

*Home Going Service for
Ronald David Smalls, Sr.*



Sunrise
September 27, 1942

Sunset
June 16, 2011

Wednesday, June 22, 2011 - 10:00 a.m.

HOLY SPIRIT/OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
17 North Clinton Street at Martin Luther King Blvd.
East Orange, New Jersey

Rev. Jean Max Osias, Pastor

Obituary

Ronald David Smalls, Sr. was born to the late Timothy Smalls and Dorothy Smalls Mack on September 27, 1942 in Orange, New Jersey. What a gift he was to be born on his father's birthday.

Ronald attended the public schools of East Orange, graduating from East Orange High School in 1961. He was actively involved in sports and music. Ronald played three instruments in the band. He played on the East Orange All-State Champion Football Team and he was a champion Javelin Thrower. Ronald was a member of the Doo-Woop Group "The Blenders" with their smash hit, "I Fell In Love With An Angel". He was a loyal New York Giant fan.

In 1966, Ronald graduated Tennessee A and I State University with a B.S. in Sociology. While at Tennessee State he was the Mid-Western Javelin Champion, Secretary of the Sociology Club, member of the Newmans Club and Pledged Omega Psi Phi Fraternity-Lampados Club.

After graduation, Ronald was employed as a Probation Officer at the Essex County Probation Dept. His career led to various positions in teaching and health care. In 2004, Ronald retired from the University of Medicine and Dentistry, Newark, New Jersey as a Mental Health Screener.

Ronald and Lena, his wife of thirty-nine years, enjoyed traveling and entertaining at their home during holidays and special occasions.

Ronald leaves to cherish: his wife, Lena Smalls; a brother, Douglas Smalls; sister-in-law, Betty Hudson Smalls; a step-father, Leon Mack; a step-mother, Marie B. Smalls; a daughter, Sylena Slaughter; two sons, Ronald David Smalls, Jr. and Jason Smalls; five grandchildren; one great grandchild; and a host of aunts, nephews, nieces, other family members and friends.

Order of Service

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Greeting
Sprinkling with Holy Water
Processional
Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Readings
Homily
General Intercessions

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

FINAL COMMENDATION

Prayer
Song Farewell

PRAYER COMMENDATION

RECESSIONAL

Interment

Fairmount Cemetery
Newark, New Jersey

Repast

Immediately following the interment family and friends are invited for a repast at the church hall.

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call*

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.

*Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

If my parting has left a void,

Then fill it up with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,

Oh, yes these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,

I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much.

*Good friends, good times, a loved one's
touch. Perhaps my time seemed all too
brief, Don't lengthen it now with undue
grief. Lift up your heart and share with*

me, God wanted me now,

He set me free!

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

*The family wishes to thank all who have extended support for,
spoken a kind word to, or done some act of kindness during their
time of bereavement. May God bless you all for your
thoughtfulness and concern.*

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