



## **Mr. William Clarence Smith, Jr.**

August 19, 1927 - February 26, 2016

### His Journey:

William C. Smith Jr. was born to the late Ida James and William S. Smith on August 19, 1927 in Braddock, PA. William confessed his belief in Christ at an early age, and continued his walk with the Lord as a faithful member of Chapel Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan where he was affectionately known as "Smitty," until he was called home to glory.

William attended Braddock Public Schools and was a drummer for his high schools band. After high school William began working in the Steel Mills of Braddock, PA at this time in his life in the year of 1946, William's first son Jevona was born.

William moved to Detroit, MI in 1952 where he met and eventually married Jean Martin and to their union four boys were born. He was a dedicated father and provider working as a Stationary Engineer for the City of Detroit until his retirement. William continued his passion of playing the drums at prestigious jazz clubs around the city of Detroit.

He enjoyed most of all playing his drums to the beat of jazz, he also had a love for tennis and wood work, and was lovingly called Pops by many of his sons' friends who admired his loving and nurturing character.

William departed this life on Friday, February 26, 2016.

# Previous Events

## Family Hour

Monday, Mar. 7. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Chapel Hill Missionary Baptist Church  
5000 Joy Road  
Detroit, MI 48204

## Funeral Service

Monday, Mar. 7. 10:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. William Clarence Smith, Jr.*

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January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Pastor Raymond and Missionary Karen Willis; We want you and the entire Family of Bro William Clarence Smith, Jr. to know that you have our deepest sympathy. We are in prayer for you and we also send our Love to you as a source of strength. God is covering you and comforting you in a way that no one else can comfort. " To be absent from this body is to present with the Lord" II Corinthians 5: 8.*

*Miss'y Karen, we say be encourage the Lord will be a Father for the Fatherless and He will be there in the time of need. We Love You!!!!*

*Pastor & Mrs. Robert Bullard, Jr.*

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**Mary Bullard** - March 07, 2016 at 10:04 AM



“ *With deepest sympathy for the loss of your loved one.*

*From,  
Ernestine Smith & Family*

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**Ernestine Smith** - March 07, 2016 at 09:01 AM



“ *Cedric and Family;  
Please know that we share your grief. May God continue to heal your heart. Sending prayers to you and your family  
Felecia and family*

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**felecia mcdaniel** - March 07, 2016 at 08:56 AM