Floral Bearers

Pall Bearers

Family & Friends

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# **Acknowledgement**

The family of Johnny Eugene Smith would like to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation to the many loved ones and friends for their prayers, loving care, and expressions of kindness during our time of bereavement. A special thanks to the Physicians and Staff of the Department of Neurology at UNC Hospital, Chapel Hill, NC.

The Family

## A Consolation Meditation

On the wings of death and sorrow
God sends us new hope for tomorrow ...
And in His mercy and His grace
He gives us strength to bravely face
The lonely days that stretch ahead
And know our loved one is not dead
But only sleeping and out of our sight
And we'll meet in that land
WHERE THERE IS NO NIGHT!

Professional Services Entrusted to: Knotts and Son Funeral Services

> W.H. "Chip" Knotts, Jr. 1501 Martin Luther King Boulevard Siler City, North Carolina 27344 (919) 742-4602

# Homegoing Service

In Loving Memory

Of

Mr. Johnny Eugene Smith (Coot)



Sunset August 20, 2021

Sunrise
November 30, 1953

Thursday, August 26, 2021

Viewing 2:30 – 3:00 pm Funeral Service at 3:00 pm

### HOLY TRINITY UNITED HOLY CHURCH

309 TRINITY STREET / PO BOX 465 SILER CITY, NORTH CAROLINA 27344

Elder David A. Henderson, Officiating

#### **OBITURARY**

Johnny "Coot" Eugene Smith, the son of the Late Archie B. Smith and Elizabeth N. Smith departed this life from labor to reward on Friday, August 20, 2021, at UNC Hospital, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. He was educated at Chatham High School, Siler City, North Carolina.

At an early age Johnny joined Holy Trinity U.H. Church and enjoyed serving as an usher. He attended Bible Study, the Men's Prayer Breakfast and Morning Worship services. One of his favorite songs was "He's An On Time God". Johnny loved people—he did not meet a stranger and could carry on a conversation with anyone.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and brothers, Gary Steven Smith and Russell Williams.

He leaves to celebrate his life and cherish his memories: Judy Rodriguez (Gregorio), Deborah Alston, Sylvia Annette Foxx (James), and Michelle Smith of Siler City, North Carolina; brothers, Donald Smith (Lisa), and Michael Smith (Ivey) of Siler City, North Carolina and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

#### 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, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way, I've 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 for you the sunshine of tomorrow My life's been full, I've savored much, Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch.

If my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it now with undue grief Lift up your heart, rejoice with me, God wanted me now, He set me free.

-- Anne Lindgren Davison

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Musical Prelude

Processional of Clergy and Family

Selection Holy Trinity Praise Team

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Elder Jessie Goldston
Pastor, Mack's Chapel U.H. Church, Altamahaw, NC

New Testament Minister Alice Tapp

Prayer of Comfort Reverend Barry Gray

Pastor, First Missionary Baptist Church, Siler City, NC

Selection Holy Trinity Praise Team

Acknowledgements & Resolutions Trustee Mary Harris

Obituary (Read Silently)

Remarks

Solo Sis. Ellen Smith

Eulogy Elder David A. Henderson
Pastor, Holy Trinity U.H. Church

Recessional

Interment Holy Trinity United Holy Church