



## Mr Elijah Haywood Smith

March 22, 1948 - February 19, 2022

### In Loving Memory Of

Elijah Haywood Smith Sr. was born on March 22, 1948 in Palestine, Arkansas to Ethen James Smith and Addie Lou Smith (McKinney).

He was the second oldest of 14 children and learned responsibility and hard work at a young age. He often spoke of how he helps take care of his brothers and sisters.

Elijah's parents decided to leave the South for a better life. They relocated to Ohio for a short period of time, but decided to make their home in Michigan. He was educated in the Highland Park School system. This is where he met the love of his life Emma Mae Smiley.

They eventually married and to this union four children were born. In order to provide for his family, he got a job at General Motors where he worked for over 30 years, until he retired.

While working at GM, Elijah met Minister Roosevelt Black. This encounter would change his life forever. Minister Black started witnessing to him, about being baptized in Jesus' name and being filled with the Holy Spirit. Elijah did not want to hear anything the Minister had to say. He was content at the small church he attended for years, Greater Emmanuel on Sturtevant in Highland Park.

The Lord began to deal with Elijah, unaware to Elijah. He was going about his normal routine, which meant it was a Friday, so he was going to the gym to workout. All while he was packing his gym bag and preparing, he kept

hearing, "You're going to Solomon's Temple, the church Minister Black told you about. He said to himself, I must be losing my mind, I'm not going to that church! I'm going to work out, guess what he went to that church.

On October 2, 1982 Elijah received the gift of the Holy Spirit and joined Solomon's Temple. Elijah was on FIRE for the Lord and was very active in serving God's people. After receiving Salvation, Elijah brought his wife, children, siblings and friends to the Lord.

He sang in the Radio and Brotherhood Choirs, tarried with souls, served communion to the sick and shut in at nursing homes and helped out on the Nursing Guild. He also enjoyed traveling to the COOLJC Conventions.

Elijah enjoyed cooking, ragging (shopping at thrift stores), singing, decorating, and fashion. He modeled in his younger years and dabbled in modern dance. He enjoyed plays, dance and ice-skating performances. He was a very caring, gentle and loving man who would help anyone.

My sibilings and I called him Daddy, some called him June Bug, Rev, Eli and even Old Dude (affectionately by Eli Jr.).

God called him His child and took him back home on Saturday, February 19, 2022.

He leaves to cherish his memories:, his children, Rachelle, Rashonda (James), Elijah (Reva) and Ethan (Timkeydia); 19 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, 5 brothers (1 preceded him in death), 4 sisters (3 preceded him in death) and a host of nieces and nephews.

# Previous Events

## Family Hour

Thursday, Mar. **24.** 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Solomon's Temple  
2341 E. Seven Mile Road  
Detroit, MI 48234

## Funeral Service

Thursday, Mar. **24.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr Elijah Haywood Smith*

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January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *We are saddened to learn about your family loss. Continue to rely on God and know that he hears your prayers , because he cares for you. With caring thoughts.*

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**Evans family** - April 28, 2022 at 05:23 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Marylyn Smith Phillips** - March 22, 2022 at 04:28 PM

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“ *Dear Cousins*

*We send our condolences and prayers to you and your families for the passing of your brother, father, grandfather, and our cousin Elijah.*

*Although many years have passed the memories of time spent during our childhood and the years as adults will stay with us always.*

*He was always fun to be around and a constant reminder of his father E.J., that we had the pleasure of knowing.*

*Wishing you peace.*

*Daughters of Charlie Danzel Smith (Uncle Charles)*

*` Darlinda Smith-Van Buren (Michigan)*

*Charlene Crossley (Michigan)*

*Dr. Donna De Young Smith (Michigan)*

*Dr. Aminia Baruti (Phyllis Rene'e Smith) (Texas)*

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*Daughters of Fannie Smith*

*Marylyn Smith Phillips (Illinois)*

*Carolyn Smith (Illinois)*

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**D. Van Buren** - March 21, 2022 at 07:20 PM

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“ *Smith Cousins purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr Elijah Haywood Smith.*



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**Smith Cousins** - March 21, 2022 at 06:53 PM