



Fred Smith, Jr.

Mr. Fred Smith, Jr., 82, passed away on January 15, 2026, at Atrium Health Main, Charlotte, NC. Born in Cherryville, NC, he was the son on the late Albert Fred Smith and Mildred Rogers Smith.

Fred graduated from Compact High School in 1963. He was a lifelong disciple of Jesus Christ. He loved teaching and preaching the word of God. He had Bible study everyday with his family and friends. He enjoyed spending time with his family, talking about God and having a good time in the Lord. His passion was working with the Prison Ministry, of which he had done for many years. He was known there to spread God's gospel.

His hobbies included working on cars and collecting model cars. He tinkered fixing on cars as often as he could. He was a good driver and in his younger years, he was known as "Fast Freddy". He could fix you up and keep it going.

He worked for many years and retired from Hoechst Celanese, formerly Fiber Industries. His love for family time was spent playing games, helping cook the family dinners, and watching the Carolina Panthers play football.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Carrie Mitchell Smith; grandson, TyKevious Smith; sisters, Dorothy Smith, Sara Foreman, and Gertrude Mitchem; brothers, Thomas Smith, Jimmy Smith and daughter-in-law, Phyllis Smith.

He is survived by children, Angela Hopper (Brandon), Fred Smith III, Keisha Smith Swint (Rodney), Lamont Haynes, and Karen Regina Haynes; grandchildren, Donte Poston (Heather), Keyontae Smith, Sr, Tamarion Smith, Caniyah Smith, Taja Hopper, Ceikeyia Haynes, Da-Shun Truesdale, Dakota Smith, Rodney Swint, Jr., Rodrique Swint, Damarriale Swint, Kemauri Wray, Kira Thurman, and Trayvon Lawson; great-grandchildren, Keyontae Smith, Jr., Kalazjha Smith, Keazjha Smith, Khylai Smith, Kentrell Smith, Xy'liyah Smith, Khalani Smith, Tysean Pendergrass, Kason Truesdale, Khaslyn Swint and Carriana Sarratt; sisters, Joan Green, Linda Smith, Betty Martin, Mahasin El-Amin (Seifullah), Peggy Wilson (James), and Wanda Wilson (Alonza); brothers, Robert Smith (Carol) and Gene Smith; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives.



Love Always



ORDER OF SERVICE

Rev. Dwight Rutledge, Officiating Minister

- Prelude
Processional
Receiving of Friends.....12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Congregational Hymn“Birds Have Nests”
“I’ll Be Alright” “Tell Heaven I’m Coming”
Mr. Robert Smith
Scripture Reading
Old Testament.....Rev. Ray Lockhart, Jr.
Pastor, Ellis Chapel Baptist Church
New Testament.....Rev. Gene Smith
Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Randy Thurman
Pastor, First Baptist Church Earl
Selection”The Anthem”
Ms. Kim Hudgens & SPMBC Choir
Remarks (Two Minutes).....Minister Hazel Logan
Ms. Charlene Turner
Minister Albert Petty
Deacon Silas Gist
Mr. Warren Cook
Program Director, Gaston Correctional Center
Reading of Obituary/Resolution.....Mrs. Shanean Brown
Selection..... “You Fight On”
Mrs. Mary Accor & SPMBC Choir
Words of Comfort.....Rev. William Thompson
Recessional..... “Sweeping Through The City”
Mrs. Mary Accor & SPMBC Choir

INTERMENT

Sunset Cemetery
Shelby, North Carolina

May I Go

May I go now? Do you think the time is right?
May I say goodbye to pain-filled days and night?

I’ve lived my life and done my best, an example I tried to be.
So, can I take that step beyond and set my spirit free?
I didn’t want to at first. I fought with all my might.
But something seems to draw me now
To a warm and loving light.

I want to go. I really do. It’s difficult to stay.
But I will try as best I can to live just one more day.
To give you time to care for me, and share your love and fears.
I know you’re sad and afraid, because I see your tears.

I’ll not to far. I promise that, and hope you’ll always know
That my spirit will be close to you, wherever you may go.
Thank you for loving me. You know I love you too.
That’s why it’s hard to say good-bye, and end this life with you.

So hold me now, just one more time, and let me hear you say,
because you care so much for me, you’ll let me go today.

“Cast all your care upon him; for he careth for you.”
1 Peter 5:7

Floral Bearers

Granddaughters and Nieces

Pall Bearers

Grandsons and Nephews
Keyontae Smith, Tamarion Smith, Donte Poston

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

With deep gratitude, we wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for your comforting expressions of sympathy during the passing of our loved one. May God bless each of you.

The Family of Fred Smith, Jr.

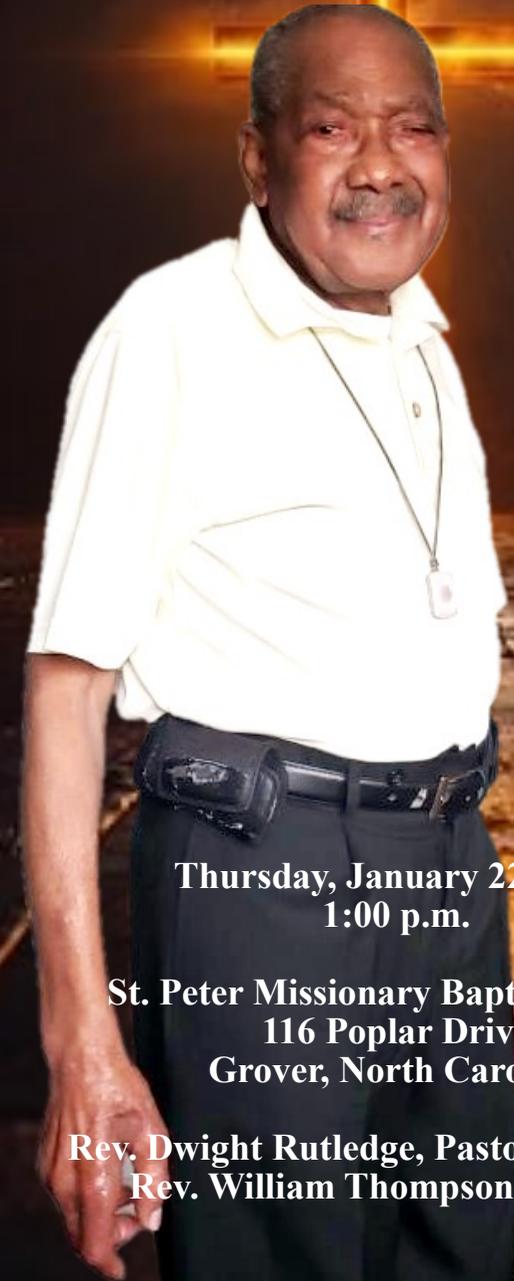


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Celebrating the Life and Legacy of MR. FRED SMITH, JR.

Sunrise
April 26, 1943

Sunset
January 15, 2026



Thursday, January 22, 2026
1:00 p.m.

St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church
116 Poplar Drive
Grover, North Carolina

Rev. Dwight Rutledge, Pastor, Officiating
Rev. William Thompson, Eulogist