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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

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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 -
— 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 grandchildren and four great grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Alberta Mitchell of Buffalo, New York, and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

— Order of Service —

Preface: 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
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

Recessional 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”