



Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.

May 23, 1953 - October 15, 2023

Passed away, Sunday, October 15, 2023 at the age of 70 years.

Family hour 10:00 AM Monday, October 23, 2023, at Bethel A.M.E. Church, 535 Cathay St., Saginaw, Michigan 48601, with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM, Rev. Dr. Dennis Laffoon will officiate. Friends may call at the funeral home on Sunday from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **22**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 North Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607

Family Hour

OCT **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel A.M.E. Church
535 Cathay Street
Saginaw, MI 48601

Funeral Service

OCT **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel A.M.E. Church
535 Cathay Street
Saginaw, MI 48601

Tribute Wall

LW

“ *Louis Weems lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.*



Louis Weems - October 28, 2023 at 10:20 AM

BA

“ *Bernard Arnette lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.*



Bernard Arnette - October 27, 2023 at 03:31 PM



“ *A Jax Isis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.*



A Jax Isis - October 25, 2023 at 10:59 PM

FF

“ *Fazilet Bond N Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.*



Fazilet Bond n Family - October 25, 2023 at 04:43 PM

MW

“ Mary Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.



Mary Williams - October 24, 2023 at 02:59 PM

LS

“ Lillie B. Strong & family Lit a candle 🕯️ in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.



Lillie strong - October 24, 2023 at 01:17 PM

JW

“ Jimmie & Beverly Westbrook lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.



Jimmie & Beverly Westbrook - October 24, 2023 at 10:13 AM

JC

“ Judge Terry L. Clark lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.



Judge Terry L. Clark - October 24, 2023 at 09:58 AM

BH

“ *Betty Holmes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.*



Betty Holmes - October 24, 2023 at 07:50 AM

DM

“ *Deborah Morris-Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.*



Deborah Morris-Williams - October 23, 2023 at 11:49 PM

WH

“ *I remember my cousin hosted our family reunion in West Palm Beach Florida, and Wilbert & Alois hosted a dinner at their house for the out of town relatives, and I learned the difference between carrots. I learned that carrots from Florida tasted sweeter then other carrots. Wilbert & Alois are great cooks. Love you Alois & Karen. To be absence from the body is to be in the presence of the God, Will miss you Wilbert. I will miss your beautiful smile and your big hug. Now I know I have an Angel watching over me. 💜U from your loving cousin Pat from Chicago 🗣️♀️*

Wanda Patricia Hardges-Bryant - October 23, 2023 at 02:21 PM

RW

“ *Richard & Cheryl Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.*



Richard & Cheryl Walker - October 23, 2023 at 01:48 PM

T.

“ *T.W sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.*



T.W - October 23, 2023 at 01:10 PM

JL

“ *Wilbert, Your kindness and thoughtfulness will be missed. jenn*

Jenny Loree - October 23, 2023 at 10:48 AM

MM

“ *Melleretha Moses-Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.*



Melleretha Moses-Johnson - October 23, 2023 at 07:40 AM

MN

“ *Mary Nelson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.*



Mary Nelson - October 23, 2023 at 03:52 AM

MB

“ *Mark Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.*



Mark Brown - October 22, 2023 at 07:47 PM

AM

“ *Dearest and beloved Alois and family: There are no words sufficient to express our sympathy. I (Annie) called Wilbert “my Giant Teddy”. We will forever cherish all of our times together with the two of you. Love you dearly, Robert & Annie (Ft. Washington, Maryland).*



Annie Mott - October 22, 2023 at 05:05 PM

JR

“ *Jerrold Rance*



Jerry Rance - October 22, 2023 at 12:57 AM

TF

I didn't know him personally, but heard good things about him. I was praying for him 6am. Prayer line, Bethel AME,told others to pray: Martin Temple AME Zion Chicago; NLM & LWM-Saginaw; Zion Baptist & FTM Kalamazoo; 700 TCT& Silent Unity praylines,among others.

T.W & family - October 23, 2023 at 01:09 PM

HJ

“ *Our Thoughts and Prayers are with Alois and Family. Wilbert was such a Good Man and He will be greatly missed. We are so thankful that he came our way. "To God Be The Glory!" Houston & Elaine Jackson, Jr.*



Houston and Elaine Jackson, Jr. - October 21, 2023 at 10:42 PM

RC

“ *I will never forget his beautiful and anointed voice nor his continual encouragement and warm smile! He was a great and humble man! Presiding Elder LaCreta M. Clark*

Rev Dr LaCreta M. Clark - October 21, 2023 at 02:37 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr..*

October 21, 2023 at 02:36 PM

RW

“ Rhonda L. Warren lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.



Rhonda L. Warren - October 21, 2023 at 12:28 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr..



October 21, 2023 at 12:19 AM

DP

“ Dennis And Gail Porter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.



Dennis and Gail Porter - October 20, 2023 at 09:08 PM



“ Cherished Memories - All White was purchased for the family of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr..



October 20, 2023 at 09:00 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr..

October 20, 2023 at 09:00 PM



“ Larry And Ora P. Mcbride lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.



Larry and Ora P. Mcbride - October 20, 2023 at 01:43 PM



“ Alicia Nelson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.



Alicia Nelson - October 20, 2023 at 01:41 PM



“ Yvette Wofford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.



Yvette Wofford - October 20, 2023 at 12:46 PM

CM

“ *Bradley and Carolyn*



Carolyn J Mason - October 20, 2023 at 12:28 PM

CM

We will miss you. Prayers to Alois, Family and Friends 🙏

Carolyn J Mason - October 20, 2023 at 12:31 PM

CL

“ *Calvin and Phyllis Little*



Calvin and Phyllis Little - October 20, 2023 at 12:11 PM

SW

“ *Sara Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.*



Sara Walker - October 20, 2023 at 12:00 PM

RG

“ Fred & Rochelle Gilmer will be lifting your family up in prayers



Rochelle gilmer - October 20, 2023 at 11:01 AM

SC

“ Silva Casey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.



Silva Casey - October 20, 2023 at 10:40 AM

PM

“ Pamela Brown Maloy



Pamela Maloy - October 20, 2023 at 09:41 AM

CR

“ I want to convey my sincere condolences to the Smiths on the passing of Wilbert, Jr., my cousin and a fellow Rattler. We had such great fun last summer at the family reunion in Baltimore. Wilbert was both a gentleman and a gentle man. This is a bittersweet moment for all of you that I pray will grow less bitter and more sweet with the passage of time.

Sincerely,
Charles Rutland, Jr.
Son of Edna Smith Rutland
Grandson of Walter David Smith, Sr.

Charles Rutland - October 20, 2023 at 09:28 AM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr..



October 20, 2023 at 08:41 AM

JP

“ Janice Powell-Coleman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.



Janice Powell-Coleman - October 20, 2023 at 06:13 AM

GB

“ Gwendolyn Bowman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.



Gwendolyn Bowman - October 20, 2023 at 05:56 AM

LM

“ Larry Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.



Larry Martin - October 19, 2023 at 10:15 PM

BM

“ Beatrice F. McAfee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.



Beatrice F. McAfee - October 19, 2023 at 09:08 PM

BB

“ Belinda Barlow-Poole lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.



Belinda Barlow-Poole - October 19, 2023 at 08:22 PM

DA

“ Debra Austin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.



Debra Austin - October 19, 2023 at 03:59 PM

VD

“ Vincent And Chon Dugan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.



Vincent and Chon Dugan - October 19, 2023 at 12:30 PM

JW

“ Jimmie & Beverly Westbrook lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.



Jimmie & Beverly Westbrook - October 19, 2023 at 11:03 AM



“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr..



October 19, 2023 at 10:36 AM

KS

“ *Kathy Shaw sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.*



Kathy Shaw - October 19, 2023 at 06:31 AM

BR

“ *Mrs Smith, Deena and entire families and friends my sincere condolences in the loss of your loved one. Praying for comfort, strength and peace. Rest well.. Mr Smith*



Brenda Ryan - October 19, 2023 at 05:50 AM

SM

“ *Wilbert and I were in school together. He had a wonderful disposition and it was always a pleasure to be in his presence. Condolences are extended to Alois, Karen and the family.*

*Sandra Davis Mapp
West Palm Beach*

Sandra D Mapp - October 18, 2023 at 09:04 PM

BJ

“ *Brenda Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.*



Brenda Jones - October 18, 2023 at 07:17 PM

PG

“ We were just chopping it up at the bethel Church picnic for a good minute this one hurt real bad I'm going to miss you Mr Smith

Pierre Micheal grant - October 18, 2023 at 07:01 PM

RF

“ We are going to miss you Uncle Babe...



Rubacha/Reynolds/Reed Family - October 18, 2023 at 06:20 PM

GW

“ Gracie M Witherspoon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.



Gracie M Witherspoon - October 18, 2023 at 06:13 PM

TB

“ Tonja S Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.



Tonja S Brown - October 18, 2023 at 06:12 PM

LA

“ *An awesome man and friend who will always be remembered. Condolences and prayers to the family.* ”



Losten Arnold - October 18, 2023 at 04:08 PM

SH

“ *Alois and family, I send my deepest condolences and prayers for your continued strength, my God comfort you during your loss. God bless you all.* ”



Stephanie Hall - October 18, 2023 at 03:58 PM

WF

“ *Wanda Faye Reynolds And Reynolds Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.* ”



Wanda Faye Reynolds and Reynolds Family - October 18, 2023 at 03:45 PM

CS

“ *Alois, you and the family are in my prayers.* ”



Cheri M Smith - October 18, 2023 at 02:09 PM

SM

“ Sam And Deborah Mack sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.



Sam and Deborah Mack - October 18, 2023 at 02:08 PM

LC

“ Larry Conway sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.



Larry Conway - October 18, 2023 at 09:34 AM

BJ

“ Brenda Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.



Brenda Jones - October 18, 2023 at 01:49 AM

BS

“ My Condolences to the Family 🙏🙏🙏



Brian Still - October 18, 2023 at 12:41 AM

KS

“ *Kathy Shaw sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.*



Kathy Shaw - October 18, 2023 at 12:01 AM

DM

“ *Derrell Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.*



Derrell Martin - October 17, 2023 at 08:32 PM

DH

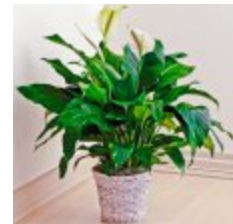
“ *Deyonis & Naserilyn Hinton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.*



Deyonis & Naserilyn Hinton - October 17, 2023 at 07:41 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr..*



October 17, 2023 at 07:38 PM

ER

“ *Eddie M. Rance lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.*



Eddie M. Rance - October 17, 2023 at 06:58 PM

DM

“ *Deborah Morris-Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.*



Deborah Morris-Williams - October 17, 2023 at 05:07 PM

VH

“ *Vanessa HumesJohnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.*



Vanessa HumesJohnson - October 17, 2023 at 04:52 PM

DH

“ *Delta Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.*



Delta Hawkins - October 17, 2023 at 04:47 PM

OC

“ *Ona Chaney lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.*



Ona Chaney - October 17, 2023 at 04:43 PM

BL

“ *Barbara Land-Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.*



Barbara Land-Jones - October 17, 2023 at 03:28 PM

RF

“ *Rubacha/ Reynolds/Reed Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.*



Rubacha/ Reynolds/Reed Family - October 17, 2023 at 01:41 PM

NF

“ *Nicole Rubacha/ Reynolds/Reed Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.*



Nicole Rubacha/ Reynolds/Reed Family - October 17, 2023 at 01:39 PM

LK

“ *Alois and Family, my heart is heavy with hearing of you loss. You and Wilbert have been my friend since you came to Michigan. You and Wilbert loved on my new husband and visited us here in Texas. My prayers to you and your children.*



Lois Scott Kelley - October 17, 2023 at 12:14 PM

LN

To Mrs Smith and Family, may God's Holy Spirit comfort you during this very difficult time. I will be praying for you. Mary Nelson and family

Liz McMillon Nelson - October 20, 2023 at 06:16 PM

KJ

“ *KimberlyFay JacksonWoodley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.*



KimberlyFay JacksonWoodley - October 17, 2023 at 12:14 PM

RW

“ *Great worker in Christ at Bethel from the Choir to the kitchen and more .Condolences to the falmily.*



Rodney & Barbara Walker - October 17, 2023 at 12:09 PM

LS

“ Lillie B. Strong & family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. wilbert Smith



Lillie Strong - October 17, 2023 at 11:47 AM

VJ

“ Val J lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.



Val J - October 17, 2023 at 05:10 AM

WF

“ Wanda Faye Reynolds And Reynolds Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert J. Smith Jr.



Wanda Faye Reynolds and Reynolds Family - October 16, 2023 at 08:09 PM

RM

“ I'm gonna miss you my friend!Box and Shender McKinney



Regimond McKinney - October 16, 2023 at 07:18 PM