

Acknowledgement

The family of Elmer Sonny Smith would like to take a moment to extend our deepest appreciation for the many thoughts, prayers, visits, cards and phone calls. Our loss is great and he will be missed. If you just thought of us that day or whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much. May GOD richly bless you and your family. A special thank you to caregivers, Anthony Hawkins, Tenisha Smith, Kayja Barbour (Al Nursing), Heartland Homecare (Hospice), Wesley Church of Hope, Dr. Ryan Brinn, Jayonna Dunnings (Great Grandchild) who stayed by her Grandfathers side and The Chapel of Peace Funeral Home.

Pallbearers

Keondrey Barbour – Kevin Smith – Kamarr Smith – Keiluan Martin
Anthony Pollard – Phillip Pollard – Brian Ford – Brian King

Honorary Pallbearers

Kenneth Smith – William Bolden – Jesse Martin – Barry Mixon I

Flowerbearers

Great Granddaughters

He Only Takes the Best

God saw you getting tired
And a cure was not to be
So, He put his arms around you
And whispered, "Come with me"

With tearful eyes we watch you
As we saw you fade away
Although we loved you dearly
We could not make you stay

A golden heart stopped beating
Hard working hands now rest
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the Best

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A Celebration of the Life of



Elmer Sonny Smith

November 9, 1942 – June 24, 2022

Friday, July 1, 2022

Service: 10:00am

The Chapel of Peace East

The Obituary

Elmer "Sonny" Smith. Age 79 of Columbus, OH passed away peacefully on June 24, 2022. Elmer was born November 9, 1942, in Hattiesburg, MS. He was the firstborn to (Mae Ella Gaddis) and Saint Elmo Smith. He was affectionately given the nickname "Sonny Boy" by his family. Sonny moved to Columbus, OH in 1948.

Sonny was a 1963 graduate of South High school where he played Football. After high school, Sonny went on to serve in the United States Army where he served 4 years active duty and 3 years Reserves. While in the Army, he learned to play the guitar. After leaving the military, Sonny went to work for Columbia Gas. In 1995, he retired following 30 years of faithful service.

Sonny accepted Christ at an early age. He was a member of Wesley Chapel Methodist Church. There he served as a Sunday School Teacher and Superintendent, church bus driver and coach for the basketball team.

Sonny always put his family first. He was a dedicated father to his two daughters, Jeneice Smith and Karen Smith Parks whom he adored. On November 26, 1977, he married the love of his life, Mary Pollard Smith. Together they raised his two daughters along with Mary's two sons Ronald and Phillip Pollard.

Sonny was a strong, kind, loving, and supportive father. His knowledge and guidance were the foundation of his family. Sonny enjoyed fishing, playing the guitar, listening to music and taking pictures. Most of all he loved spending time with his family. His grandchildren were his world. His face would light up when he heard them call him "Papa". There was nothing he would not do for them.

Elmer "Sonny" Smith was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Pollard Smith, daughter, Jeneice Smith, parents, Saint Elmo & Mary Smith, brother, Michael Smith and niece, Sherron Mixon.

He is survived by daughter, Karen Smith Parks; step sons Ronald (Brenda) and Phillip Pollard; grandchildren: Lakeisha (Chris), Tenisha, Crystal, Felicia, and Stephon, Kalyca, Keondrey, Kyla (Brian King), Kayja, Kamarr, Anthony(Brittany), Phillip Pollard Jr, and Antwan; siblings Shirley (Barry) Mixon, Kenneth (Jennifer) Smith and Gloria Smith; sister in-law Pam Smith, Denise Reid; brother in-law Lenny Jackson; twenty-four great grandchildren, the Bolden and McCall families and a host of nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE..... Chapel of Peace Music Ministry

PARTING VIEW.....Immediate Family

SCRIPTURE READING.....

Old Testament.....Psalms 46:1-6

New Testament.....John 14:1-6

PRAYER OF COMFORT Clergy

DANCE SELECTION "More Than I Can Bear"

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/CONDOLENCES

Ruciana Pate

READING OF OBITUARY.....Ruciana Pate

REMARKS..... Gloria Smith
Kayja Barbour

DANCE SELECTION "Safe In His Arms"

The Eulogy

Dr. E. Wayne Gaddis, Sr.

Greater St. Augustine MBC
Los Angeles, California

DANCE SELECTION "A Leak In This Old Building"

BENEDICTION..... Dr. E Wayne Gaddis, Sr.

RECESSIONAL..... Clergy, Family & Friends

***I am the resurrection and the life: He that believeth in me
though he were dead yet shall he live.***

And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

John 11:25-26