



A Service of Remembrance
Ulysses Grant Smith, Sr.
“Smitty”



Sunrise

October 16, 1927

Sunset

January 29, 2019

Funeral Mass:

Wednesday, February 6, 2019 ~ 10:00 am

Christ The King Church

411 Rutgers Avenue

Hillside, New Jersey 07205

Rev. Luke Duc Tran, Pastor



Life Reflections

Ulysses Grant Smith, Sr., known as “Smitty” to his family and friends, was born October 16, 1927 in Fayetteville, North Carolina to the late Willie Smith and Malinda Littles. One of nine children, Ulysses captivated everyone he encountered. After attending and graduating from public schools in Fayetteville, he pursued mortuary sciences in college while working at the Garrett Funeral Home.

He travelled north to New Jersey and worked as a master machinist for the Valcor Corporation in Kenilworth, New Jersey. It was there where he met his wife, Ruth Wallace. They were married on July 16, 1958. Smitty was a champion league bowler in Clark, New Jersey and held two jobs while opening his own mechanical building company. Servicing businesses locally, it soon spread statewide. He then moved to Roselle, New Jersey after purchasing a home in 1962.

Ulysses concentrated on mechanical engineering, plumbing, heating and HVAC. He was one of the first black Licensed Master Plumbers in the State New Jersey who also specialized in Natural Gas Resource Distribution. Serving the tri-state area, *Smith Plumbing & Heating* became a prime contractor for companies such as SUN Oil CO, New Jersey Transit, Conrail, Amtrak, Wendy’s, many residential/commercial areas and industrial development companies in New Jersey.

Ulysses was a proud supporter of his community providing employment and skilled training to most teenage men in his neighborhood and surrounding townships. He also was a youth leader in the Boy Scouts of America Troop 51 and an Election Poll worker. He was always willing to help others and a devoted family man.

On Tuesday, January 29, 2019 with his wife and grandchildren by his side, Ulysses Grant Smith, Sr. passed away at the age of 91.

He was predeceased by his daughter, Anita; brothers: Raymond and Elmer; sisters: Rowena, Christine, Ophelia, Lillian, Juanita, and Delois.

Ulysses leaves to cherish fond memories, his wife of 60 years, Ruth; children: Ulysses G., Jr., Timothy, Gwendolyn Barrow (James); 12 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; many nephews and nieces, cousins and a host of dear friends.

Humbly submitted,
The Family

Order Of Service

Rev. Luke Duc Tran, Officiating

Introduction to the Rites:

- Greeting
- Sprinkling with Holy Water (Placing the Pall)
- Entrance Procession (Placing of Christian Symbol)
- Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

Readings- 1st Reading

- Responsorial Psalm
- 2nd Reading
- Alleluia
- Gospel
- Homily
- General Intercession

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Final Commendation

Procession to the Place of Committal

Interment

Rosedale Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey

Services Entrusted To:

G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC

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Pallbearers

Family and Friends of Ulysses Grant Smith, Sr.

“I have fought a good fight, I finished the race. I have kept the faith.” ~

II Timothy 4:7

*When tomorrow starts without me
And I'm not here to see
If the sun should rise and find your eyes
All filled with tears for me*

*I wish you wouldn't cry
The Way you did today
While thinking of the many things
We did not get to say*

*I know how much you love me
As much as I love you
Each time that you think of me
I know you will miss me too*

*When tomorrow starts without me
Please try to understand
That an angel came and called my name
And took me by the hand*

*So When Tomorrow starts without me
Do not think we're apart
For every time you think of me
Remember I'm right here in your heart*

“I go to life and not to death”

Acknowledgement

The family of **Ulysses Grant Smith, Sr.** would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for the many thoughtful acts of kindness, support and concern extended to us during our time of bereavement. Thank you and may God richly bless you.

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