

Pallbearers

Deacons of Progressive C.O.O.L.J.C

Floral Bearers

Progressive C.O.O.L.J.C Women's Auxiliary

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid you see.
I took His hand when I heard His call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work, or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found the peace at the close of the day.
If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joys
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart, and peace to thee-
God wanted me now; He has set me free.*

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. Bernard Calvin Smith, extend our sincere and heartfelt thanks to all of you for your love, support, and many acts of kindness and prayerful support shown during the passing of our love one.

Services Entrusted To:

Taylor Street Chapel 1831 Taylor Street Columbia, SC 29201 (803)771-7799 I. S. Leevy Johnson -Owner & Director-	Leevy's FUNERAL HOME Chris Leevy Johnson -President & Managing Director-	Lower Richland Chapel 9120 Garners Ferry Road Hopkins, SC 29061 (803) 776-6922 Leverette A. Williams, II -General Manager-
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*Celebrating
The Life of*

Mr. Bernard Calvin Smith

Sunrise

December 9, 1956

Sunset

December 1, 2023

Saturday, December 9, 2023

1:00 p.m.

*Progressive Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ
6844 Lower Richland Boulevard
Columbia, South Carolina*

Bishop David Johnson, Sr.

-Pastor-

Obituary of

Mr. Bernard Calvin Smith

Mr. Bernard Calvin Smith was born December 9, 1956, in Columbia, South Carolina. He was the second oldest child born to the late Roosevelt Smith and Dorothy Mae Stroman Smith. Bernard was called to glory on Friday, December 1, 2023, at Magnolia Manor, in Greenville, South Carolina.

Bernard was educated in the public school of Richland County, South Carolina. He was a 1975 graduate of A.C. Flora High School. Bernard enlisted in the United States Army at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. He later attended Benedict College and studied Barbering at Cosmetology School in New York. Bernard was employed with the University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina for many years, until his health declined.

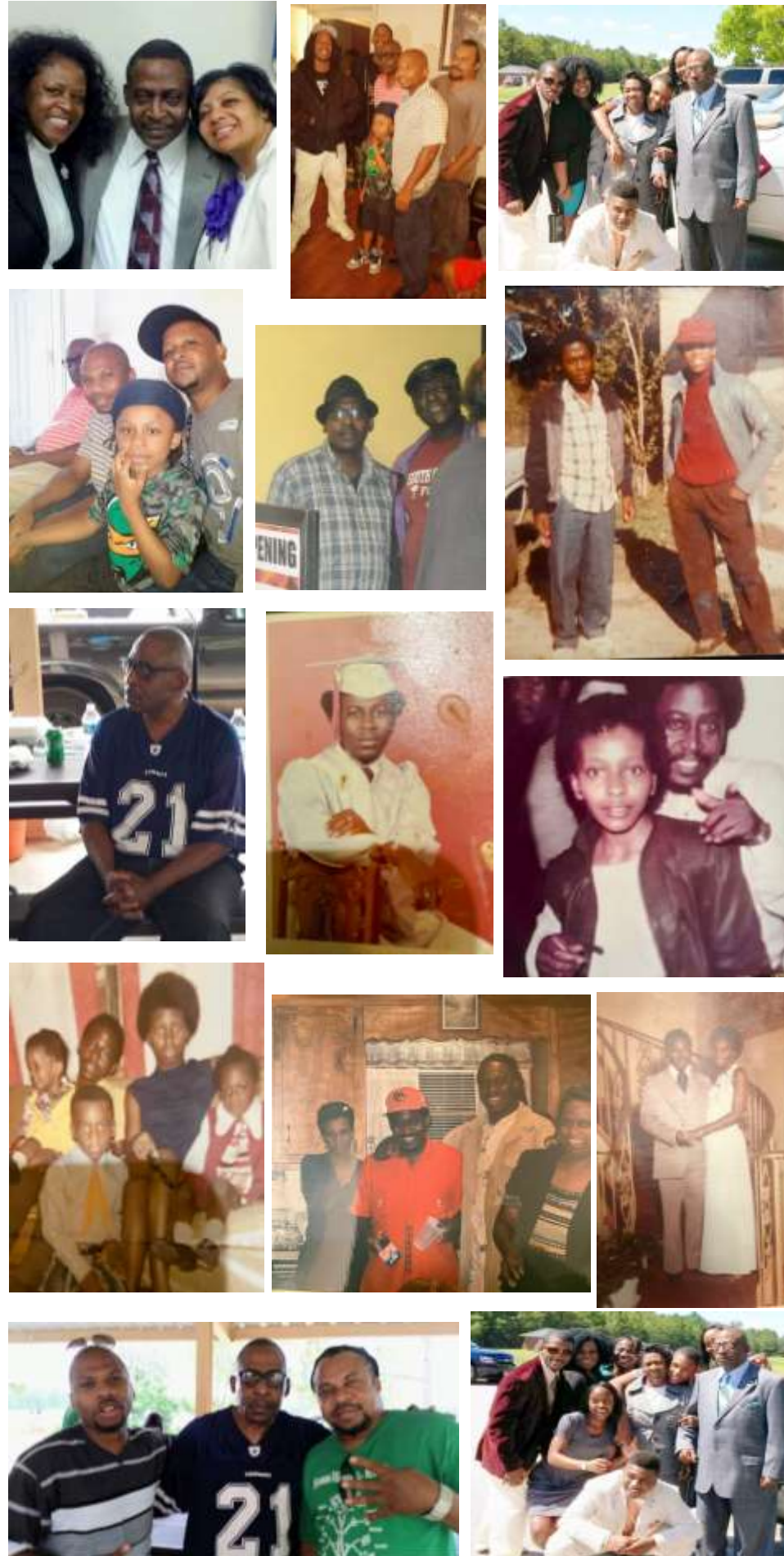
He became a member of Progressive Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Hopkins, South Carolina and was baptized in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ on October 13, 2013.

“Brut,” as he was affectionately called was caring, loving, and full of jokes. He enjoyed wrestling, cooking, barbering, and jokingly giving a lot of friends and family members second names. “Brut” could make you laugh despite how bleak the situation. As a family, we are grateful of the time we shared with him. We will forever cherish the wonderful memories we have of him and he will continue to live in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

In addition to his father, Bernard was preceded in death by his brother, Terry Vernell Smith; sister, Louise Smith; aunt, Naomi Johnson; and grandparents, Edwin Lee and Lille Bell Stroman.

Mr. Bernard Calvin Smith leaves to cherish his precious memory: his loving mother, Dorothy Mae Smith, of Columbia, South Carolina; one daughter, Catina (Willie) Hamm, of Columbia, South Carolina; three sons, Calvin (Letesha) Wright, Christopher (Lyvonda) Hamm, both of Columbia, South Carolina, and Corey Speares, of Poughkeepsie, New York; three sisters, Vickie Johnson, of Hopkins, South Carolina, Abbie Drayton, of Atlanta, Georgia, and Erica (Bernard) Hardison, of Columbia, South Carolina; two brothers, Marvin (Rosa) Smith and Dale (Victoria) Smith, both of Columbia, South Carolina; sixteen grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; aunts, Geraldine (James) Parker, Evelyn (Trevor) Charlton, Chrisandra “Love” Anderson, Vivian Archie, all of Columbia, South Carolina, Betty Boykin and Margie Ann Jackson, both of New York; uncles Willie James Stroman and Geroge Stroman; a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, other loving relatives, and friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Memories



Order of Service

- Prelude
- Processional
- Opening Selection.....Praise Team
- Old Testament.....Minister Lewis Taylor
- New Testament.....Minister Craig Boykin
- Prayer.....Elder Robert Gadson
- Solo.....Mrs. Deborah Carmichael
- Remarks.....Family Members
- Acknowledgements
- Musical Selection.....Praise Team
- Eulogy.....Minister David S. Johnson, Jr.
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Recessional
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

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