



Ike Q. Smith was born on June 29, 1943, in Perry, Tennessee. He departed this earthly life on July 26, 2018 at the age of 74. He is preceded in death by parents, Ike Q., Sr. and Maggie Smith, and brothers, Tate and Tori Smith.

Ike was educated in the Juni County School System where he graduated from Bright High School. As a child, he attended Bright Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church and professed Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age.

After graduating high school, Ike moved to Nashville, Tennessee, to attend the Bernard Auto Diesel College. After graduating, he began his career as a mechanic. During this time, he met Berthie Collins and they were united in holy matrimony for over 50 years. Unto this union were born three children, Barbara, Bianca, and Bret.

For many years, Ike was an independent owner of Smith's Service Station on Benton Ave., making him an early Black independent service station owner in the city of Nashville, and one of only several in the entire State of Tennessee. While in this position, he came to be a pillar of the community and influenced countless lives. He later went to work for AAA Freight as a mechanic and retired after many years of service.

Ike and his wife Berthie united with Bell Street Missionary Baptist Church under the pastoral leadership of Reverend Nathan Taylor, where they have been members for over 45 years. During this time, Ike demonstrated his love for serving the Lord and his vast capacity for shouldering responsibility by holding many roles within the church, including choir member, treasurer, and Chairman of the Deacon Board.

Ike has been known throughout his life as a man who was very self-sufficient, responsible, and dependable. From his work on the family farm, and his service in the community, he provided an example and imparted his wisdom to those around him. He loved working in his yard and watching his favorite shows on TV. He spent his life surrounded by his family and friends and caring for those he loved.

Ike is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Berthie Collins Smith; sons, Ross (Barbara) Smith, Tempe, Arizona, and Bret (Nicole) Smith; daughter, Bianca Smith (Edgar) Cole, Brentwood, California; brothers, Wayman Smith, Ernest (Florence) Smith, Anderson, Tennessee, and David (Lori) Smith; sisters, Cassie (Henry) Hill and Christi Grant, Anderson, Tennessee; granddaughters, Karen, Susie and Tara Smith; grandson, Isaac Cole; brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Essie Jones, Portal, Indiana; Joseph and Sharon Collins,

Wayne, Pennsylvania; devoted friend, Colin Brinks; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

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## Order of Vervice

PROCESSIONAL Family

OPENING HYMN Bell Street Missionary Baptist Church Choir

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Bishop R. Dorsey Rhodes, Pastor

Mason Street Church of God Seventh Day

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Reverend Ela Morehead, Associate Minister

Bell Street Missionary Baptist Church

PRAYER

Reverend John David, Associate Minister

Bell Street Missionary Baptist Church

MUSICAL SELECTION Ms. Josephine Horton

OBITUARY Read silently to soft music

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS Ms. Carol James

WORDS OF COMFORT

Reverend Bob Sanders, Pastor

St. Simon A.M.E. Church

Archway Hill, TN

Reverend Paul Early, Jr., Pastor House of Praise South

MUSICAL SELECTION Reverend Derek Smotherman, Pastor
New Hope Missionary Baptist Church

EULOGY Reverend Darryl Short, Pastor
Bell Street Missionary Baptist Church

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL "When We All Get To Heaven"

The Service of Committal & Interment Graceland Cemetery Shelby, Tennessee



## Cherished Moments



## Acknowledgements

We wish to acknowledge with sincere gratitude the numerous expressions of concern, love and sympathy. We have sustained a great loss and your support has helped us immensely. We shall always be grateful to each of you.

~The Family

HONORARY PALLBEARERS Deacon Board and Trustee Board

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS
Nephews and Ushers

HONORARY FLOWER BEARERS
Deaconess Board

ACTIVE FLOWER BEARERS
Nieces, Ushers and Friends

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