

*In Loving
Memory
of*

Eugene McLean Smith, Sr.

Sunrise
October 16, 1942

Sunset
February 5, 2011

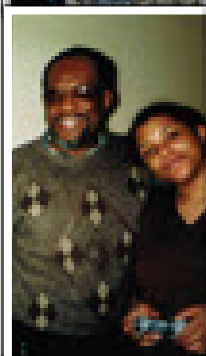
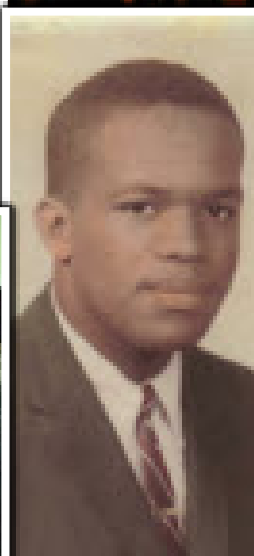
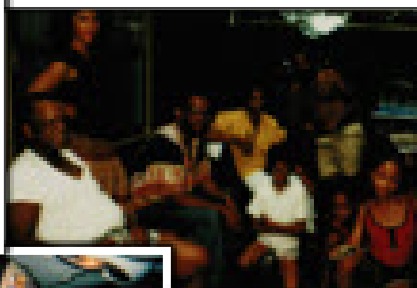
Memorial Service

Saturday, February 12, 2011 - 1:00 p.m.

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

144 Norman Street • East Orange, NJ 07017

Rev. Dwight D. Gill, Presiding



Reflections of Life

Eugene McLean “Mackie” Smith, Sr. was called home after a long bout with illness on February 5, 2011. He was born on October 16, 1942 on the British Isle of Nevis in the West Indies, the oldest son of Dorothy Adina Powell and Arthur Melbourne Smith. In 1952, he emigrated with his family from Nevis to America. He settled in the city of New Haven, Connecticut where he grew up and attended Hill House High School. It was there that he developed his passion for football and excelled.

After graduating from Hill House High School in 1963, he went on to attend Virginia State University on a football scholarship and he graduated with a degree in Economics in 1967. Shortly after graduating from Virginia State University, he moved to Philadelphia, PA where he met and married Sharon Hood in 1969. In 1971, he moved his budding family to East Orange, NJ and built a life for them. It was there that he put his love of football into action by coaching and mentoring in East Orange’s Pop Warner Football League; he assisted in coaching,

motivating and mentoring the Cougars, Eagles, and Panthers teams. Later, he went on to coach at Essex Catholic High School (1988-97) and Immaculate Conception High School (1998-99).

In 1978, he took on a new venture and established himself as a successful; self-employed insurance broker and notary public. Aside from working hard, he loved to play. His favorite hangout spot was Dunkin Donuts. If not at work or on the football field, you could often find him there where he was surrounded by friends, good coffee, and the local talk of the area.

Among the many that remain to celebrate his life are: his ex-wife and dear friend Sharon; his beloved children, Camella, Eugene, Jr., Misha and Markeda; two grandchildren, Isaiah and Jabari; his sisters Brenda and Dorothy; and two brothers, Glendale and Arthur.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Irving; his father, Arthur Melbourne Smith and his mother, Dorothy Adina Powell-Smith.

Order of Service

Processional

Clergy & Family

Musical Selection

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Rev. Dwight Gill, Pastor

Remarks

Family & Friends

(2 minutes please)

Musical Selection

Acknowledgments

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Reading of Obituary

Arthur Smith

Musical Selection

Eulogy

Rev. Dwight D. Gill, Pastor

Benediction

Recessional

*Repast held immediately following the ceremony
here at the New Hope Baptist Church.*

A Fallen Limb

A limb has fallen
from the family tree.

I keep hearing a voice that
says, "Grieve not for me."

Remember the best times,
the laughter, and the song.

The good life I lived
while I was strong.

Continue my heritage, I'm
counting on you.

Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.

My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.

Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.

Continue traditions, no matter how small.

Go on with your life, don't worry about falls

I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin.

Until the day comes when we are together again.



Acknowledgement

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair,
Perhaps you sent flowers or a funeral spray, if so we saw it there;*

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words that any friend could say;

Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day,

Whatever you did to console our heart,

We thank you so much, whatever the part.

May God continue to bless each of you.

*"The day which we fear as our last is but
the birthday of eternity time without an end."*

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