



J.D. Smith

December 25, 1920 - March 23, 2008

Funeral service will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 29, 2008 at Mt. Olive Institutional Missionary Baptist Church, 1114 N. 6th Street. Rev. Marvin T. Smith, Host Pastor. Rev. Roosevelt Austin, Sr. will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the Browne's Mortuary, 441 N. Jefferson Ave. on Friday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. where the family will be present at 6:30 p.m. for family hour. J.D. Smith was called home on March 23, 2008 after a lengthy illness. He was born December 25, 1920 in Kosciusko, MS to the late Alto and Katie Bell Smith. J.D. was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army as a Staff Sergeant in 1946 and moved to Saginaw, MI in 1950. He was employed at Central Foundry Div. of General Motors from 1950 to 1980 and was a member of Mt. Olive Institutional Missionary Baptist Church. Mr. Smith is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Earmon J. Smith; three children, Larry of Detroit, MI, Cozy (Emma) Smith of Saginaw, MI and Shirley (Hakeem) Holmes of Missouri City, TX; 13 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. J.D. shared a love for golf with many area golfers. J.D. had a special friendship with Albert Green, the late Hillard Banks, Arthurene Banks, Horace Davis, Pell Malone, Henry Alexander, Bill Long, Sam Jones, and Clinzo O'Daniel. He always had a kind word and a life lesson for anyone he met, and never met a stranger. Two sons preceded him in death, Odell Smith and Jules Tyrone Smith. The family would like to thank the medical staff at Covenant Medical Center and the Veterans Memorial Hospital.

Tribute Wall

VN

“ *Mr. Smith & Family,*

So sorry to hear about your lose. My prayers goes out to you and your family

if there is anything I can do please don't hesitate to call.

May God Be With You.

*Vanda & Charlie Strode and Family
Central Middle School*

Vanda Nash-Strode - March 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ *TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE MR.JD SMITH:*

PLEASE ACCEPT MY CONDOLENCES IN THE LOSS OF YOUR LOVED ONE. REMEMBER THIS:

A DOOR HAS CLOSED IN YOUR LIFE.

YOU CAN'T OPEN IT AGAIN

BUT JEHOVAH WALKS THRU THAT DOOR W/YOU.

HE'S HERE WITH YOU IN YOUR SADNESS.

STOP LOOKING AT THAT SHUT DOOR.

THE SIGHT WILL ONLY BREAK YOUR HEART.

TURN AROUND NOW.

LOOK TOWARD THE FUTURE.

IT MAY LOOK DARK AND UNKNOWN.

BUT IS IS NOT UNKNOWN TO JEHOVAH,

AND HE WILL WALK WITH YOU ALL THE WAY.

ANN MARIA PATRICK - March 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ *May JEHOVAH CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU.*

LOVE WM & Dot.Martin

WM & Dotothy Martin - March 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *You've run the race. You fought a good fight.We "TIP OUR HATS" to a good Man,father,and Cousin.Cousin Earmon,you were truly a blessing in his life.The two of you were a very sweet couple.Our thoughts and prayers are with you.If you need any thing don't hesitate to call. GOD BLESS YOU. from the late Onie J. Smith Children. Delbert,Joyce,Carolyn Ellanor*

Delbert Smith - March 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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JS

“ Proverbs 22:1 says A man with a Good name is more desirable than great riches to be esteemed is better than silver or gold. This short passage reminded me of cousin J.D., About a year ago I went with a friend to visit her parents in Morton Ms. and while we were taking he said he had relatives from the "Little Hill" community, I said I have relatives there, too he said well do you know J.D. Smith he has a brother named L.T., of course I was proud to say he was a cousin of mine. Mr. Patrick said he was one of my very good friends I owe him for helping me to get out of the cotton fields of Mississippi, We all came to Michigan (Saginaw) and when he got a job at the plant he helped us all get on and get on our feet find places to live, and he was the first black committee man in our UAW , he spoke up for black folks when we were to afraid too. And I was thinking to my self when O.J. called me to say cousin J.D. passed, I can't remember a time when whether it be good or bad time that he and cousin Erma wasn't there, and I Thank and Praise God for him being in not just my life but my children's too, my son smiles the biggest smile when he speaks of him, he may be physicaly gone but he will always be alive in our hearts. Love Joyce and children.

Joyce P Smith - March 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Mrs. Smith and family,
I am very sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Smith. My father and Mr. Smith played golf together. I have known him since I was a little girl. I will never forget the fun I had with him collecting cans on the golf course. He was such a nice person. Please know that all of you are in my prayers.

Melanie Jones - March 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ *To The Smith Family:*

We would like to express our deepest sympathy. Your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

*With Love,
L.C. & Mary Richardson*

L.C. & Mary Richardson - March 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Please accept our deepest condolences and we are praying for your strength. God bless you and your family in this hour of bereavement. If you can look up you can get up.*

Mrs. Denise Smith-Sykes - March 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM