

Gone But Not Forgotten

By Ellen Brenneman

Don't think of him as gone away
His journey's just begun
Life holds so many facets
This earth is only one

Just think of him as resting
From the sorrows and the tears
In a place of warmth and comfort
Where there are no days and years

Think how he must be wishing
That we could know today
How nothing but our sadness
Can really pass away

And think of him as living
In the hearts of those he touched
For nothing loved is ever lost
And he was loved so much

—Acknowledgement—

The family of Johnny Ray Smith wish to extend our sincere thanks and deep appreciation to all for your many acts of kindness, comforting words, and prayers during this time of sorrow. May God bless and sustain each and every one of you.

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HOME GOING CELEBRATION FOR

Johnny Ray Smith

"POP"

ARRIVAL

March 25, 1959

DEPARTURE

August 23, 2021

Wednesday, September 1, 2021
2:00 PM

White's Family Chapel
Lincolnton, North Carolina

Rev. Billy Ramseur, Pastor
New Zion Baptist Church
Spindale, North Carolina



IN LOVING MEMORY OF “POP”

Johnny Ray Smith

Johnny Ray Smith was born in Lincoln County, North Carolina on March 25, 1959 to the late Junice Smith and Verlean Jefferies Smith. He departed this earthly life on Monday, August 23, 2021 at his residence.

He attended public school at Lincolnton High School. During his life he was employed at Lail Electric as an Electrician.

In addition to his parents, a brother, Junior Lee Smith, Jr. preceded him in death.

Those left to cherish fond memories are his wife, Billie Faye Smith, one step-daughter, Carisa Cook of Gastonia, NC; two step grand-daughters, Aliyah Cook and Miyah Cook of Gastonia, NC; four brothers, Shadrick Jefferies of South America, Frank Smith (Frankie Marie) of Cherryville, NC; William Smith of Lincolnton, NC; James Daniel Smith (Veronica) of Lincolnton, NC; three sisters, Janice Ramseur (Rev. Billy) of Newton, NC; Bernice Perkins of Lincolnton, NC; Gladys Evon Reid (Larry) of Lincolnton, NC; three aunts, Arrie Rippy of Lincolnton, NC, Carolene Adams of Charlotte, NC; Christine Lattimore of Statesville, NC, a sister-in-law, Debra Smith of Lincolnton, NC; Gerald Pearson, who is like a brother, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

“YOU HAVE LEFT OUR LIVES, BUT YOU WILL
NEVER LEAVE OUR HEARTS”



Prelude

Processional

Receiving of Family & Friends

Ministers and Family

1:30 PM – 2:00 PM

—Order of Service—

Rev. Michael Hill, Officiating

Call to Worship

Rev. Michael Hill

Selection

Combined Choirs

Old Testament Scripture

Rev. James A. Young

New Testament Scripture

Rev. Nellie Kirkland

Prayer of Comfort

Rev. Roger Fuller

Selection

Combined Choirs

Remarks

Mr. Wayne Bess

Selection

Rev. Nathaniel Craig

Eulogy

Rev. Billy Ramseur

Recessional Selection

Combined Choirs

Committal/Interment

Forest Lawn Cemetery
Lincolnton, North Carolina

Floral Bearers

Nieces

Pall Bearers

Nephews