















## Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me

To be a happy one.

I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles

When life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly

Down the ways, of happy times and laughing
Times and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tear of those who grieve,
To dry before the sun;
Of happy memories that
I leave when life is done.

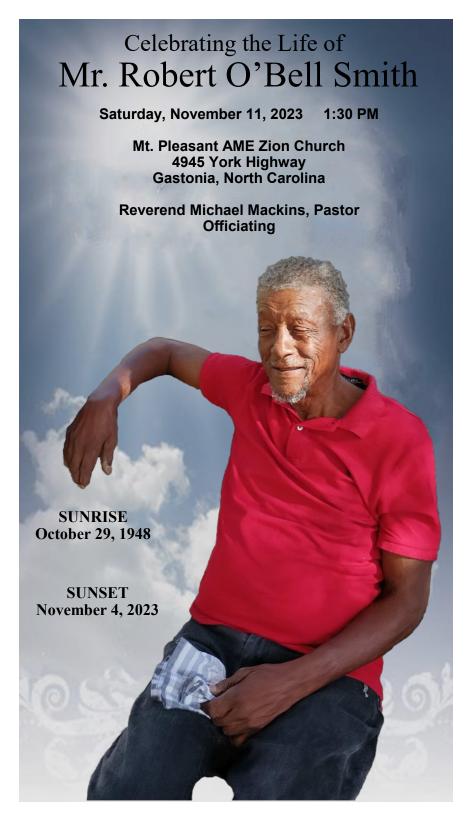
Floral and Pall Bearers
Family and Friends

## **Note of Thanks**

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love and kindness during our time of bereavement.

The Family

Arrangements Were Entrusted to:
Gregory Funeral Service, Inc. | 601 North York Street
Gastonia, North Carolina 28052 | 704-867-4364



## **Order of Service**



Processional

Call to Worship Rev. Michael Mackins

Selection John Sadler

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Rev. Daisy Henry
New Testament Pastor Larry Floyd

Prayer of Comfort Pastor Anarah Hender-

son

Selection Mt. Pleasant AME Zion Church Choir

Remarks Phil Tate

**Tyrone Cathcart** 

Letter from Kyle Stover Herbert James Smith, Jr.

Resolution Mt. Pleasant AME Zion Church

Selection Rev. Sharon Collins

Words of Comfort Rev. Michael Mackins

Processional "I'll Fly Away"

—Interment—
Mt. Pleasant AME Zion Church Cemetery
Gastonia, North Carolina



Robert O'Bell Smith was born on October 29, 1948, to Herbert James Smith and Sarah June Floyd Smith. He departed this earthly life on Saturday; November 4, 2023, at Caromont Regional Medical Center, Gastonia, North with his family by his side.

Robert attended Lincoln High School. He was also a faithful member of Mt. Pleasant AME Zion Church for sixteen years. There, he served as a member of the Trustee Board and took delight in maintaining the church grounds. Robert who we all knew to be a tranquil and reserved man was not stranger to hard work. He took pleasure in using his hands to build, utilizing big equipment to get the job done and even showing others the ropes.

In Robert's downtime, you could catch him relaxing on the front porch and if you're close enough, you'd be guaranteed a good laugh. He had a sense of humor like non-other. He will be remembered for all the heart he shared with his family and friends.

Robert was preceded in death by his mother, father and daughter; Dionna Elise Smith; one sister: Betty Jo Smith and two brothers: Ronald and Barry Smith; paternal grandparents: Rev. Robert O. Smith and Corra Morrow Smith and Robert Bob Floyd and Carrie B. Floyd.

He leaves to cherish his memory to his daughter: Charlotte G. Weathers; step-son: Lamar Glenn; one granddaughter: LaDavia Ellis and one great granddaughter: Madison O. Jackson; two brothers: Herbert J. Smith (Gwen Smith) of Gastonia, NC and Grady W. Smith of Salisbury, NC; five sisters: Gail Smith of Brooklyn, NY, Carolyn Smith, Paulette Smith, Minister Mary Smith of Gastonia, NC, and Tuana Belk (Thomas Belk) of Waxsaw, NC. Robert also leaves to cherish four aunts: Maggie Bell Williams of Belmont, NC, Ruth F. Brown of Jacksonville, FL, Elizabeth Floyd of Kings Mountain, NC and Flossie Ashes of Dallas, NC. Also beloved by Denise Floyd, Michelle Floyd, Donald Floyd, Michael Floyd and Kristy Anderson; best friends: Kyle Stover and Phile Tate and dearest friend Myrtle Thompson and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

















