

Pallbearers

Comrades VFW Post 4262

Floral Bearers

Auxiliary VFW Post 4262

Repast

Gandy Griffin Post 2462

Memorial Service

2:00 p.m., Sunday, June 14, 2026

Mt. Olive Baptist Church

1862 Savannah Highway

Hampton, South Carolina

Special Thanks

Q's Ensemble: Quahnkatiere Marshall, Adre Lemon, Jennifer Jefferson, and Nykki Smalls

Repast Refreshments: Family and extensions of the Mitchell Family

Acknowledgement

The family of the late Oliver Smith wishes to extend sincere gratitude for all expressions of kindness and comfort shown during this period of bereavement. Finding words to describe just how much your prayers, kind messages of condolence, and gestures of support is hard to express. It was a blessing to have a reminder from friends and family who care for us that we are not alone during this difficult time. For all that you have done, we are very grateful. We thank God for you and all you have done to ease our pain, while making this a special and memorable time to celebrate the life and legacy of the late Oliver Smith.

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Reflections of the Life of Mr. Oliver Smith

Born in Charleston, South Carolina, and raised in Columbia, South Carolina, Oliver Smith, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend, passed away peacefully on June 5, 2026. He lived a life marked by service, dedication, and warmth, leaving an enduring legacy in the hearts of all those who knew him.

A life of service and work

After graduating from C.A. Johnson High School in 1966, Oliver served our country as a Marine, achieving the rank of Sergeant (E5). He was trained in San Diego, California, and proudly completed his tour of duty in Vietnam. Still wanting to serve his fellow man, Oliver became a firefighter in Columbia, SC before joining UPS where he was known for his reliability, kindness, and bringing a familiar smile to countless neighbors and families. He was affectionately known as “Flash” to friends, coworkers, and neighbors based on his track record of quick delivery times. During this period, he also completed his goal of becoming a drill segment in the Army Reserve at Fort Jackson Army Base in Columbia, SC. Shortly after, Oliver became a proud member of the VFW Post 4262, where he served as Post Commander and Chaplain. He was also a member of the American Legion and the Military Order of the Cootie. As a testament to his dedication and character, in 2019 Oliver received recognition from the SC House of Representatives for his service as Post Chaplain.

Religious leadership and community service

Always acknowledging the presence of God in his life, Oliver served as a deacon at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Hampton, South Carolina, following in the footsteps of his father, who was also a deacon. His faith and love for God were expressed through countless hours of dedication to the church and its community. He was affectionately known as “Deac” when traveling to many different churches.

A legacy of love

Oliver was preceded in death by his parents Berry Smith and Ida (Pogue) Smith; his brothers Berry Smith Jr, Bernard (Shirley) Smith, Gregory Smith, Peter Smith, Bookert T. Smith, Anthony (Michelle) Smith; his sister Denise Smith Tucker; his brothers-in-law’s Dwight Tucker, Terry Mitchell; and his nephews Isaac Smith and Terry “Jr” Mitchell.

Oliver is survived by his wife Aurdey Smith; his children Michelle, Oliver Antoine “bruh Toine”, Karlton Stephon “bruh Step” (Melissa “sista Smith”), Kristen Rene “shanka britches”; his grandchildren Myka “mike mike”, Makayla “KK”, Landon “lando”, Logan “deaconess Lo”; great grandchildren Jaxson (big Jack) and Karson (big Kar); sister Gloria (Tyrone) Harper, Shirley (Benard) Smith; Nine nieces and nephews; and family and friends too numerous to list. All of whom carry forward his values, work ethic, and generous spirit.

Character and legacy

Oliver’s life was defined by quiet strength, a steady presence, and a commitment to family. He valued hard work, resilience, and the simple joys of everyday moments such as a good conversation, a helping hand, and a home filled with laughter. His love for God and service to the church community were central to who he was, and his faith guided him in all his endeavors.

Oliver Smith will be fondly remembered as a man who served his country, protected his community, nurtured his faith, supported his family, and touched countless lives with his integrity and kindness. He will be greatly missed, but his memory will endure in the stories told, the lessons shared, and the love he left behind.

Well Done

Lord, I thank you for this your servant,

A man you firmly planted next to streams of living water

You have established him on your Rock of solid ground,

And there he formed his foundation

Your servant who kept his saltiness,

and did not cover his lamp, He did not bow to worthless idols

Called to testify to generations, and before the kings

and governors, With your words upon his lips

He spoke to a stiff-necked people whose hearts are hard as
stone, Returning their evil with good

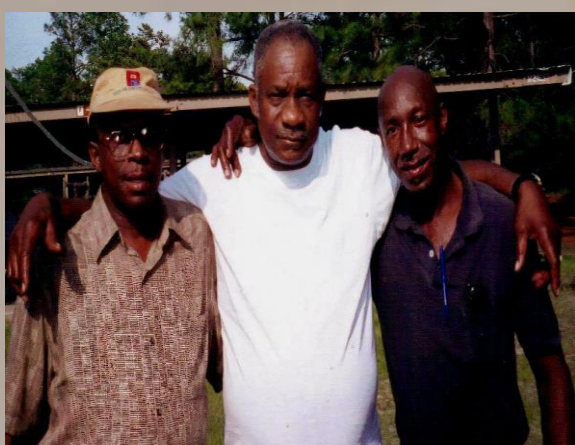
Truly a man of wisdom and truth,

who relied upon the Lord - Fearless in the Valley of the Shadow

I thank you for the race he ran,

And I pray that entering your presence, he will hear you say:
"Well done, my good and faithful servant."

Memories



Order of Service

Prelude	
Processional	
Viewing.....	Funeral Directors
Opening Hymn.....	Q's Ensemble
	"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"
Scripture Readings:	
Old Testament.....	Mr. Walter Griffin
	Job 19:25-27
New Testament.....	Mr. David Scott
	John 11:25-26
Prayer of Comfort.....	Reverend Elvin Sutton
Reflections From A Comrade.....	VFW Representative
Reflections From Grandchildren.....	Myka
	Makayla
	Landon
	Logan
Reflections From Children.....	Antoine
	Karlton
	Kristen
Presentation of the Bible.....	Gandy Griffin VFW Post 4262
Presentation of the Bible.....	American Legion Post 215
Selection.....	Q's Ensemble
	" I Feel Like Going On"
Words of Comfort.....	Reverend Isreal Boatwright
Recessional.....	Q's Ensemble
Postlude	



Committal, Benediction, and Interment
10:00 A.M., Monday, June 15, 2026
Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road
Columbia, South Carolina

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