



## Deacon George Smith Sr

June 24, 1926 - February 17, 2021

The Life and Journey of.... Deacon George A. Smith Sr. was born June 24, 1926. He was the fifth of six boys born to James Edward and Mary Meckie Smith in Lexington, Mississippi. He attended Newport Public School. George accepted Christ as his personal Savior and was baptized as a teen at Newport Missionary Baptist Church. George was united in holy matrimony to his lovely and devoted wife Senora (Sargent) Smith on July 17, 1951. Prior to George proposing to Senora and after relocating to Milwaukee Wisconsin, he wrote a letter to the love of his life. If you know George, you know he had a sense of humor. In his letter he wrote, "In my Father's house are many mansions, if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." Sounds familiar? This was his way of saying I am preparing a life for you, my love and I will return to bring you to the North. During his lifetime, he was called by many names. George, Brother, Red, I, and the Professor. George was his given name. Brother was his name as he was growing up because he was a brother to all. Red because he had red hair as a child. "I" because he'd always say, "I gon' do this, or I gon' do that". Lastly, the Professor because the grandchildren thought Granddaddy/Paw-Paw knew EVERYTHING. George joined the Tabernacle Community Baptist Church, Rev. Jewel Williams, Pastor upon his arrival to Milwaukee. As time progressed, he became a member of Holy Ghost Baptist Church under the leadership of his brother, Rev. Otha L. Smith Sr. He departed from his brother's church to unite with a church that was closer to home. Finally, he joined Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Obie B. Sartin Sr. and currently Rev. Russell B. Williamson. He became a Deacon at Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church on December 29, 1968 and an Honorary Deacon August 10, 2014. He loved attending church and participating. George was employed at the Milwaukee Solvay Coke Plant for 33 years, holding several positions before retiring as a Stationary Fireman and Boiler Engineer. He then worked as a Boiler Engineer for Hercules Inc. for 7 years. Never missing a day of work for 40 years. Finally retiring in August 1991. During his lifetime he enjoyed painting houses and churches. He enjoyed sitting on the porch and listening to baseball or his police scanner while his grandchildren Rashad and Brittany played outside. His grandson Christopher who lives in Illinois is graced with his

middle name "Allen." He enjoyed gardening and keeping his yard groomed. He enjoyed attending prayer meeting, Sunday School, leading devotion, and his favorite was praying and singing. He was a handyman and "George of all trades". He loved his grandchildren and great-grandchildren but, Brooklynn (his great-granddaughter) held a special place in his heart. Her special love name for him was "Popcorn" because he would always pop her popcorn. He transitioned on Wednesday February 17, 2021 and joined his parents and five brothers: Charley (Geneva), Samuel, Rev. Walter Lee (Fannie, living), Nathaniel (Mary Lee), Rev. Otha L.(Idell). WORDS FROM GEORGE A. SMITH, SR. I am leaving a beautiful and amazing family. Senora, I love you and always will. You have been my lifelong love, my sweetie. My three loving children; Shirley M. Watkins, Sandra V. Stewart, and George A. Smith Jr. (Fredia), my three grandchildren; Christopher A. Watkins, Rashad J. Stewart, and Brittany S. Stewart (one of his fave); and two great-grandchildren Damari and precious Brooklynn (his other fave), a bonus grandchild, Maleyah, and a host of relatives and friends.

# Events

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**MAR**   **Visitation**            11:00AM - 12:00PM

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JD Davis

6709 W Capitol Dr, Milwaukee, WI, US, 53216

**MAR**   **Service**                    12:00PM

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# Comments

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“ We the entire earthly family of the Frist Missionary Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin take this time to express our heartfelt sympathy and condolences to Mrs. Senora Smith and Family on the passing of your beloved Husband, Father, Grand Father.

We pray God's blessing upon the Smith Family, as you endure this time of sorrow. It is our most sincere prayer that your family will find some comfort in reflecting on the many years that you and your loved one spent together, and in also knowing that, although he is absent from the body, he is forever present with the Lord.

As we bow in humble submission to God's divine will, we trust that He will continue to sustain your family and give you courage to move forward with your lives.

Now on behalf of the First Missionary Baptist Church, please know that we are here for you and will keep you in our prayers. May God continue to give you strength for the coming days that may lie ahead?

Humbly submitted this 6th Day of March 2021, Rev. Grady Davis, Jr. Pastor

**Grady Davis** - March 06 at 12:22 PM

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“ To Mrs. Smith:  
My heart was truly sadden to hear of the passing of Deacon Smith.  
May the Lord give you comfort and peace  
During this difficult journey.



**Rose McMillian** - February 28 at 02:26 PM

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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Deacon George Smith Sr.



February 26 at 12:39 PM

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“ Uncle George would always give you a copy of his church services. Zion Hill M. B. Church. Also, whenever Lena's Food Store would have sweet potatoes on sale, he would purchase as much as he could carry and take by his brother's houses to give to their families. We will miss him dearly.

His niece.....Bobbie Hoover

**Bobbie Hoover** - February 25 at 04:47 PM



“ To Mrs. Smith, George Jr, Sandra, and Shirley. I often still think of Mr. Smith and how lovely he would keep your yard on 14th Street. Mr. Smith was a great man and may your memories of him always be pleasant. Rest In Peace.

Your old friend and neighbor.

Stanley Levells

**Stanley** - March 02 at 08:00 PM



“ Daddy, I can't wrap my mind around you being gone. People say 94 years is along time and it is, but I never wanted to think or experience this time. I really wish there was no such thing as death. It's so difficult, I miss you, I miss your infectious laugh and glistening smile. GOD knows I miss your sense of humor. GOD and you will watch over us, as you always have. I will always make sure as I promised that Mom and the grandchildren are ok. You are the best Daddy ever. You showed me what "real mean of faith and character do for their family." my children, grandchildren and myself are a direct product of GOD, you and Mom's teachings. Let me tell you one more time, I appreciate you and love you Daddy and you'd tell me "always will." God Bless you Daddy.

**Sandra V Stewart** - March 06 at 08:25 AM



“ Correction: "a long time and real men."

**Sandra V Stewart** - March 06 at 09:15 AM



“ This Little Light of Mine

The first song that I learned as a child was

This little light of mine I'm going to make it shine. I didn't understand the meaning until as a child...

I believe it was the foundation of my purpose.

This little light of mine made a difference to so many family, friends, love ones and strangers. That light has inspired, motivated and encouraged people to believe in themselves. I believe in my destiny and I'm proud to admit...

There's power in my little light, but all the glory,  
the praise and the honor goes to God for  
creating my little light. Through Him, I was a change agent to there prayers. I believe in my life journey.

This is how I would describe Brother's journey in life.

Robert Brooks (twin) and the entire Brooks and McKay families

**Robert Brooks** - March 06 at 10:36 AM



“ Correction: I didn't understand the meaning as a child...

**Robert Brooks** - March 06 at 10:39 AM