

When I Am Gone

When I am gone, release me - let me go
I have so many things to see and do.
You must not tie yourself to me with tears
Be happy that we had so many years. I gave you love,
you can only guess, how much you gave me in happiness.
I thank you for the love each have shown,
but now it is time I traveled alone.
So, grieve awhile for me if grieve you must,
then let your grief be comforted by trust
It is only for a while that we must part
so bless those memories within your heart.
I will not be far away, for life goes on.
so, if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you cannot see or touch me, I will be near
And if you listen with your heart, you will hear
All of my love around you, soft and clear.
Then when you must come this way alone,
I will greet you with a smile and "Welcome Home"

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The family of Lester Smith III greatly appreciate the thoughts and love, prayers, and acts of kindness expressed during this most difficult time of grief. Words cannot summarize our gratitude.

Special Thanks to Pastor Dale Smith
Mt. Sinai Fellowship Church, Warner Robins GA 31093
~ The Family

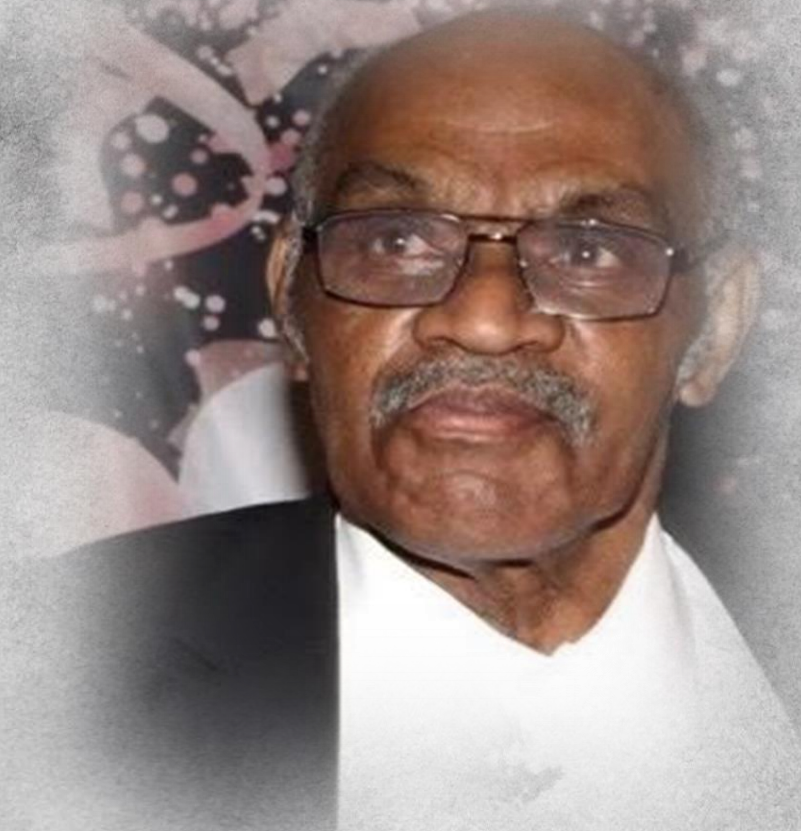


NELSON'S

MEMORIAL MORTUARY

501 Elberta Road, Warner Robins, Georgia 31093
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CELEBRATION OF LIFE



Lester Smith III

SUNRISE: JUNE 27, 1947 – SUNSET: JUNE 14, 2024

Wednesday, June 19, 2024
1:00 PM

In the CHAPEL of
NELSON'S MEMORIAL MORTUARY
501 Elberta Rd.
Warner Robins, GA 31093

Obituary

Lester Smith III was welcomed to external life in the arms of the Lord our God, our Saviour Jesus Christ in the midnight hour of June 14, 2024. He was born June 27, 1947, in Cobb Georgia,

Lester was baptized at an early age in Cobb GA. Lester was first married to Betty Ford Smith of Warner Robins, with one son Timothy Eugene Smith. Later he married Jackie Smith, they had Merlene Smith of South Carolina. They had two sons (Alton and Manuel Smith from Warner Robins GA. Lester also married Wonda Hodges from Byron GA.

Lester worked for Fair Child Roofing as a roofer for over 45 years in Warner Robins Georgia until retirement,

Lester was much of a loner yet loving and very caring. He enjoyed listening to music, gardening, fishing, and sleeping. Although Lester declined in health recently, he lived almost 77 years of a beautiful and blessed life. He was cared for by his loved ones until his passing. He will be truly missed by those who knew and loved him. Lester was proceeded in death by both parents: late Lester Smith II and late Aggie Mae Heard; two wives Betty Ford Smith and Wonda Hodges, four sisters: Merlene Smith Rivers Faulk, Goldie Walker of NY, Willie Mae Collins of Detroit, MI, Clara Tyson of Americus, GA; two brothers: Albert Jones of Warner Robins GA and Sammy Williams of Detroit MI.

He leaves to cherish his memories with his three sons Timothy Eugene Smith of Warner Robins GA, Alton (Michelle) Smith of Warner Robins GA, and Manuel Smith of Warner Robins GA. One uncle Oscar (Brenda) Lewis of Albany GA. Nine siblings Jacquelyn (Antonio) Little of Warner Robins GA, Joseph (Laura) Smith of Unadilla GA, Denise (Tony) Whitehead of San Diego CA, Valerie Smith of Missouri, Suzie Lopez of NY, Mary Ann Collins, Johnnie, Freddy and Cecil Williams all of Detroit MI. He leaves to cherish ten grandchildren: Marcus Prator, Jaquinto Smith, Shanda Smith, Brittany Smith, Kimberly Womack, Shniquia Harris, Timothy Womack, Ykeria Rump, Yteria Rump, and Shynia Brown, Alton L. Smith Jr., Tibreeshai Smith, Tybia Smith and Laquisha Lewis; 15 great-grandchildren; His lifetime mate the late Fannie Jackson, His very close friends: Johnnie Ragian (brother from another mother) James Andrews, Jessie Wynn, Robert Brown, Willie Moe, Robert Studd, Rickey Jones, Tommy, Nathanel Styles and many others from Warner Robins GA. A host of nieces, nephews, cousins and a dedicated care giver Ramona Chapman and a devoted/dedicated niece, Loretta Rives Robbins Smith of South Carolina.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude & Processional..... *“Goodness of God”*

Prayer.....Elder Douglas Lewis

Reading of Scriptures:

Old Testament.....Elder Douglas Lewis

New TestamentElder Douglas Lewis

Poem Reading..... Elder Jacquelyn Little

Song

Remarks (*three minutes, please*) Open

Solo

Reading of the Obituary Silently

Eulogy Rev. Dale Smith

Recessional ... *“Jesus Promised Me A Home Over There”*

REPAST

At the Community Center of:
301 Millside Drive
Warner Robins, Georgia

*“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other,
just as in Christ God has forgiven you.”*

Ephesians 4:32