

Order of Service

Reverend Josephine R. Holley, Presiding

Prelude----- Mr. Alfred Stone

Processional----- Clergy, Family and Friends

Opening Selection- --Antioch Baptist Church Choir

Scriptures:

Old Testament ----- Reverend Vera Stone

New Testament-----Minister Elliott Green

Prayer of Comfort--- Minister Bartholomew Green

Solo----- Mrs. Erica Bouknight-Cloud
"I am Free"

Reflections-----Deacon Robert Cunningham
Deacon Elijah Loynes

Selection -----Antioch Baptist Church Choir

Words of Comfort -- Reverend Josephine R. Holley

Recessional ----- Funeral Directors

Committal Rites and Presentation

Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery (Old)
Ridgeway, SC

Floral Bearers
Family and Friends

Pallbearers
Family and Friends

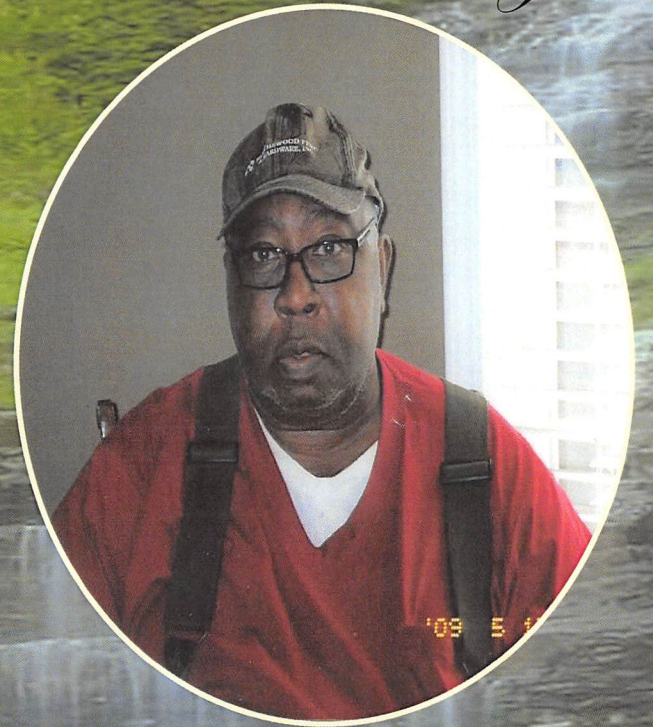
Acknowledgements

We, the family of Mr. Robert L. Smith wish to express our deep and heartfelt appreciation for your loving thoughtfulness and concern during our time of bereavement. May God bless each of you and may his peace be with you always.



Nelson's Funeral Home
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IN LOVING
Memory



Mr. Robert L. Smith
June 18, 1942 – December 22, 2016

Wednesday, December 28, 2016, 11:00 A.M.
Antioch Baptist Church
1145 Old Windmill Road
Ridgeway, SC 29130

Reverend Josephine R. Holley, Officiating

Life is Eternal

“LIFE IS ETERNAL,” the GOOD LORD said,

So do not think of your loved one as dead.....

For death is only a stepping stone

To a beautiful life we have never known,

A place where GOD promised man he would be

Eternally happy and safe and free,

A wonderful land where we live anew

When our journey on earth is over and through.....

So trust in GOD and doubt HIM never

For all who love HIM live forever,

And while we cannot understand

Just let the SAVIOUR take your hand,

For when DEATH's ANGEL comes to call

“GOD is so GREAT and we're so small”.....

And there is nothing you need fear

For FAITH IN GOD makes all things clear.

Author – Helen Steiner Rice

Obituary

*“To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;”
Ecclesiastes 3:1-2*

Mr. Robert L. “Buddy” Smith was born in Ridgeway, South Carolina on June 18, 1942. He was the son of Gracie Belton and the late Harden Stone, Sr. He departed this earthly life on December 22, 2016 at Providence Hospital in Columbia, South Carolina.

He was educated in the Public Schools of Fairfield County and at an early age he became a member of Antioch Baptist Church. **Robert** was employed by the South Carolina Budget and Control Board for over 30 years and he also was employed by Richland School District One.

Those left to cherish a lifetime of precious memories of him are his wife, Felicia L. Smith; four daughters, Barbara Smith, Felicia Stevens, Shaunna C. Watson, and LaMauria N. Smith of the home; his mother, Gracie Belton; his siblings, Elaine Belton-Rankins (Charlie), Felicia Belton, Carol Roach, Mattie Meeks, Eloise Perry, Lee Jackson, Aquil (Hosnera) Sabree, Harvey (Erma) Stone, Moses (Gloria) Stone, Benjamin (Jenny) Stone, Patricia (Henry) Motes, Charles (Faye) Stone and Larry (Melody) Stone; grandchildren and great-grandchildren; one aunt, Priscilla Golphin of Philadelphia, PA; his father-in-law, Elliott Green; two brothers-in-law, Bartholomew Earl (Gloria) Green and Torie (Jackie) Green; two sisters-in-law, Zendra (Jamie) Mayo and Antoinette Gaither; and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

“When Tomorrow Starts Without Me”

When tomorrow starts without me;

And I'm not here to see.

If the sun should rise and find your eyes;

All filled with tears for me.

I wish you wouldn't cry;

The way you did today.

While thinking of the many things;

We did not get to say.

I know how much you love me;

As much as I love you.

Each time that you think of me;

I know you will miss me too.

When tomorrow starts without me;

Please try to understand.

That an angel came and called my name;

And took me by the hand.

The angel said my place was ready;

In heaven far above.

And that I would have to leave behind;

All those I dearly love.

But when I walked through Heaven's gates;

I felt so much at home.

When God looked down and smiled at me;

From his golden throne.

He said this is Eternity;

And all I promised you.

Today for life on earth is done;

But here it starts a new.

I promise no tomorrow;

For today will always last.

And since each day's the exact same way;

There is no longing for the past.

So when tomorrow starts without me;

Do not think we're apart.

For every time you think of me;

Remember I'm right here in your heart.

Author: Elizabeth Doris Fries