



*Home Going Celebration of  
Harold Hinton Smith, Sr.*

**SUNRISE: February 21, 1927**

**SUNSET: October 6, 2021**

**Tuesday, October 19, 2021**

**Viewing: 9AM**

**Funeral: 10AM**

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

**2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027**

**Elder Michael Adolphus, Officiating**

# Obituary

The late **Harold Hinton Smith**, the son of the late Bessie Smith and Roscoe Hinton was born on February 21, 1927, in Raleigh, North Carolina. He was the youngest of six siblings all who are predeceased. Three weeks after he was born, his mother took him back to New York.

He received his formal education in New York City's Public School system, graduating from Haaren High School.

He met Ella Harris in 1943 and they were married in 1945. Of this marriage three children were born, predeceased Gwendolyn Smith-Patton and Harold Smith, Jr.; and surviving children, Diane C. Smith-Nicholas and adopted son, Elder Michael Adolphus.

At an early age he was baptized in Bethany Baptist Church in New York City. Upon leaving high school, he was drafted into the Army during WWII, where he served overseas returning early in 1947 receiving an Honorable Discharge. He worked odd jobs until he began to work for NYC Department of Social Services and later NYC Transit Authority from which he retired in 1988.

He leaves to mourn him: his wife, Ella Smith; daughter, Diane Nicholas; adopted son, Elder Michael Adolphus; daughter-in-law, Christie Lynes; granddaughters, Tonya Johnson, Karen Tyree, Selina Lynes, Antwanette Smith and Gwendolyn Mitchell; grandsons, Jermaine Nicholas, Harold Sean Smith and Antwann Smith; great-granddaughter, Essence Nicholas, Heaven Nicholas, Janiya Nicholas, Nena Simone Brown, Nyelle Cooper, Suri Smith, Erica Dixon, Sydnee Tyree and Jordyn Tyree; great-grandsons, Eric Rashad Patton, Souvann Brandon Nicholas, Richard Irace and Andre Cauthen; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, family and friends.

His favorite songs are "Take My Hand" and "Just A Closer Walk to Thee".

# Order of Service

Processional

Prayer.....Elder Adolphus

Hymn of Comfort.....“Precious Lord”

Scripture:

Old Testament - Ecclesiastes 3:1-4..... Essence Nicholas

New Testament - John 14:1-3..... Selina Lynes

Selection..... “Just A Closer Walk With Thee”

Acknowledgements/Cards

Remarks ..... (Two Minutes Please)

Reading of Obituary..... Essence Nicholas

Selection.....“How Great Thou Art”

Eulogy.....Elder Michael Adolphus

Final Viewing

Benediction

Recessional

**INTERMENT:**  
Calverton National Cemetery  
Calverton, New York

# *The Master Called*

I'm sorry I had to leave you.  
My loved ones, oh so dear.  
But you see, the Master called me,  
His voice was very clear!  
I had made my reservation  
A heaven bound ticket for one,  
And I knew that He would call me  
When He felt my work was done.  
I know that your hearts are heavy  
Because I have gone away,  
But when the Master called me,  
I knew that I could not stay.  
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you  
My loved ones, oh so dear,  
But, you see, the Master called me  
And, now I'm resting here.  
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory  
And to you all I say  
Just stay in the hands of Jesus  
And we'll meet again someday.  
-Author unknown

## *Acknowledgement*

*The Family of Harold Hinton Smith, Sr. wishes to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them in their time of sorrow.*

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