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— *Pallbearers* —

Jackie Bates  
John Oliver  
Harvey Smith  
Rocelious Smith

Ronald Morgan  
Keith Turner  
Kevin Turner  
Chris Chillis

— *Honorary Pallbearers* —

Members of the Appomattox Club, Inc.

— *Interment* —

Forest Lawn Cemetery

— *Arrangements By* —

THOMAS T. EDWARDS FUNERAL HOME, INC.  
995 Genesee Street  
Buffalo, New York 14211



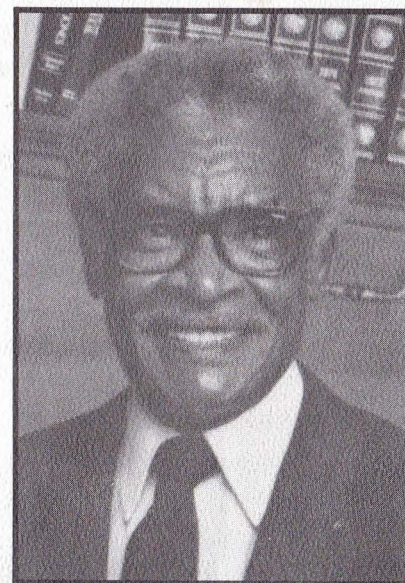
— *Acknowledgement* —

The family gratefully acknowledges and extend our deepest appreciation to everyone for the numerous prayers and kind expressions of sympathy.

— Smith Family —

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A Service of Celebration  
in Loving Memory  
of



*Homer L. Smith, Sr.*

1917

1993

Saturday, January 30, 1993  
1:00 p.m.

Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church  
641 Masten Avenue  
Buffalo, N.Y.

The Rev. Melba Chaney, Officiant



## — Obituary —

Homer L. Smith Sr. was born in Zirkly (Prince County), Georgia on September 23, 1917, the son of Rocelious S. and Ada Bell Weems - Smith. He was the seventh child in a family of eight.

His Family eventually settled in Birmingham, Alabama. He received his formal education in the Birmingham School System graduating with honors and excelling in baseball, basketball and football.

Homer moved to Buffalo, New York in 1940. In 1941 he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served his country with distinguished service. He received the American Defense Service Medal, American Service Medal and the Asiatic Pacific Medal while elevating to the rank of Sergeant.

Homer was a devoted husband of the late Pauline T. Staten Smith whom he married in Buffalo on December 10, 1950. From this union, two children were born.

Homer enjoyed a life of service to his family, friends and church. He accepted Christ at an early age and became a member of Metropolitan Methodist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. He joined Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church shortly after his arrival in Buffalo and was a dedicated member for over fifty years. At Lincoln, he served as Lay Leader, Usher Board President, Finance Committee Member and participated in many church activities.

Homer was employed by Harrison Radiator, a Division of General Motors for over 25 years. He retired from Harrison in 1982. Homer departed this life on January 25, 1993 following an extended illness. His faith in the Lord never wearied. he was a generous, patient, loving husband, father and friend.

He leaves to rejoice in his memory: one son, Homer Jr. (Edna) of Erie, Pennsylvania; three daughters: Shirley Stone of Macon, Georgia, Ella Murphy of Silver Springs, Maryland and Nancy E. Smith of Buffalo, New York; nine granchildren and four great grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Alberta Mitchell of Buffalo, New York, and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

## — Order of Service —

Prelude .....	Mrs. Joyce Mathis
Procession of the Family	
A Congregational Hymn .....	Songs of Zion 46 "Just a Closer Walk With Thee"
Prayer of Hope	
Holy Scriptures .....	Elder James Johnson
Old Testament .....	Psalm 23
New Testament .....	Revelation 21:1-7 John 14:1-7
Solo .....	Mrs. Lauretta Anderson
Tribute .....	Blanche Nelson Ushers Mr. William Leigh
Obituary and Acknowledgements	
Eulogy .....	"Growing Closer to God" The Rev. Melba Chaney
Solo .....	Mrs. Anderson
Recession of the Family	



### Tribute

*Happy is the man who fears the Lord and finds great joy in his commandments. He is gracious, compassionate, good. A beacon in darkness for honest men. To our father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin and friend your life has touched each of us. You were the patriarch of the extended Smith family. Though these will be difficult times, we pray for God to give us the strength to carry on. We thank God for giving us the opportunity to know your love, your kindness and your inner strength. Rest in Peace with your Lord and Savior.*

*"Smith Family"*