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*The family of Reverend William L. Smith, Jr. acknowledges with sincere appreciation every act of kindness shown in our hour of bereavement. Special thanks to Reverend Henry E. Smith, Pastor Lloyd David Hayes, Mount Enon Missionary Baptist Church, Compassus Hospice and to all of our family and friends who helped in anyway. Thank you for your presence here with us today. May God continue to bless and keep you. Please keep our family in your prayers.*

*Pallbearers*

*Zachary Alexander Dwain Hayes Terrence Huguely  
Antwan Lawrence Jeff Sanders Quinton Smith*

*Honorary Pallbearers*

*Sidney Adams Gregory Church*

*Flower Bearers*

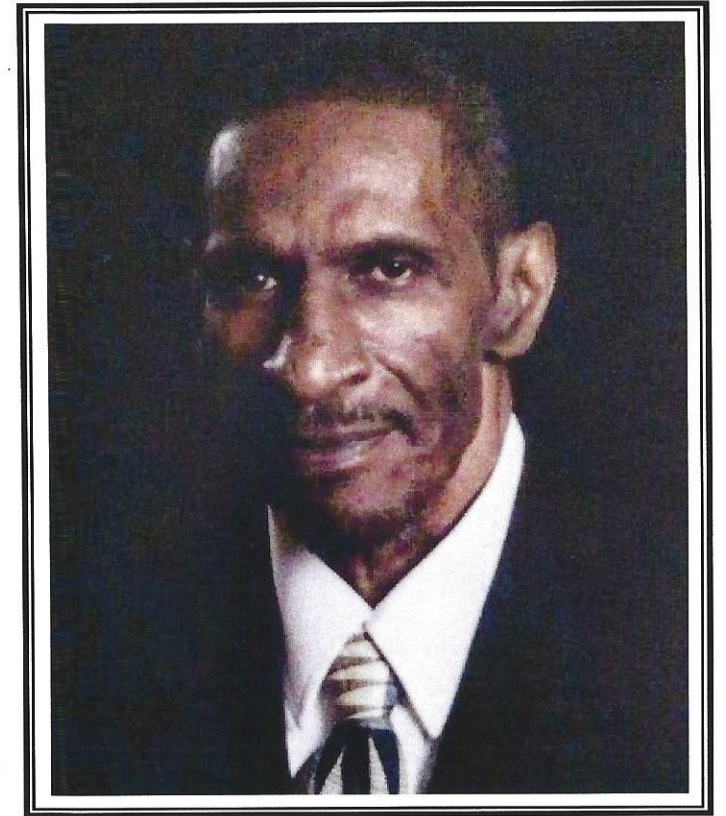
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*Celebration of Life  
William L. Smith, Jr.*



*Sunrise September 20, 1953 - Sunset March 11, 2021*

*Funeral Service 11:00 A.M.  
Tuesday, March 23, 2021*

*Mount Enon M. B. Church  
1501 W. Third St., Dayton, Ohio 45402*

*Reverend Henry E. Smith, Officiant  
Pastor Lloyd David Hayes, Eulogist*



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Rev. William L. Smith Jr. was born on September 20, 1953 in Dayton, Ohio to Rachel and William Smith. He graduated from Roth High School in 1972 and later attended The Ohio State University. In between, William served in the United States Navy, receiving an Honorable Discharge in 1978. Rev. Smith was a member of Greater St. John Missionary Baptist Church for over 50 years, where he served as an associate minister upon receiving his call to preach in 1980. He was constantly letting those around him know of his love for the Lord. This love was shown through action in his willingness to help those in need. He earlier served as the leader for "Church in Training" and in later years he loved his role in Greater St. John's senior's ministry. He also served as the treasurer for the Dayton Baptist Pastor's and Minister's Union. He loved to be in the house of worship, and his "Give them another hand!" will not be forgotten. William also enjoyed serving in his community. He went through the City of Dayton's Leadership Institute and served as an elected member of the Priority Board. Even up until his health declined, he could be seen in various meetings, lifting the issues he found to be important. After many years of service, William retired from Dayton Public Schools. In his spare time, he loved to be around family and friends, watching sports, barbequing, and enjoying a good laugh. You could not be around him and not try his bbq sauce or hear him tell you "You know I love you!" If you were around him enough, you also were able to witness one of his other passions, a spirited debate.

William transitioned to be with the Lord on March 11, 2021. He is preceded in death by his mother, Rachel Smith-Brookshire; his father, William Smith; brother, Timothy "Butchie" Smith, and nephew, Torrence Smith. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Cathie Smith; two sons, William Smith III (Nicole) and Marcus Smith (Robin); seven grandchildren, Amya, Anthony, William IV, Adrianna, Anecyia, Amaria, and Marcus Jr.; brother, Henry (Jill) Smith; four sisters, Rena Smith, Oretha Smith, Jackie Smith, and Portia Smith; sister in law Audrie Coates; 2 brothers in law Stephen (Debra) Wood, Loyd (Tonya) Wood; numerous loving nieces and nephews, and many other family members, church family, and beloved friends.

Musical Prelude.....	Soft Music
Parting View.....	The Family
Scripture Reading.....	Pulpit
Prayer of Comfort.....	Pulpit
Musical Selection.....	Doris Hemphill
Obituary Reading.....	(Please read silently)
Resolutions.....	
Tribute.....	William L. Smith III and Marcus Smith
Musical Selection.....	Khalilah Forte'
Eulogy.....	Pastor Lloyd David Hayes
Recessional.....	Clergy, Family and Friends "I'll Fly Away" - Joyce Hunter
Interment.....	Dayton National Cemetery

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Please wear a mask during Service and remember social distancing, thanks.

In Loving Memory of:  
Reverend William L. Smith, Jr.

If you could see what I see, you just might understand. Why I left you behind and took my Master's hand. I've found a resting place with peace and no more pain. A resting place, with no sorrows and only eternal gain. I've found a resting place that brings me joy inside, a resting place, where love and harmony abide. I found a resting place that is more beautiful than you know. A resting place, that will make your heart glow. I've found a resting place, where I no longer have to fight. I've found a resting place where God's presence is everywhere. A resting place like no other, so, only imagine being there. God made this place special, just for you and me. A place where we can live forever and finally be free. I'm finally at rest, so don't you worry or be sad. I'm now living the best life that I've ever had.

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- Written by, Alesia S. McKnight