



*Pallbearers*

The Nephews of James M. Smith Sr. & Larry H. Goss

*Honorary Pallbearers*

Lamar Smith  
Robert Mitchell  
William Smith Jr.  
Melvin Smith  
Ricky Smith  
Robert E. Smith  
Kenneth Tyner

*Flower Bearers*

The Granddaughters and Nieces of James M. Smith Sr.

*Honorary Flower Bearers*

Roberta Smith  
Ivory H. Hamilton

*Interment*

Hillcrest Memory Gardens  
12813 N.E. 50th Street  
Spencer, Oklahoma 73084

Please drive with your lights on for safety and fasten your seat belts.

*Acknowledgement*

The family of James M. Smith Sr. wishes to express their sincere gratitude for the many acts of kindness and support shown during this difficult time. May God bless you all.

SERVICES UNDER THE DIRECTION OF

TEMPLE AND SONS FUNERAL DIRECTORS, INC.  
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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111  
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"We Care"

*In Loving Memory  
of  
James Maurice Smith Sr.*



*Sunrise*  
October 4, 1944  
*Sunset*  
January 1, 2022

*Services*

Friday, January 14, 2022 - 11:00 a.m.

*Temple & Sons Funeral Directors, Inc.  
Earl M. Temple Memorial Chapel*

2801 North Kelley Avenue  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Reverend Sterling Mitchell Sr. - Officiating  
Amos Temple

# Obituary



## *My Little Brother*

The days go by like little clouds  
That soar too high for me to reach,  
But marking down the memories,  
I've somehow kept a part of each.

The music that my ears can hear  
Is only heard by me alone,  
A distant echo of the good,  
And all your gladness I have known.

Remembering is keeping. . .  
Time can not steal away  
The unforgotten moments  
Of a cherished yesterday,  
Tattooed upon the decades,  
The many smile and tears,  
Like stars that shine at twilight time,  
To light shadowed years.

Sleep softly little brother,  
Tomorrow's hopes are new,  
Rest gently all your little dreams  
That didn't quite come true.

Shakey 2022

# Order of Service

Processional . . . . . Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family

Old Testament Scripture . . . . . Pastor L. Mike Woodberry  
Unity Baptist Church, OKC, OK

New Testament Scripture . . . . Brother Ray Montgomery Sr.  
Estes Park Church of Christ

Prayer . . . . . Reverend Nathaniel Colbert

Selection

Special Song . . . . . "I Won't Complain"  
Evangelist Ressa Wilson

Resolution/Acknowledgement . . . . . Angela Mason (Niece)

Poem . . . . . Alexandria Cotten (Granddaughter)

Solo . . . . . "The Lord Will Make A Way"  
Bobby Freeman of the True Believers

Eulogy . . . . . Reverend Sterling Mitchell Sr.  
Amos Temple

Video Tribute . . . . . Temple & Sons Funeral Directors

Final Viewing . . . . . Temple & Sons Funeral Directors

Recessions (Song) . . . . . "When We All Get To Heaven"

James Maurice Smith Sr. was born October 4, 1944 in Sandtown, Oklahoma City, the seventh of ten children to Robert Smith and Fannie B. (Davis) Smith.

James Maurice attended school in the Oklahoma City Public School System. James attended several high schools due to the passing of his mother when he was a teenager. He attended Douglass High School, Star Spencer High School, and Central High School. He married his high school sweetheart. James and Anna Marie Smith were married for 52 years, and to this union three children were born.

James Maurice served two tours in the United States Navy. He served both overseas and stateside. He was very proud of his service. He also attended Rose State College and Central State University.

James Maurice held several positions in his lifetime the longest of which was Westinghouse/BorgWarner/York International as a Supervisor and Trainer. He ended his career and retired from Unit Parts in Oklahoma City.

James Maurice attended many churches but his heart was always with Israel Chapel C.M.E. Church.

James Maurice held many titles in his life. He was a son, brother, husband, father, uncle, cousin, Paw-Paw, and friend. He was lovingly called "Uncle Cowboy" or "Cowboy" by those who knew him best. He loved being Paw-Paw most of all.

Preceding him in death, his mother Fannie B. (Davis) Smith; his father, Robert Smith; wife Anna M. Smith; his brothers, Robert A. Smith, Lorenzo Smith and Calvin Smith Sr.; his sisters, Jean Smith and Vivian Robinson.

Mr. James M. Smith Sr. departed this life on January 1, 2022. He leaves to cherish his memory three children: James M. Smith Jr. of Midwest City, Oklahoma; Sonya Mitchell (Bob) of State College, Pennsylvania; Ebony Smith-Cotten of Mustang, Oklahoma; his siblings: Melvin Smith of Eagan, Minnesota; Roberta Smith, Lamar Smith, and Ivory J. Hamilton, all of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; seven grandchildren: Chrishawna Dougherty, Renae Mitchell, Quatrele Smith, Jocelyn Mitchell, Jessica Cotten, Alexandria Cotten and Angelina Cotten; two great grandsons: Alexander James and Ace Michael; many nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.