplift you during this very difficult time. My heart felt sympathy and prayers are extended to you all. Jesus' little boy is home now. Bless the Lord oh my soul and all that is within me.
Yours in Christ
Love Elder Bennie Williams

Elder Bennie Williams - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ To the entire Smith family, I want to let you all know how sorry and sad I was to hear about Pastor Smith. You all have my deepest sympathy. I know your pain but I also know that you know he's in a much better place. Words are not strong enough to express how I feel. I have been in your place and I don't envy you but my thoughts and prayers have been with you ever since I read the news.

Re-Naye Sanders - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“When our Love one live the life that they preach about, there is an unlimited amount of grief that we must go thru. We thank God for the wisdom and teaching that Pastor Smith has deposit in so many of our lives, in our homes, churchs, and community. He was an Icon, A people person, He never met a stranger, He could Fit-In where ever he went. His memories will remain in our hearts forever." A LIFE WELL LIVED AND A LIFE WELL LOVED. "Our prayers and A Heartfelt Sympathy goes out to the entire Smith Family.. The New Jerusalem FGBC, Eld. Patrick W. Sanders, Sr. Senior Pastor, Mother Mary Williams, President.

Mother Margaret Montgomery - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“The membership and Pastor of God's Tabernacle of Truth Church share in the loss of Pastor Zack Smith with you and we pray your strength in this time of sorrow.
Pastor Smith was indeed a warm and caring individual; we have been neighbors over the years on Stockdale; he was a gentle and loving spirit and loved the Lord as he worked his calling to shepherd and minister.
May the Lord bless and keep you is our prayer.
God's Tabernacle of Truth Church
Rev. Richard W. Mosley
Senior Pastor

Emmanuel K Smith Jr - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *To the Smith Family:*

*We lift you up unto the Lord
in this time of grief. We pray that the Lord will be to you the comfort
that you need and when you have no answers to all the questions
'why'
know that God is in control. And He is there by your side he
understands the way you feel. God knows the loss you face so rest
in His eternal love.
For there you'll find His grace!*

Praying much for you!

Bro. Robert & Missy Valerie Hamilton - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ *My brother pastor Barry Kelso of Thomaston Georgia will come up
every year and we would do the parking at the Cathedral for the
meetings in March and in August and superintendents will always
treated us like we were real people he would bring watermelons in
the trunk of his car and he would always make sure that we were
the first to get one of those watermelons I truly thank God for
Superintendent Zack Smith*

Elder Michael Kelso - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ *Mother Smith, family, and church family;*

We know that heaven is smiling.....Our prayers and thoughts are with and for you! May God's strength sustain you and his peace surround you.

*In His Love,
Leion and Lois*

Pastors Leion and Lois R. Watkins - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *You have our deepest sympathy. Our loss is heavens gain.*

Beauford Family - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *On behalf of my family, I want to extend my deepest sympathy to you, your husband (John) and the entire Smith family. God can and will comfort you! Weeping may endure for a night BUT joy will come in the morning!*

*With Sympathy and Friendship,
Parnell, Carmen and Zion Williams*

Carmen Williams - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Hello Family! When I heard of the passing of Pastor Smith, my mind went back to the "Fire Revivals" that he use to hold. I thank God that I witnessed many miracles from God through his hands. Oh how I will hold on to the personal "Eye Witness" of seeing many delivered and set free of demonic activity. He was a man of God not like today. The Gifts followed him, and because of his "Boldness" it helped me to become the Woman of God that I am today. You know the example he set. I encourage you not to let it die. Keep the unity and faith. Stay together and take care of Mother Smith, as I know you will. Love you. See you soon. Sis Sheila!

Sheila R. Harris-Straham - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Blessed and Highly Favored, Anointed and apointed for such a time as this. Good night, never goodbye...See you on the Lord's side.

Pastor Carl Bently Hicks - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ I'M SORRY FOR Y'ALL LOSE BUT IF YOU ALL NEED ME I'M JUST A PHONE CALL AWAY. I'M GONNA MISS HIM. HIS BEEN GOOD TO ME AND MY FAMILY I WAS JUST 7 YRS OLD WHEN I STARTED COMING TO Y'ALL CHURCH HE WAS A GOOD PASTOR AND HE ALWAYS'S WILL BE MY PASTOR I LOVE HIM FOR ALWAYS'S BEING THERE FOR ME AND MY FAMILY. LOVE YOU PASTOR ZACK SMITH SR 4EVER AND ALWAYS'S

PARIS KEEL - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ I'm praying for you all during this most difficult time. Love Always,
Elly and Family

Elvira "Elly" Jones-Chapman - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ My condolences to the Smith Family and Church Family. Pastor Smith, will truly be missed. I am very thankful to have met him and his family, who has been a blessing to me and my family and many many others. Pastor Smith was there for us in our time of need and I Truly appreciated him. May God Bless and be with the family.

April Landfair - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Pastor Zack was a long time friend of my husband, the late Ervin Stitt, Sr., my granddaughter, Peritha Stit, is a friend and co-worker of Mrs. Sanders and we have had the pleasure of fellowshipping with Deliverance on several occasions. I actually live very close to the church. Pastor Zack and his "holy ghost radar" will be sorely missed. Our prayers are surely with the family during this time of sorrow. God will give you all the strength that will carry you on and I know that you all know that.

Sincerely,

Shirley L. Stitt and Peritha Stitt

Shirley L. Stitt - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

QT

“ My deepest sympathy to a great pastor and good friend sincerely
Quinn A. Turner

Quinn A. Turner - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ *To Mother Smith and the Family: We share your pain and feel your loss. Earth's loss is heaven's gain. Pastor Smith's presence will surely be missed. But his legacy will certainly live on, for he was truly a chosen vessel of the Lord.
Love you all @ praying for you all.
Rev., Dr. Terry @ Dr. Carolyn Davis and Family.*

Luther D. Pittman - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *God will be with you in your time of sorrow and joy. We pray your strength in the LORD. We loved him but God loves him most*

Min. David M. Martin - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *May the God of all grace and glory comfort and keep the entire family during the loss of your loved one. Elder Smith was a wonderful God-fearing man who was loved by many.
He positively influenced the lives of numerous people of this community. He left a Christian and humanitarian legacy that the family may long cherish and strive to emulate.
Remember, "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.
I love all of you with the love of Jesus*

Dr. Jessie M. Muldrew - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM