

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call,
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.
To laugh, to love or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,
then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh a kiss,
Ah, yes, these things I too, will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I've savored much,
good friends, good times a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief.
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift your hearts and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!

Author Unknown

Pall Bearers and Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

NOTE OF THANKS

With deep appreciation and gratitude, we wish to express our sincere thanks, to the many family and friends for the expressions of kindness shown during the loss of our loved one. May God bless each and every one of you. We shall always remember you.

The Family

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HOME GOING CELEBRATION FOR

Freeman Lee
SMITH

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 2019 | 2:30 PM

PROVIDENCE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

1110 E. Pine Street | Lincolnton, North Carolina

Reverend Michael Hill, Senior Pastor
Pastor Ronald Harbison, Officiating

Order of Service

The Obituary

Freeman Lee Smith

Sunrise: March 26, 1931 — Sunset: December 25, 2018

Processional Clergy and Family

Reception of Family of Friends 2:00 PM — 2:30 PM

Selection

Scripture Reading:

Old Testament Minister

New Testament Minister

Prayer of Comfort Minister

Selection

Remarks (*limit 2 minutes*)

Words of Thanks Daughter of Freeman Smith

Selection

Words of Comfort Pastor Ronald Harbison

Recessional



INTERMENT

Hopewell Baptist Church Cemetery

Freeman Lee Smith departed this life on December 25, 2018 at Lincolnton Rehabilitation Center in Lincolnton, North Carolina. He was born March 26, 1931 to the late Harvey Lee Smith and Nesby Brown Woods.

Freeman was a truck driver for many years until an accident happened and he was no longer able to drive trucks. He also worked at Lincoln Bonded Warehouse for a period of time. Freeman love drinking water, which he referred to as “white lightning,” drinking coffee, eating biscuits, riding his scooter until it had to be taken. He loved sitting on the porch smoking his cigars and throwing his hands up at people as they drove or walked by. He loved the outdoors, where he enjoyed working his garden and flowers until his health somewhat declined.

He was a member of Hopewell Baptist Church for numerous of years; where he sung on the Hopewell Male Chorus. He loved going to church while living in Shelby. After the death of his brother, his family moved to Lincolnton where he resided until the Lord called him home. Freeman had a way with words. He didn’t believe in women wearing pants. If you visited him at his home and you was a woman with pants on, he would ask, “are you a woman or a man?” If guys had long hair, he would ask the guy “if he was a he-she?” There would be times when some of the children would ask, “Daddy, what’s my name?” he would reply “B-bop King.” If you ask him how he’s doing, he would say, “I trust in the man above.” I trust in the Master.” “I got my trust in Him, or “my trust is in the Father.” He wasn’t a perfect reader, but he read his Bible. He didn’t mind letting you know how he felt. He loved his children and grandchildren, but most of all he loved the Lord!

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Geraldine Harbison Smith, daughter; Gwendolyn (Gwen) Smith Curtis, and a brother; Jake Woods.

He leaves to cherish fond memories: three daughters; Elizabeth (aka Vicky Jean) Smith of Hickory, North Carolina, Freida Smith Brooks and Sandra (Demetrius) Boyd, both of Lincolnton, North Carolina, six sons; Gary Smith of Brooklyn New York, Harvey (Sandra) Smith of Newton, North Carolina, Dennis Smith of Hickory, North Carolina, Wilbert Smith of Lincolnton, North Carolina, Anthony Smith of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Randy (Jacqueline) Smith of Conover, North Carolina, 35 grandchildren, 88 great-grandchildren, 34 great-great grandchildren, 7 great-great-great grandchildren and numerous nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

FOREVER LOVED

