



## 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

# Celebrating the Life of Mr. Robert O'Bell Smith

Saturday, November 11, 2023 1:30 PM

Mt. Pleasant AME Zion Church  
 4945 York Highway  
 Gastonia, North Carolina

Reverend Michael Mackins, Pastor  
 Officiating



**SUNRISE**  
 October 29, 1948

**SUNSET**  
 November 4, 2023



# 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 son	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.

