

*In Loving Memory of*  
*Deacon John Henry Smith Jr*

*Sunrise*  
*April 18, 1942*

*Sunset*  
*March 20, 2020*

*Service*  
*Saturday, April 4, 2020*

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## Obituary

**Deacon John Henry Smith Jr** was born April 18, 1942 to the late John Henry Smith Sr and Allie Dukes Smith. He departed this life on Friday, March 20, 2020 at the Kingsbrook Jewish Hospital in Brooklyn, NY.

Deacon Smith was educated in the public schools of Sumter County, South Carolina. He migrated to New York and found employment as a bus driver for the board of education. He retired after many years of service as a truck driver for the daily news.

Deacon Smith was a man who stood firm in his faith. He was a God fearing, dedicated Christian and if you knew anything about him, you knew that he loved the Lord. He was a faithful servant until the end. He was a member of Mt. Tabor Baptist Church for more than 50 years where he served in any capacity where he saw a need. For the last 8 years he served as chairman of the deacon board and Sunday School Teacher. Deacon Smith was very devoted to his church family.

Deacon Smith was "Old school". His idea of a great vacation was returning to the family farm in South Carolina to drive the tractor and work the field. He had an unusual love for flashlights. He bragged and would show off his collection of over 300 of them to his guests. He had a great sense of humor and an even greater appetite.

Deacon Smith was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin and godfather.

Deacon Smith was preceded in death by ten sisters and four brothers.

Deacon Smith leaves to cherish his memories, his loving and devoted wife Bessie Debose Smith of the home, three daughters Erica Smith of the home, Pamela (Matthew) Smith Goodwine and Rena Grimes both Of South Carolina. one son Rodney (Pauline) Debose a.k.a. boy Of Brooklyn, NY. nine grandchildren: Niya (Tony) Simpson, Nija (George) Smith Vincent, Kim Fletcher, Keith Smith, Shaesha Debose, Kywana (Algerard) Guinyard, Kyera Smith, Latamera Smith, Saquon Smith And Chianne Slocombe. twenty two great grandchildren, two sisters Sally "Thelma" Sumpter and Bernice Brunson both of South Carolina, two brothers; Kizer Dukes of New York and Leroy (Margurite) Smith of South Carolina. Five sisters-in-law; Rose Smith, Mollie Moorer, Daisy Abernathy all of New York, Arice Mccray of Virginia And Sheryle Dash of South Carolina. One brother-in-law; Melvin Debose of North Carolina. A host of nieces, nephews and godchildren. An honorable brother; Emanuel Bryant an adopted daughter Therese Martial.

# *Order of Service*

Prelude

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements & Remarks

Obituary

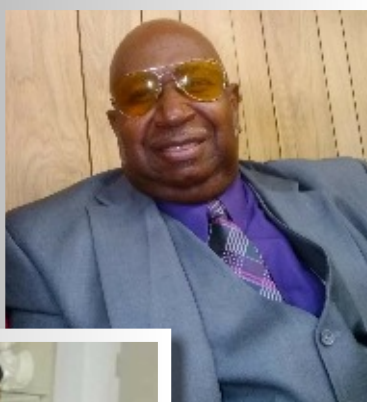
Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

## **Interment**

Cypress Hills Cemetery  
Brooklyn, New York



### *Acknowledgement*

*The family of **Deacon John Henry Smith Jr** would like to express their profound and heartfelt gratitude for every act of love and kindness extended to them during their season of bereavement.*

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