

Pastor Willie W. Smith, Sr.

June 11, 1927 - October 22, 2014

Pastor Willie Walter Smith, Sr. went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at his residence at the age of 87 years. He was born June 11, 1927 in Hampton, AR to the late Arney and Erma (Tate) Smith.

On September 30, 1944, he married Betty Jane Murphy. They were married for more than 61 years and were blessed with seven children. His wife, Betty, preceded him in death.

Pastor Smith accepted Christ as his Savior in 1953. He served his country in the United States Army as a Private in World War II. He retired from the General Motors Grey Iron Foundry after 43 years and 3 months of service. He was also a member of the UAW Local 668.

Pastor Smith became a member of Greater Williams Temple C.O.G.I.C. under the leadership of Pastor Herbert J. Williams, where he served as Sunday School Superintendent and Elder. He later established the Community Temple C.O.G.I.C. on June 26, 1973. Pastor Smith served his local congregation for 41 years and also served as Superintendent of the Unity District under the leadership of Bishop P.A. Brooks, Northeast Jurisdiction of Michigan. Supt. Smith resigned as Superintendent of the Unity District and served as Superintendent Emeritus under Supt. Johnny H. Kidd.

Pastor Smith, Sr. leaves to cherish his memory, his children, Bettie Perry, Pastor Willie (Joan) Smith, Jr., Linda Petty, Sharon Smith and Delana Smith; his special son, Joshua Smith; 12 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; sister, Pearl Rose of Little Rock, AR; and many other relatives and friends.

Pastor Willie Smith, Sr. was preceded in death by his mother and father; one son; one daughter; one granddaughter; three brothers; and four sisters.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 1, 2014 at the Garden of Eden Pentecostal Ministries, 2421 Sheridan Ave. Rev. Willie Smith, Jr., Pastor. Bishop P. A. Brooks will officiate with interment Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the church on Friday, Oct. 31st from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m., where a memorial service will be held at 6:00 p.m..

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **31**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Garden of Eden Pentecostal Ministries
2421 Sheridan Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48601

Memorial Service

OCT **31**. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

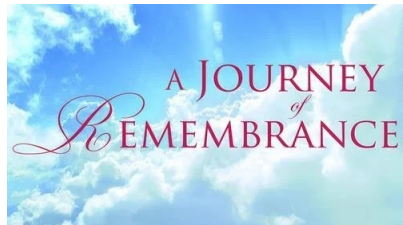
NOV **1**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Garden of Eden Pentecostal Ministries
2421 Sheridan Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48601

Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Pastor Willie W. Smith, Sr.*



Browne's Mortuary - October 31, 2014 at 11:02 AM

DD

“ *Debra Dillard lit a candle in memory of Pastor Willie W. Smith, Sr.*



Debra Dillard - December 06, 2014 at 01:52 PM

DD

*God be with your family, know he is always there and so are the memories of Pastor Smith.
May you rest in knowing he's with the father.*

Debra Dillard - December 06, 2014 at 01:55 PM

SN

“ *Because of Pastor Smith and his authentic teaching of the word of GOD....we are who we are today...Followers, Believers, Doers and Living according to the word of GOD. Thank YOU. I will miss you on this earth...however I will see you again as we meet our Heavenly Father. Rest in Peace Pastor Smith.*

Shuna Nash-Robinson - November 01, 2014 at 10:35 AM

TJ

“ Tonya Joned lit a candle in memory of Pastor Willie W. Smith, Sr.



Tonya Joned - November 01, 2014 at 07:16 AM

TJ

To The Smith Family, just want to give my condorence and to let you know, I'm praying for the family.

Tonya Joned - November 01, 2014 at 07:19 AM

SF

“ Swann Feagin sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Willie W. Smith, Sr.



Swann Feagin - October 31, 2014 at 11:24 PM

SF

When I seen these prayer hands all I can think about is the times that I have shaken your hands and I would get this vibe just from the touch of your hand. You was a true man of God and I LOVE you dearly.

Swann Feagin - October 31, 2014 at 11:29 PM

SF

“ Swann Feagin lit a candle in memory of Pastor Willie W. Smith, Sr.



Swann Feagin - October 31, 2014 at 11:23 PM

MJ

“ Our Prayer are with : Pastor Willie & Joan Smith in the lost of your father. Christ Kingdom Church. Apostle Edward & Mattie Jackson,



Mattie Jackson - October 31, 2014 at 08:26 PM

EI

“ What a man! What a godly man he was. He will be missed and remember for his outstanding preaching of the gospel. We are praying for the family that God would grant you peace, comfort, and strength.



Elder J.W. Dukes III - October 31, 2014 at 02:01 PM



“ Vernon Marsh lit a candle in memory of Pastor Willie W. Smith, Sr.



Vernon Marsh - October 31, 2014 at 11:38 AM

CM

“ Charles R Monroe lit a candle in memory of Pastor Willie W. Smith, Sr.



Charles R Monroe - October 31, 2014 at 09:24 AM

SM

“ Steven D. Martin lit a candle in memory of Pastor Willie W. Smith, Sr.



Steven D. Martin - October 31, 2014 at 08:34 AM

DP

“ Dorothy Price lit a candle in memory of Pastor Willie W. Smith, Sr.



Dorothy Price - October 30, 2014 at 08:19 PM

CO

“ Cherryland Oby-Zachary lit a candle in memory of Pastor Willie W. Smith, Sr.



Cherryland Oby-Zachary - October 30, 2014 at 08:54 AM

OD

“ Johnson Family and Danny Dottery Family we are sorry to hear about your loss may God bless you.



Olivia Dottery - October 29, 2014 at 07:25 PM

PC

“ Pamela J. Dottery & Children sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Willie W. Smith, Sr.



Pamela J. Dottery & Children - October 28, 2014 at 07:42 AM

LS

“ Latisha Smith lit a candle in memory of Pastor Willie W. Smith, Sr.



Latisha Smith - October 28, 2014 at 06:33 AM

AS

“ Apostle Sparkie Sparks lit a candle in memory of Pastor Willie W. Smith, Sr.



apostle sparkie sparks - October 28, 2014 at 12:12 AM

EB

“ Elder Scott Bliss lit a candle in memory of Pastor Willie W. Smith, Sr.



Elder Scott Bliss - October 27, 2014 at 02:25 PM

TS

“ RIP GRANDDAD ALTHOUGH U WASNT MY
REAL GRANDDAD



tequila sidney - October 25, 2014 at 03:24 PM

CS

“ Colleen Smith lit a candle in memory of
Pastor Willie W. Smith, Sr.



Colleen Smith - October 24, 2014 at 11:51 PM

SC

“ Sandra D Chapman lit a candle in memory of
Pastor Willie W. Smith, Sr.



Sandra D Chapman - October 24, 2014 at 07:02 PM