

## *Floral bearers*

*Granddaughters  
and  
Family*

## *Honorary Pall bearers*

*American Legions Post 215*

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and  
Family*

## *An Expression Of Gratitude*

*The family of James Michael "Will Ham" Smith would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for the outpouring of love and support during this difficult time. Your prayers, comforting words, and acts of kindness have been a source of strength for us. A special thank you to the staff who provided care and support to Michael at Williamson Medical Center and Alive Hospice. Your dedication and kindness will always be remembered. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much for whatever comfort you gave during our sorrow. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and thank you sincerely for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers. With deepest gratitude.*

*The Smith Family*

*On behalf of the Staff and Management of  
**Waters Funeral Home, Inc.,***

*we would like to extend our sympathy to the family  
and thank you for entrusting your precious loved one in our care.*

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# *Celebrating The Life Of*



## *James Michael Smith*

*"Will Ham"*

*Sunset:  
September 8, 1958*

*Sunrise:  
May 9, 2025*

*Saturday, May 17, 2025  
12 Noon*

**First Missionary Baptist Church**  
*913 Natchez Street  
Franklin, Tennessee 37064*

**Pastor James Hambrick, Officiating**  
**Reverend William Joslin, Eulogist**

# Reflections

*A Silent Tear*

*Just close your eyes and you will see  
All the memories that you have of me  
Just sit and relax and you will find  
I'm really there inside your mind  
Don't cry for me now I'm gone  
For I am in the land of song  
There is no pain, there is no fear  
So dry away that silent tear  
Don't think of me in the dark and cold  
For here I am, no longer old  
I'm in that place that's filled with love  
Known to you all as 'up above'*

**James Michael "Will Ham" Smith** was born on September 8, 1958, to the parents Reverend Bob J. and Dinah Smith. He departed this life on May 9, 2025, at Alive Hospice in Nashville, Tennessee.

**Michael** was reared in Williamson County, Tennessee, and received his education at Page High School. Shortly after graduation, he joined the United States Navy, where he served with dedication for many years. He confessed a hope in Christ at an early age under Reverend J. P. West Sr. **Michael "Will Ham"** lived life to the fullest. He loved to travel and was a proud supporter of Tennessee State University, never missing an opportunity to attend their football games, homecoming events and especially the tailgate festivities. As a member of the American Legion Post 215, Michael exemplified to values of service and community.

A devoted grandfather, Michael, was always present at his grandchildren's sporting events. He would often make bets with his grandsons on how many home runs they would hit, promising money for each one. Despite jokingly claiming he could no longer honor the bets because they were "going to break him", he always found a way to reward their achievements. **Michael's** love for sports extended beyond the stands; he had a special passion for officiating basketball and softball games and continued until his health began to fail. His raspy voice, contagious laugh, and joking spirit brought joy to all who knew him. **Michael's** memory will live on in the hearts of his family and friends, who will forever cherish the moments shared with him. He will be deeply missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

**James Michael "Will Ham" Smith** will be forever cherished and remembered by his children, Shawn (Dennis) Hunter, Anthony Smith, Tiffany (JoShanda) Smith-Odems, Jarus Smith and JaMichael Smith; grandchildren, Decarius (Madison) Hunter, Trevon Hunter, Saniya Hunter, Calese Carothers, Khlloe Smith and Cheyenne Smith; great grandchildren, Brooklyn and Braylon Hunter; siblings, Letitia Smith (James) Baugh, Anthony Smith, Linda (George) Gibson (TX), Bradley Smith, Sandra Dixon and Diane Cunningham; uncle, William Joslin; aunt, Yolanda Joslin; devoted cousin, Evelyn Duke; devoted friend, Donnell Lane; forever cherished by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends.

# Order Of Service

*Pastor James Hambrick, Officiating*

*Processional*

*Selection..... F.M.B.C. Choir*

*Scripture.....Old Testament.....Minister Joyce Jones  
New Testament Minister Derrick Wright*

*Prayer.....Deacon*

*Selection..... F.M.B.C. Choir*

*Acknowledgments /  
Resolutions.....Sister Cassandra Wray*

*Word of Comfort.....Pastor Timothy Gaines, Sr.  
Pastor Jerry L. Brooks  
Reverend J. P. West  
Other Ministers*

*Tribute.....Minister Earl Davis*

*Selection..... F.M.B.C. Choir*

*Eulogy..... Reverend William Joslin*

*Closing Prayer  
Recessional*



# Service Of Committal and Interment

*Middle Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery  
Pegram, Tennessee*

*(Cortege will depart from Waters Funeral Home, 1408 Columbia Ave,  
Monday, May 19, 2025 at 9:15 A.M.)*