

OBITUARY

Mr. Johnnie Smith was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend. On March 21, 2022, he departed this life at Central Carolina Hospital in Sanford, North Carolina.

Mr. Johnnie Smith was born on March 15, 1951, in Harnett County to Roland Smith and Bettie Mae Gilchrist Smith. Johnnie was educated and graduated from Johnsonville School.

Johnnie met and married the love of his life, Veta Snipes Smith, on June 20, 1971; to this union were two children.

Johnnie furthered his education and received multiple certifications from Central Carolina Community College. He worked various jobs, including GKN, Parker, and Dennis Wicker Civic Center. He expressed sincere love and devotion to God, his family, and his church with a special warm heart for many children.

Johnnie maintained a balanced lifestyle, always caring and sharing his time, home, and family needs, especially his devotion to the church and church work. Johnnie served in many capacities in the church, including the first president of the Male Chorus for many years, Preacher’s Stewart, Trustee, Usher, and a passion for singing to the Glory of God. Johnnie was a member of the Elliott Lodge #38, Scottish Rite of Fayetteville, NC Ancient and Accepted. Johnnie had many hobbies; basketball, playing sports, bowling, fishing, and cruising. It was nothing for him to cruise several times a year.

Johnnie was preceded in death by his parents Roland and Bettie Smith, siblings, Annette Smith Norwood, and Frederick J. Smith, maternal grandparents, George and Alice Gilchrist, paternal grandparents, Shellie Smith and Beulah Gilchrist Smith, several uncles, and aunts, in-laws, father and mother-in-law; Glenn and Doris Snipes.

Johnnie leaves to cherish his beautiful memories, his loving and caring wife, Veta; his children, Kim Smith of Fayetteville, NC and Pam Smith Johnson (Kevin) of Lillington, NC; grandchildren, Taniya Smith, Michael Starks, Jr; great-grandchildren, Alex Smith-McLain, Luna Starks, and Xy’Aire Starks; siblings, Bobbie J. Jordan, Leon Smith (Rev. Linda Smith), Willie Smith (Rev. Vera Smith), George Smith (Cynthia); Helen Tomlinson (James), Andrew Smith and Patricia Smith; god-daughter, Sherica Smtih; four sisters-in-law; three brothers-in-law; four aunts, Ellen Brewington (Henry), Shirley Gilchrist, Luvenia Jones, and Lourine Gilchrist; a special son, Kelvin Smith; a special friend of the family, Jackie Nolen, and a host of, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF A SPECIAL HUSBAND

The day you left and gained your wings
My heart just broke in two
I wish you could have stayed
But heaven needed you
You left me with the memories
And I love you dearly still
No matter how much time goes by
You know i always will
You were a very special person
With kindness in your heart
And the love we had together
Grows stronger now we’re apart
I know I cannot bring you back
Although I wish it everyday
But a piece of me went with you
The day you went away
Your Loving Wife Forever, Veta

HE ONLY TAKES THE BEST

God saw he was getting tired, and a cure was not to be,
So he put his arms around him, and whispered “Come with me.” With tearful eyes we watched him suffer, and saw him fade away. Although we love him dearly, we could not make him stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands to rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best.

OUR FAMILY CHAIN

We little knew that morning, God was going to call your name.
In life we loved your dearly, in death we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone,
For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.
You left us beautiful memories, your love is still our guide
And though we cannot see you, you are always by our side.
Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same
But as God calls us one by one the chain will link again.

ORDER OF SERVICE

- Musical Prelude Musician
- Processional Ministers and Family
- Opening Selection Johnsonville & Works for Christ Choirs
- Scripture Readings
 - Old Testament Dr. Catherine Williams
 - New Testament..... Reverend Elizabeth Tinsley
- Prayer of Comfort Minister William McIntyre
- Musical Selection..... Johnsonville & Works for Christ Choirs
- Remarks *(Please limit to two minutes.)*
 - Johnsonville Church Preacher Stewart Edsel Porter
 - Former Co-worker Darren Perry
- Solo Elder Mary Jackson
- Church Resolution
& Acknowledgment..... Sister Gail Mays
Johnsonville Church Clerk
- Obituary (Read Silently) -Memorial Video
- Musical Selection..... Johnsonville & Works for Christ Choirs
- Eulogy..... Dr. Alice F. Hooker
- Musical Selection
- Parting View Mortician in Charge

INTERMENT

Johnsonville A.M.E. Zion Church Cemetery



ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

On behalf of the Smith-Gilchrist family, we would like to thank everyone for all of the support, love and prayers during the loss of our beloved Johnnie. Your presence and kind words of strength during this difficult time will forever be cherished. We extend a special appreciation to Latorius Adams and Ingrid Quick-Rozier.

CASKET ATTENDANTS

Lamont Gilchrist, Ronnie Tinsley, Edsel Porter, Demetrius McLaughlin, Kelvin Smith, Marvin Dunn.

FLORAL ATTENDANTS

Joyce snipes, Regina Allen, Edna Mullins, Sinethra Gilchrist, Christiana McDougald, Regina Garrett



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CELEBRATION OF LIFE & LEGACY OF



MR. JOHNNIE SMITH



SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2022 - 1:00PM

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REVEREND ANTHONY FORD, OFFICIATING
PASTOR OF JOHNSONVILLE A.M.E. ZION CHURCH

DR. ALICE HOOKER, EULOGIST
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SUNRISE: MARCH 15, 1951 - SUNSET: MARCH 21, 2022