



NOTE OF THANKS

We, the family of Herbert "Sonny" Smith, would like to thank everyone for your many acts of kindness given in calls, text, hugs and love shown during the passing of our beloved. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

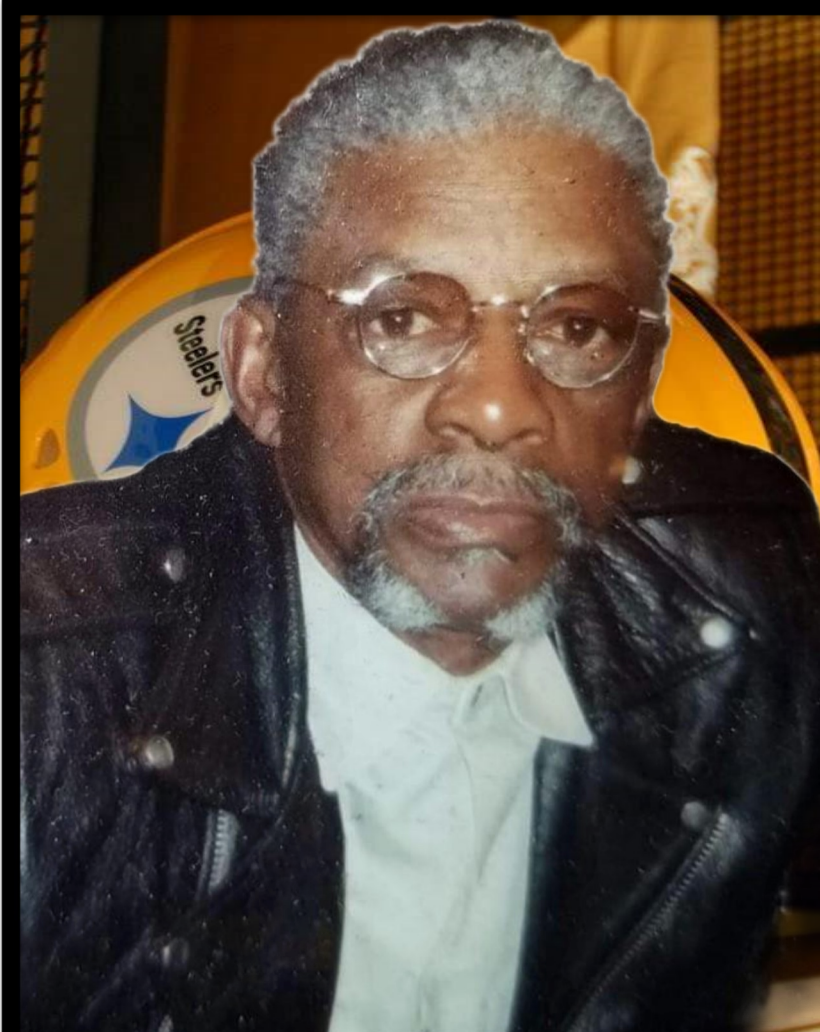
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Celebration of Life for Mr. Herbert James Smith, Jr. "Sonny"



Friendship Christian Church
221 W. Bradley Street | Gastonia, NC 28052

Saturday, September 14, 2024

Family Visitation 12:30 p. m.

Celebration of Life 1:00 p.m.

Bishop John A. McCullough, Senior Pastor
Officiating

ORDER OF SERVICE

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| Processional | |
| Call to Worship | |
| Invocation | |
| Selection | FCC Hymn Choir |
| Scripture Readings: | |
| Old Testament | Minister Charles Johnson |
| New Testament | Pastor Charles Rudisill Vision Baptist Cathedral |
| Prayer of Comfort | Rev. Micheal Mackin Mt. Pleasant A.M.E. Zion |
| Selection | FCC Hymn Choir |
| Remarks (2 Minutes Please) | Mr. James Tate – Co-Worker Mr. Vernie Boyd – Friend Mr. Sherman Joyner – Church Member Minister Mary Smith - Sister |
| Acknowledgements - Poem | |
| Resolution | Dr. Charlene Robbins |
| Selection | Ms. Michelle Dawkins |
| Words of Comfort | Bishop John A. McCullough |
| Recessional | “I’ll Fly Away” |

—Interment—
Gaston Memorial Park
Gastonia, North Carolina

Floral Bearers
Missionaries, Nieces and Cousins

Pall Bearers
FCC Men’s Ministry, Nephews and Cousins

OBITUARY

Herbert James Smith, Jr.
May 17, 1947 - September 3, 2024

Herbert James Smith, Jr. “Sonny” was born May 17, 1947, to Herbert James Smith, Sr and Sarah Jane Floyd Smith. He departed his earthly life on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at CaroMont Regional Hospital with his wife by his side.

Sonny graduated from Lincoln High School in 1963. He was also an active member of Friendship Christian Church for 27 years. Sonny served on the Men’s Ministry, Missionary Ministry, Security Team, and the Hymn Choir.

Sonny loved working and taking care of his family. He worked for Jay Records for twelve years, Times-Turn Around for seventeen years and retired from Penske Trucking Company. He also worked for James Tate Janitorial Service for twenty years and worked as a DJ at Kate’s Skating Rink for five years. He was a Pittsburg Steelers fan.

Herbert “Sonny” was preceded in death by his mother, father, two children, Trina Anderson and Lynn Holland; a stepdaughter, Jacqueline Alexander; his sister, Betty Jo Thomas; three brothers, Robert O’Bell Smith, Ronald Smith, and Barry Smith; grandparents, Rev. Robert O. Smith, Corra Morrow Smith, Robert (Bub) Floyd, and Carrie Barnette Floyd.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife of 44 years, Gwendolyn Knox Smith. He is also survived by his son, Minister Christopher (Juanita) Love, of Alabama; two stepsons, Steve (Tamika) Alexander of Belmont, NC and Allen Alexander of the home; one son-in-law, Anthony Anderson; brother, Grady Smith of Salisbury, NC; four sisters, Gail Smith of Brooklyn, NY, Minister Mary Smith and Paulette Smith, both of Gastonia, NC; step-sister, Tijuana (Thomas) Belk of Waxhaw, NC; four aunts, Maggie Bell Williams of Belmont, NC; Ruth F. Brown of Jacksonville, FL; Elizabeth Floyd of Kings Mountain, NC, Flossie Ashes of Dallas, NC; mother-in-law, Martha Cunningham of Gastonia, NC; and one brother-in-law, Robert (Rhonda) Knox. Sonny is beloved by Donald Floyd, Denise Floyd, Michael Floyd, Michelle Floyd; twenty-seven grandchildren; twenty-four great-grandchildren; his care-giver, Tienaka (Nikki) Thomas; special friends, Vernie Boyd, James Tate; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.