



Pastor Henry Clay Smith

November 26, 1929 - October 30, 2012

Pastor Henry Clay Smith D.D. transitioned from this life Tuesday, October 30, 2012 at the Cartwright Care Center at the age of 82 years. He was born November 26, 1929 in Kemper County, MS, the son of the late Johnnie Taylor and Beatrice (Tingle) Smith. Pastor Smith was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was employed at the Grey Iron Foundry and was a member of the U.A.W. Local 668.

Pastor Smith served at Second Baptist Church in Dowagiac, MI for 32 1/2 years. Upon retiring in 2004, he was elevated to Pastor Emeritus. He also served as Interim Pastor at Shiloh MBS in Carrollton. Pastor Smith served as Associate Minister at Corinthian MBC under the leadership of Rev. Roy L. Manning, Sr.

He worked in the Dowagiac Community on the Dowagiac Union School Board of Education, the Dowagiac Rotary Club Chaplain, the Hospital Foundation, Police Dept. Chaplain, Board of Review, NAACP President, President of Dowagiac Ministerial Alliance, and the Cass County United Way Board of Directors. He worked in the Chain Lake District Association, the Wolverine State Baptist Association and the Saginaw Valley Baptist District Association.

His memory will be cherished by his wife of 37 years, "Jean O"; daughter, Deidreia W. (Andrew); grandchildren, Hayli Reese-Jean, Julian and Nicole

Mair; daughter #2, Barbara (Donald) Nash; 2 sisters, Leodia Powell and Thelma Nichols; one brother, Clois (Idella) Smith; 2 aunts, Florine Fisher and Annie Mae Smith; godchildren, Sydney Kaplan, Alberta Pruitt, Rodney Rimpson, Leslie "Faye Faye" Edwards and LaShonda Lindsey; 3 sisters-in-law, Ruth Smith, Barbara Davis and Marie (William) Goines; 2 brothers-in-law, Vincent and Paul Davis; children he raised, Emmitt, Milton and Larry Jones, Mildred Ann Bailey, Carolyn Murray and Ronnie Payton; special Mississippi cousin, Rev. John Nichols, nieces and nephews, Darwin Nichols, Hollistine (Aloyious) Holston, Jimmie, Jr. (Katrina) Nichols, Delphine (Michael) Green, Dwayne Nichols, Clois (Kristina) Bell, Stefan Powell, Stephanie (Delaney) Powell-Evans, Sheldon (Faye) Powell, Candace (Ronald) Harrison, Christopher (Suzanne) Smith, Gregory Simmons, Jamie Simmons-Allen, Fela Riley, Ares, Arik (Jeanelle) and Athena Smith; sons and grandson in the ministry, Pastors Bryant (Monica) Bacon, K. Morris (Jerri) Gavin, Fred (Frankie) Alexander, K. Russell (Cindy) Haines; also a host of other relatives and friends, including a special friend, Roosevelt Jones.

Pastor Smith was preceded in death by his brothers, Johnnie Albert, Raymond and Johnnie D. Smith; and sisters, Viola Smith, Hazel Woodhouse and Velma Bell.

Family hour will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, November 9, 2012 at Corinthian Baptist Church, 104 S. 10th Street, with the funeral commencing at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Roy L. Manning will officiate with interment in Eastlawn Memorial Gardens. Friends may call at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., on Thursday, November 8th, from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Eastlawn Memorial Gardens

7475 Holland Road
Saginaw, MI 48601

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 8. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 N. Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607
(989) 754-0481
evansbrownes@gmail.com
<https://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com>

Service

NOV 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Corinthian Baptist Church
104 South 10th Street
Saginaw, MI 48601

Tribute Wall



“ Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Pastor Henry Clay Smith



Browne's Mortuary - October 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Shauntel Manning lit a candle in memory of Pastor Henry Clay Smith



Shauntel Manning - November 25, 2012 at 10:32 PM

SM

Gone but never forgotten.

Shauntel Manning - November 25, 2012 at 10:33 PM

MB

“ Marthell And Dan Burney lit a candle in memory of Pastor Henry Clay Smith



Marthell and Dan Burney - November 08, 2012 at 01:57 PM

KO

“ Karen And Kevin Oneal lit a candle in memory of Pastor Henry Clay Smith



Karen and Kevin Oneal - November 08, 2012 at 01:56 PM

DG

“ *The Smith chain has a crack, but is not broken. The legacy of faith, family, & love that you gave each of us, will be carried forever. Your wit, your wisdom, & your compassion, will see us through. There is no more pain Uncle Smitty. We will continue to carry the torch of Martin & Belle Jeanie, Pappa Johnnie & Mommie. We stand proud and strong because of the love and courage you gave us. You never turned any of us away. When we lost mothers, you were there. When we lost fathers, you were there. When you said come, we came. The chain has a crack, but our faith and our love for you will never break that chain. Smith proud, and Smith strong! Rest easy Uncle Smitty! We got this!*

Love

Delphine Nichols Greene (Sweetness)

Delphine Nichols Greene - November 07, 2012 at 08:14 AM

TG

“ It is with a heavy heart I send out this message to the family of my uncle Reverend Henry C. Smith affectionately known as Uncle Smitty to us. You will be forever missed and my prayers go out to his wife, daughter, brother and sisters and the rest of the Smith family. It has taken me sometime to even begin to send these thoughts. He was a great man and one that the world was a better place because he was in it. I will remember his smile that he always had and the words of wisdom that so easily flowed through his voice. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.
Psalms 23: 1-6

The Powell Family, Atlanta GA - November 06, 2012 at 10:20 AM

JH

“ James And Brenda Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Henry Clay Smith



James and Brenda Harris - November 06, 2012 at 07:54 AM

JH

We are sorry about the passing of Rev. Smith. We will truly miss him.

James and Brenda Harris - November 06, 2012 at 07:55 AM



“ *Rev. Mrs. Jodie H. Williams lit a candle in memory of Pastor Henry Clay Smith*



Rev. Mrs. Jodie H. Williams - November 05, 2012 at 10:01 PM



“ *We pray that God will strengthen you all during this time. Pastor Terry Randolph and the Gethsemane MBC, Flint, MI have you all in our thoughts and prayers.*

Pastor Randolph - November 05, 2012 at 03:07 PM



“ *Pastor Randolph lit a candle in memory of Pastor Henry Clay Smith*



Pastor Randolph - November 05, 2012 at 03:05 PM



“ *Jocelyn Jackson lit a candle in memory of Pastor Henry Clay Smith*



Jocelyn Jackson - November 05, 2012 at 02:50 PM

NM

“ *New Mt. Calvary Church Welcome Ministry lit a candle in memory of Pastor Henry Clay Smith*



New Mt. Calvary Church Welcome Ministry - November 05, 2012 at 11:39 AM



“ *Ola Johnson lit a candle in memory of Pastor Henry Clay Smith*



Ola Johnson - November 04, 2012 at 09:35 PM

MB

“ *Mr. William Batts lit a candle in memory of Pastor Henry Clay Smith*



Mr. William Batts - November 04, 2012 at 06:33 PM

DW

“ *Dea. James And Carolyn Washington lit a candle in memory of Pastor Henry Clay Smith*



Dea. James and Carolyn Washington - November 04, 2012 at 09:14 AM

MF

“ *Mosella Reed And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Henry Clay Smith*



Mosella Reed and Family - November 03, 2012 at 02:50 PM



“ *Irma And Family lit a candle in memory of Pastor Henry Clay Smith*



Irma and Family - November 03, 2012 at 10:38 AM

GM

“ *Gethsamene M.B.Church, Bay City, Mi. lit a candle in memory of Pastor Henry Clay Smith*



Gethsamene M.B.Church, Bay City, Mi. - November 02, 2012 at 06:29 PM

RD

“ *Rev.& Mrs. Ernest Dangerfield lit a candle in memory of Pastor Henry Clay Smith*



Rev.& Mrs. Ernest Dangerfield - November 02, 2012 at 06:21 PM

VG

“ *DeeDee,
I know we have not seen each other for many years, but we were
classmates and friends. I saw your Dad's story online in the paper.
What a remarkable man and story! I just want you to know I was
thinking of you and wish you strengthn at this time. God Bless.
Vicki Garritano, Austin, TX*

Vicki Garritano - November 02, 2012 at 12:01 PM

JB

“ *Joesephine Breckinridge lit a candle in
memory of Pastor Henry Clay Smith*



joesephine Breckinridge - November 01, 2012 at 11:44 PM

MC

“ *Minnie Caldwell lit a candle in memory of
Pastor Henry Clay Smith*



minnie caldwell - November 01, 2012 at 11:21 PM

MS

“ *Michelle Stewart lit a candle in memory of
Pastor Henry Clay Smith*



Michelle Stewart - November 01, 2012 at 09:50 PM

RW

“ Roger And Valean Welch lit a candle in memory of Pastor Henry Clay Smith



Roger and Valean Welch - November 01, 2012 at 09:36 PM

RW

Our thoughts and prayer are for you and family. We will miss our dear friend. God bless mall you.

Roger and Valean welch - November 02, 2012 at 10:45 AM

KL

“ Kortnie N. Litfield lit a candle in memory of Pastor Henry Clay Smith



Kortnie N. Litfield - November 01, 2012 at 05:57 PM

LR

“ Lois Robinson lit a candle in memory of Pastor Henry Clay Smith



Lois Robinson - November 01, 2012 at 03:43 PM

MB

“ *Mr & Mrs Norris & Barbara Brown. lit a candle in memory of Pastor Henry Clay Smith*



Mr & Mrs Norris & Barbara Brown. - November 01, 2012 at 03:43 PM

MD

“ *Min. & Mrs. Ernest Dangerfield lit a candle in memory of Pastor Henry Clay Smith*



Min. & Mrs. Ernest Dangerfield - November 01, 2012 at 03:36 PM

AR

“ *Alice Jean Robinson lit a candle in memory of Pastor Henry Clay Smith*



Alice Jean Robinson - November 01, 2012 at 01:18 PM



“ *Nathaniel Drain lit a candle in memory of Pastor Henry Clay Smith*



Nathaniel Drain - November 01, 2012 at 01:09 PM

GD

“ George Drain lit a candle in memory of Pastor Henry Clay Smith



George Drain - November 01, 2012 at 08:06 AM

YC

“ Yvonne Corley lit a candle in memory of Pastor Henry Clay Smith



Yvonne Corley - October 31, 2012 at 03:41 PM

OT

“ Oliver & Joy Lisa Tucker lit a candle in memory of Pastor Henry Clay Smith



Oliver & Joy Lisa Tucker - October 30, 2012 at 09:34 PM

KT

“ Mrs. Smith and family...Words, however kind,can't mend your heartache: but those who care and share your loss wish you, comfort and peace of mind. May you find strength,in the love of family, and in the warm embrace, of friends. I will never forget the cherished memories I have of Rev. Smith and the Second Baptist Church in Dowagiac...My Deepest Sympathy

Keturah Taylor - October 30, 2012 at 08:05 PM

LJ

“ *Lela And Wilson Jones lit a candle in memory of Pastor Henry Clay Smith*



Lela and Wilson Jones - October 30, 2012 at 07:05 PM

SM

“ *Shauntel Manning lit a candle in memory of Pastor Henry Clay Smith*



Shauntel Manning - October 30, 2012 at 01:31 PM

DW

“ *Deborah Williams lit a candle in memory of Pastor Henry Clay Smith*



Deborah Williams - October 30, 2012 at 12:11 PM