

Homegoing Celebration Of Hubert Smith



Sunrise – April 20, 1933 ♦ Sunset – December 9, 2009
December 19, 2009
11:00AM

Lake Grove Missionary Baptist Church
4941 Weaver Rd.
Memphis, TN 38109

Dr. Helen Graham Pratt, Officiating
Reverend Brian Bartlett, Pastor

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*“Sunset and evening star, and one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea
But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
To full for sound and foam
When that which drew from out the boundless deep,
Turns home again.”*

Hubert Smith, the only son of the late Mrs. Eula Lee Ford and George Smith was born on April 20, 1933 and he departed his earthly home on the evening of December 9, 2009.

Hubert was preceded in death by his grandparents Robert and Irene Ernest, Uncle Arthur and Aunt Francis Meeks. Hubert always affectionately referred to Arthur Meeks as his father, the one who shared his skills with him and taught him about life.

Hubert Smith accepted the plan of salvation and accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior.

Hubert was well known in his community as the “Godfather” by some and “Whiskey” by others. He was a businessman; an entrepreneur, interior designer, truck driver and self-employed contractor. Orgill Bros., Defense Depot and Leeway Truck Lines also employed him.

Hubert Smith is survived by his children: Johnathon Hollis (Regina); Karen Reed; Sharonda Walker (Larry); Venson Smith (Lakeisha); and Vyron Smith. Also Gloria Pruitt Donahue, Carolyn Pruitt Jackson, and Austin Pruitt III. He was “Big Brother” to Francine Smith, Marie Everett and John Ford, Sandra Mullingan, Malcolm Jones, Eddie Michael Meeks, and Alice Brown. Twelve grandchildren (Dianeise & Johnathan (Seville) Hollis Jr; Akeem, Nzingah, Zakiyah, Zamoni, Zalena, & Zaniyah Walker; Eric & Bobbie Washington; Keishunna, Triniti, & Jawaun Smith; Vakyla Young), five great grand children (Laterrience, Tatiyiana, & Trevaugh Hollis; Alexis & Ali Hollis and one great grandchild, a godson James “Cowboy” Brown. Also survived by his two first cousins, Ruby Saulsberry and Helen Graham Pratt and special cousin, Theotrius Wallace of Illinois. A special friend and caregiver Mrs. Maxine Archie. Many other family members and friends say farewell.

Special Friends: Robert Tate, Joe Harris, Melvin Smith, Bennie Moore, Hoover Brown and Melvin Ford.

Program

Processional

Selection..... Choir

Scripture..... Dr. Clennon Saulsberry

Solo..... Michael Cooper

Family Tribute..... Mrs. Dorothy Wallace Jenkins
Mrs. Ruby Saulsberry

Solo..... Mrs. Dominique Jackson

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Solo Mike Brown

Acknowledgements

Words of Consolation..... Pastor Brian Bartlett

Solo..... Joe Harris

Eulogy.....Dr. Helen Graham Pratt

Recessional

Forget, then Remember

When I come to the end of my journey and I have travel my last mile,
Just forget if you can, that I ever frowned and remember only the smile

Forget unkind words I have spoken. Remember some good I have done.
Forget that I ever had heartache and remember I've had loads of fun.

Forget that I've stumbled and blundered and sometimes fell by the way
Remember I have fought some hard battles and won, ere the close of the day.

Then forget to grieve for my going. I would not have you sad for a day.
But in summer just gather some flowers and remember the place where I lay.

And come in the shade of evening when the sun paints the sky in the west
Stand for a few moments beside me and remember only my best.

Acknowledgements

The family of Mr. Hubert Smith would like to thank all of you who stood by him during his illness. Some of you never stopped coming, offering your kindness and care. Special thanks to the staff of Methodist Hospice including the Nurses and Social Workers. To Courtland, Rodney, Rhonda and Ashley for your help will never be forgotten. All of you made a difference in the quality of care that he received. A special thanks to Lake Grove Baptist Church for opening your doors to our loved one. May God always bless all of you.

Honorary Pall Bearers

Robert Tate	Cornell Monger
Jessie Jackson	Johnathon Hollis Jr.
Eddie Michael Meeks	

Active Pall Bearers

Clennon Saulsberry Jr.	Rodney Saulsberry
Chris Anthony Graham	Vincent Trezvant

Interment

Forest Hill Cemetery
1661 Elvis Presley Blvd.

Mortuary Services

E.H. Ford Mortuary Services
3390 Elvis Presley Blvd.