



Mr. Lorenza Smith

July 4, 1937 - August 8, 2017

A time to be born:

Lorenza Smith was born on July 4, 1937 in Denmark, Tennessee to the late Ella Wee Jackson and the late Johnnie D. Smith. He was raised by his mother and grandfather, the late Eddie B. Chapman.

A time to plant:

By the Grace of God, he accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at the age of eleven and he joined the body of Christ at St. John #2 MBC, Denmark, Tennessee. He believed in education and encouraged everyone to learn something, know something and be something, starting with knowing the word of God. When asked what was his favorite scripture, he responded "All of God's words are important to me."

Bro. Lorenza Smith graduated from Denmark High School Class of 1955 where he excelled in academics as well as athletics. He was determined to pursue a higher level of education. He worked tirelessly to pay for school and completed his goal by graduating from Tuskegee University with a B.S. Commercial Dietetics in the Class of 1962.

A time to Laugh/A time to Dance:

Bro. Lorenza met his love and wife to be while attending Tuskegee December 1961. One year later, they were united in marriage on December 23, 1962. He

was a devoted husband and father of two daughters, Venneisa (Smith) Williams and Ladonna Smith.

Bro. Smith worked in his community as a coach, mentor and advocate for civil rights. He started a Denmark Youth Community Baseball Team that played surrounding counties. He marched in the 60's and was one of three to interrogate Sculley's Golf Course in 1966.

If you remember only one thing about Lorenza Smith, remember he was truly a man after God's heart. Bro. Smith, worked in the church faithfully as a Sunday School teacher, superintendent of Sunday School, Trustee and Deacon. He placed God first, Family second, followed by Church and Community; Loving the Lord with all of his-body, heart, mind and soul. He sought to know the Lord and to do God's will in all things and remembering "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" Romans 3:23. He showed his love by working, serving and praying for his family, church and community.

A Time to Die/A Time to Mourn:

He loved God openly and served God faithfully until his health failed. Once he could no longer serve the Lord in body, he never forgot his Lord and Savior in Spirit. As words faded away, he never forgot to call on the Lord to Give Him Mercy. On August 8, 2017, Lorenza Ivory Smith transitioned to his heavenly home, into everlasting joy, peace and happiness.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving and faithful wife, Anita (Foster) Smith; two daughters, Venneisa (Wellington) Williams Jonesboro, GA and Ladonna Smith, Forest Park, GA; two sisters, Elizabeth (Earl) Norah, St. Louis, MO and Flora Bell Gander, Jackson, TN; one brother, Robert Steve Transou, St. Louis, MO; In Laws- Joseph and Catherine Foster, Tuscaloosa, AL, Benjamin and Evelyn Walton, Champaign, Ill, Cleveland and Von Foster,

Tuscaloosa, AL and Brenda Foster, Champaign, Ill; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

St. John No. 2 Church Cemetery

191 Bond Cemetery Road
Denmark, TN 38391

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 11. 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home, Inc.
807 N. Hays Avenue
Jackson, TN 38301
(731) 427-7411
info@stephenson-shaw.com
<https://www.stephenson-shaw.com>

Service

AUG 12. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. John No. 2 Baptist Church
191 Bond Cemetery Road
Denmark, TN 38391

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Lorenza Smith*

January 28, 2023 at 12:37 PM



“ *Jessie Chatman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lorenza Smith*



Jessie Chatman - August 18, 2017 at 08:09 PM



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Ladonna Smith - August 14, 2017 at 07:27 PM



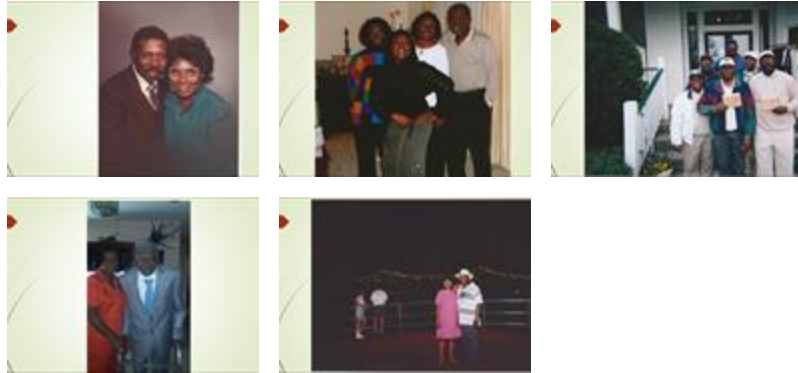
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Ladonna Smith - August 14, 2017 at 07:25 PM



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Ladonna Smith - August 14, 2017 at 07:24 PM



“ *So sorry to learn this morning of losing Lorenzo. Keeping the entire Smith family in prayer.*

Ponnie Chapman - August 12, 2017 at 08:59 AM

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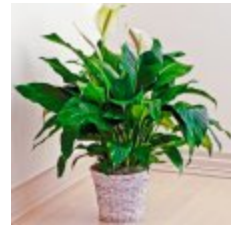
“What a wonderful person Mr. Smith was. I have never seen him without a smile on his face. He was the kind of man that I could always approach and He did not have that unapproachable look and that was one of His traits that I truly admired. Mr. Smith was always my number one person that I would list on my references for a prospective place of employments and He always spoke very highly of me and that to, I thank him. Oh----- there is so much more positive and beautiful things that I can say about Mr. Smith but, there is just not enough room at this point to put down. I will never forget Mr. Lorenza Smith so, wear your crown and rest on Mr. Smith!”

*Never Shall Be Forgotten,
One of your student's,
Gilbert Jenoha Cole*

Jenoha Cole - August 12, 2017 at 07:14 AM

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“Cameron "Big Frank" Franklin(class of 1974) purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Mr. Lorenza Smith .



Cameron "Big Frank" Franklin(class of 1974) - August 11, 2017 at 12:19 AM



“Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Mr. Lorenza Smith .



August 10, 2017 at 11:10 PM

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“ *Greater Works Missionary Baptist Church purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Mr. Lorenza Smith .*



Greater Works Missionary Baptist Church - August 09, 2017
at 04:30 PM

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“ *Councilman Harvey Buchanan thoughts and prayers are with the entire Smith Family*

Harvey Buchanan - August 09, 2017 at 04:01 PM