

# *Celebrating the Life of*



## *Elder Gale R. Smith*

Sunrise  
April 29, 1973

Sunset  
February 22, 2021

Thursday, March 4, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.

**Greater Bibleway Church of Christ**

20 Southard Street, Paterson, New Jersey

*Bishop Liston Page, II, Officiating*

*Elder Pamela Pettiford, Pastor*



*A few lines of Elder Gale R. Smith's  
favorite scriptures:*

*Psalm 23, Psalm 27, Psalm 91 and Isaiah 43*

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. Surely goodness  
and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will  
dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

The Lord is my light and my salvation —  
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life —  
of whom shall I be afraid?

“Forget the former things;  
do not dwell on the past.  
See, I am doing a new thing!  
If you say, The Lord is my refuge,”  
and you make the Most High your dwelling,  
no harm will overtake you,  
no disaster will come near your tent.  
For he will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have summoned you by name; you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters,  
I will be with you;  
and when you pass through the rivers,  
they will not sweep over you.  
When you walk through the fire,  
you will not be burned;  
the flames will not set you ablaze.  
For I am the Lord your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

# Obituary

Gale R. Smith was born on April 29, 1973 to the late Allen and Edna DeGraffenreid in Newark, New Jersey.

Gale, known as “Pookie” to her family and friends was educated in the Newark Public School system. She graduated from Barringer High School, Newark, NJ in 1992. She obtained an Honorary Bachelor’s in Physiology with a minor in Theology from Regent University in 2021.

In 1993 Gale was blessed with a beautiful baby girl she named her Nyteasha Mobley. Gale loved and cared for her dearly.

Gale was a member of Highway Church, Paterson, NJ where she served God faithfully under the leadership of Bishop Liston L. Page II. She served in various ministries and answered the call to ministry and became an Elder in 2010. It is here that she met and married her loving husband Lenton Smith, Jr. on July 19, 2013.

Gale worked at Overlook Hospital since 2003. From 2003-2019, she was a “Medical Office Assistant” in the O.R. She was promoted to the cancer unit as a “Unit Representative” in 2019 until she became ill and departed this life.

Gale loved spending time with her family and friends. She also loved vacationing, cruising, serving in ministry and helping others.

Gale was preceded in death by her parents, Allan and Edna DeGraffenreid and her grandparents who taught her the meaning of love Willie Sr. and Edna Miller.

Gale R. Smith departed this life on February 22, 2021 in Summit, New Jersey at Overlook Hospital.

She is survived by her husband, Lenton Smith, Jr. of Belleville, NJ; daughter Nyteasha Mobley, Newark, NJ; sister Altrissa Dukes (Reginald), Virginia Beach, VA; three stepchildren, Ka’terra, Ta’terra and Le’Quan Smith, Paterson, NJ; six step grandchildren; mother-in-law, Annie Lee Smith, (Lenton Sr. (deceased) of Belleville, NJ; brother-in-law, Arnett Smith (Demetra), Paterson, NJ; two honorary sisters, Regina Rainey, Summit, NJ and Nyree Williams (Quentin), Hillside, NJ; honorary brother, Quentin Williams; five nephews and one niece, Tommy Butts and Davon Paige of Summit, NJ; Nyell Williams of Hillside, NJ, DeVante, Alkira and Kavon Dukes of Virginia Beach, VA; three god-children, Christian Selmon, Teria Mobley and Logan Hamilton; four aunts, Lue Ann Wiley of Tallahassee, FL, Lisa DeGraffenreid-Register, Shellie DeGraffenreid-Branch, and Lavern DeGraffenreid of Newark, NJ; two uncles, Clarence (Butchie) and Dennis (Jabar) DeGraffenreid of Newark, NJ and an honorary uncle, Jerome Register also of Newark, NJ. She also leaves behind a vast of cousins and family and a multitude of friends.

# Order of Service



Elder Toby Carson (Solo) Family Friend  
Order of Service  
Elder Michael Alston, Officiant

Processional  
Clergy & Family

Invocation  
Elder Tracy Thompson

Congregational Hymn  
“We’ve Come This Far by Faith”

Scripture Readings  
Old Testament: 23rd Psalm  
(Minister Leetwan Snowden)

New Testament: John 14:1-6  
(Minister Iris Whitted)

Prayer of Comfort  
(Elder Frank Adams)

Musical Selection  
Highway Church Praise Team

Tribute from Friends (2 Minutes)  
Minister Maggie Baker  
Rev. Regina Rainey  
Dr. Doreen Byrant-Escobar

Poem  
Ms. Nyteasha Mobley (Daughter)

Music Selection  
Highway Church Praise Team

Church Letter of Resolution  
Mrs. Krystal M. Williams

Obituary  
Rev. Dr. Alan P. Walker

Music Selection  
Highway Church Praise Team

Eulogy  
Bishop Liston Page II. D. Min.  
Sr. Pastor of The Highway Church  
Paterson, NJ

Benediction & Recessional





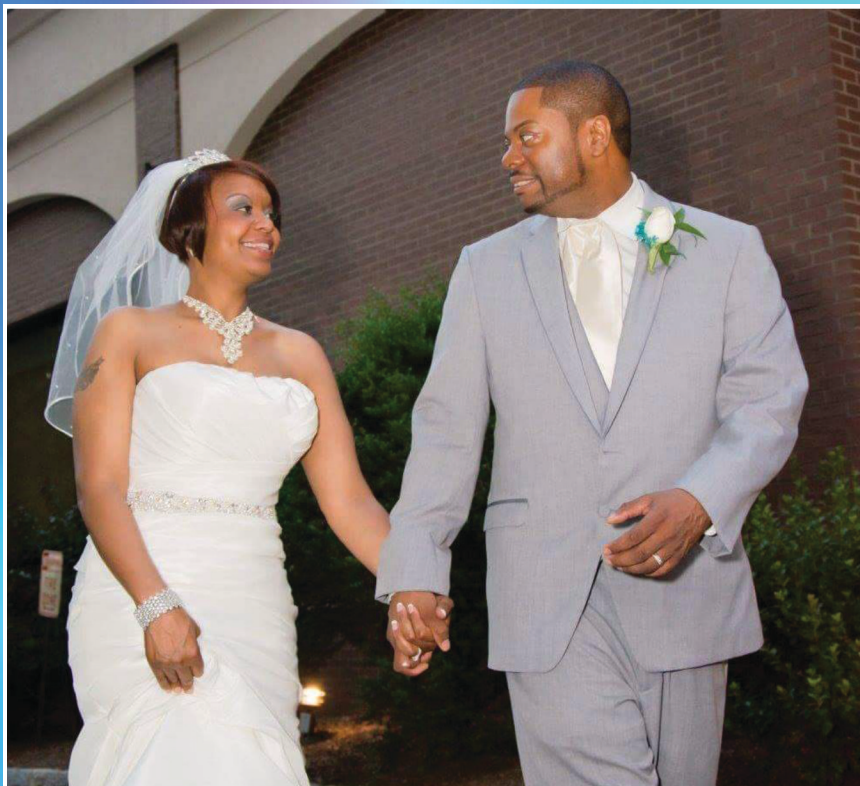
# *Precious Memories*



*My mom is a never ending song in my heart of comfort, happiness, and being. I may sometimes forget the words but always remember the tune.*



# *God's Love*





# *Our Loving Family*





## *Acknowledgment*

The family of the late **Elder Gale R. Smith** wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement.

May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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