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Service of Triumph
for

Deacon Gene Russell Smith, Sr.

Sunrise
August 2, 1938

Sunset
April 15, 2008



Monday, April 21, 2008
12:00 noon

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
402 Rev. A.C. Ware Boulevard (Clinton Street)
Buffalo, New York 14204

Reverend Daris A. Dixon-Clark, Pastor

Obituary

Gene Russell Smith was born August 2, 1938 in Calhoun Falls, SC to the late Allen, Sr. and Fannie Smith. He was educated in the Buffalo Public School system. He served valiantly with the United States Marine Corp from 1956 to 1959. He worked for the Buffalo Board of Education as a stationary engineer for 42 years and was active with the Schoolmasters Organization. He departed this life Tuesday, April 15, 2008.

He married Laura M. Brown on June 24, 2000.

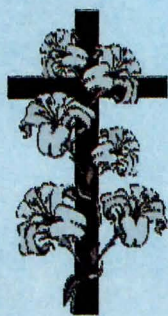
Gene enjoyed music, cards, dancing and watching the cowboys on television. He loved his family dearly.

Gene Smith loved the Lord and at an early age in 1948 was baptized into the fellowship of the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church under the pastorate of the late Rev. E. D. McNeely. His quest to faithfully serve God was with the Deacon Ministry of the church rendering service to others in joy and love. His humor lifted many spirits.

Gene (Young Man) Smith touched many lives.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Allen, Sr. and Fannie Smith, siblings, Lila W. Cade, Allen, Jr., Dorothy, Naomi S. Saxon and Rev. Augustus Smith., a son, Gene Russell II and a stepson, Tony Carl Brown.

He leaves many precious memories to be cherished by a loving devoted wife Laura M. Smith; a sister Nell V. (George E.) Brown; children: Regina Smith, Kevin James Smith, Jacqueline Jackson, Lydia Smith, Roslyn Blackman, Katherine Ingram and Charles Ingram; stepchildren: Maxine, Francine, Robin, Leon, Shawn and Marcus; a sister-in-law: Eloise Smith; an aunt: Janie Jenkins of Detroit, MI; grandchildren, great grandchildren, great great grandchildren, a host of nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.



SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES *July 11, 1958*

Mass 'Attack' by Helicopter Includes Buffalo Marine

Pfc. Gene Smith Receives Certificate
Of Participation in Landing Operation

By JIM REISCH

The Carolina shoreline slipped over the horizon and still the cruiser USS Newport News steamed seaward. Men of the Sixth Marines First Battalion were making peacetime history. It was the first time a force of such magnitude was landed successfully on a beachhead by helicopter from a ship at sea.

Pfc. Gene R. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs.



Pfc. Smith

Allen Smith, 246 Spring, is in the battalion's Delta Company, First Platoon. A rifleman, he was among the first to make the helicopter trip, and has a certificate commemorating the event.

After a visit with his parents, he will return to duty at Camp Lejeune, N. C., and prepare for transfer in September to Puerto Rico.

Order of Service

Reverend Daris A. Dixon-Clark, Officiating

- Organ Prelude Mr. Robert Bowman, Minister of Music
Processional Clergy, Pallbearers, Family
Congregational Hymn "Blessed Assurance"
Scripture Lessons
 Old Testament . . *Rev. Delaney* Psalms 90
 New Testament . *Rev. Henderson* St. John 14:1-7
Selection "This Morning When I Rose..." Ms. Linda Billups
Prayer of Comfort *Rev. M^cCellanulit - Faith Baptist*
Solo "He Looked Beyond My Faults" Mr. Don Hunley
Expressions Deacon John C. Donelson
 Deacon Levi Clayton and others
Selection . *Dea. Saxton* "Trouble In My Way" . . *Rev. Hudson* United Choirs
Acknowledgment of Condolences
Reading of the Obituary "The Last Mile Of The Way" (In Silence)
Solo Ms. Regina L. Smith
Triumphant Message Rev. Sylvester Williamson, Jr.
Recessional "When We All Get To Heaven"
Organ Postlude

Committal Service

- Opening Sentences Rev. Daris A. Dixon-Clark
Words of Committal
The Lord's Prayer (In Unison)
Military Honors Unites States Honor Guards
Benedictory Blessings

Following the Committal Service, dinner will be served for Family and Friends
in the Lower Auditorium of the Church

Interment

FOREST LAWN CEMETERY
1411 Delaware Avenue • Buffalo, New York 14209

Final Arrangements Entrusted To:
THOMAS T. EDWARDS FUNERAL HOME
995 Genesee Street • Buffalo, New York 14211

*We never can understand the mind of God,
We never will understand His time.
The Lord taketh, and He giveth freely,
We ought to thank Him for being in our right mind.*

*The Lord is wonderful and worthy to be praised.
Although we don't always agree with all of His ways.
But He is God, don't question His reasons why,
God's in control, everything works out in time.*

*Think of the times Gene made us happy,
You know he brightened many of our days.
We know we're sad and we may cry
But it's best if Gene didn't stay.*

*Gene doesn't have to worry about anymore pain,
It's peaceful where he is, with so much to gain.
He's at a place where there will be no more frowns
Gene received his because he's wearing his crown.*

*And God chose this time to call him home,
We believe Gene talked to God in his room all alone.
So we say farewell, but we'll see him again,
Let's thank our God and say, Amen.*

- Pallbearers -

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Deacon John C. Donelson, Chairman

- Honorary Pallbearers -

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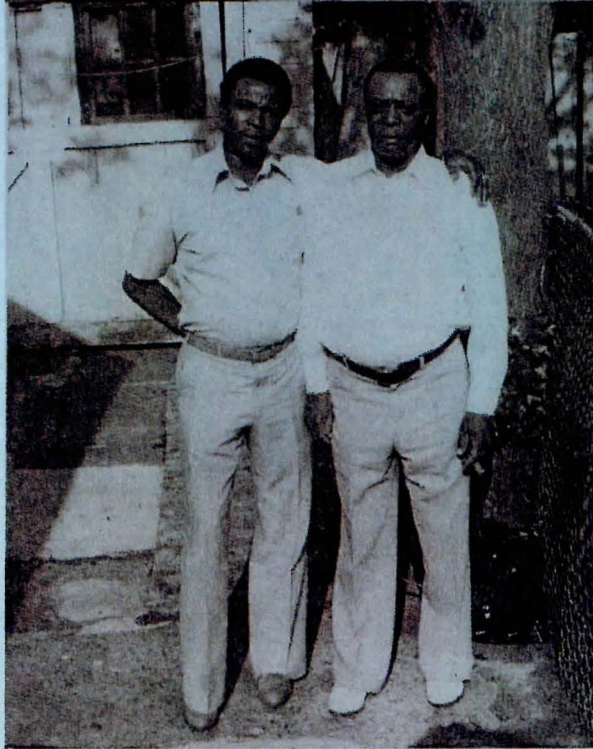
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