

Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021  
Armstrong Cemetery  
1:00 PM

Rev. Brandon J. Smith  
Officiating

Rev. Dr. Donald D. Moore  
Eulogist

# Order of Service

Opening Sentences

Prayer of Comfort  
Rev. Dr. Donald D. Moore

Scripture Readings  
Old Testament  
New Testament

Selection  
Erica Smith

Words of Comfort  
Rev. Dr. Donald D. Moore

Prayer

Committal  
Rev. Brandon J. Smith

Benediction  
Rev. Brandon J. Smith



# Life Reflections

Odell Cooper Smith was born on November 25, 1949, in Gastonia, NC to Thomas O. Smith, Sr. and Dolly Smith. He peacefully passed away on Thursday, January 14, 2021, at Robin Johnson Hospice House in Dallas, NC.

Cooper's early life was spent in Gastonia, with his parents and siblings. He graduated from public schools and also attended some classes at Gaston College. He spent over 30+ years working for Central Transport where he retired many times.

Cooper loved his family. He enjoyed being the jokester to everyone, making those laugh in the room without even hardly saying anything. He also enjoyed cooking and helping his dad on the family farm. Cooper was very mild mannered, and quiet, but when he was around, his presence was known.

Cooper was preceded in death by his daughter Jennifer M. Smith.

Those left to cherish his memories are: his wife of 26 years, Catherine Smith of Gastonia, NC, his parents; Thomas Smith, Sr., and Dolly Smith of Gastonia, NC, mother-in-law; Hattie Mason of Gastonia, NC, two brothers; Randy Smith, Sr., Thomas O. Smith, Jr. (Patricia) of Gastonia, NC, his son; Dexter D. Smith of Fuerth, Germany, his daughter; Karen "Dawn" Smith (Donald) of Greensboro NC, four grandsons; Maurice C. Smith of Georgia, Brandon J. Smith of Charlotte, NC, Dequantis J. Smith of Georgia, Aquarius D. Smith of Greensboro, NC, one granddaughter; Aquasia B. Smith of Gastonia, NC; he also had four stepdaughters; Jamie (Dwindle) Patrick of Maryland, Kim (Darrin) Miller of Belmont, NC, Tamisha (Patrick) Minter of Gastonia, NC, LaToya McCollough of Maryland, and two stepsons; Derrick and Devon McCollough of Gastonia, NC, a host of nieces nephews, and other beloved relatives and friends.

FOREVER LOVED







Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
 I'm following the path God laid for me.  
 I took His hand when I heard Him call  
 I turned my back and left it all  
 I could not stay another day  
 To laugh, to love, to work or play  
 Tasks left undone must stay that way  
 I found that peace at the close of the day  
 If my parting has left a void  
 Then fill it with remembered *Joy*  
 A friendship shared,  
 a laugh, a kiss Ah, yes, these things I too will miss  
 Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
 I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow  
 My life has been full, I've savored much  
 Good friends, good times, *a loved one's touch*  
 Perhaps my time seemed all too brief  
 Don't lengthen it now with undue grief  
 Lift up your heart and share with me  
 God wanted me now, He set me **FREE!**

### —Note Of Thanks—

The family wishes to express deep and heartfelt appreciation for your loving thoughtfulness and concern, including cards, flowers, phone calls, texts, visits, and your prayers during this difficult time.

The family of our beloved Odell Cooper Smith



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# A Celebration of In Loving Memory *Life*

**SUNRISE**  
 November 25, 1949

**SUNSET**  
 January 14, 2021



Mr. Odell Cooper Smith