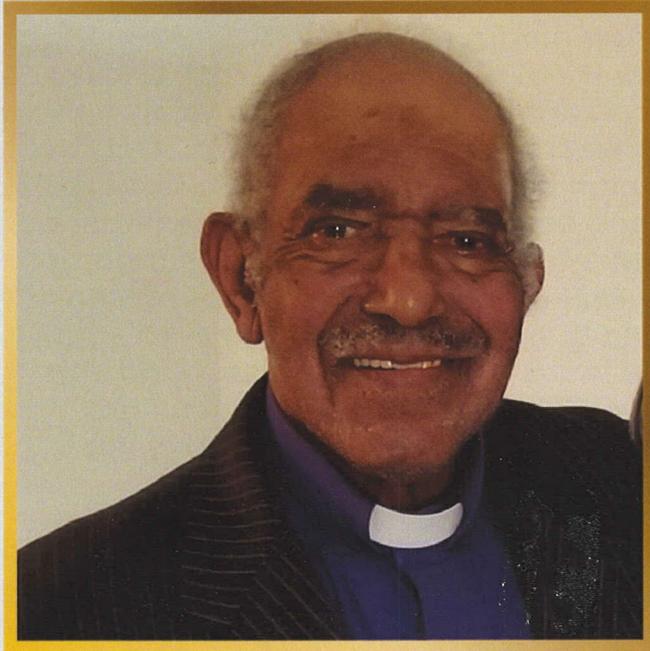




Celebration of Life
For
Pastor Emeritus Paul Smith



Sunrise
February 6, 1938

Sunset
May 16, 2021

Monday, May 24, 2021

Visitation: 10:30AM Services: 11:30AM

Community Christian Church

**9514 Richmond Road
Warsaw, VA 22572**

**Bishop Forrest Nance, Jr.
Faith Temple, NFCOG
Officiating**

Apostle Ivan L. Grant, Sr. - Eulogist



Obituary

Paul Smith, was born to the late William Henry and Mary Fannie Smith on February 6, 1938, in Mt. Holly, VA. He was the baby of eleven children. Very early on Sunday, May 16, 2021 at 5:54 am Paul received a summons from his earthly house of pain and suffering to his mansion just over the hilltop, on the eternal streets of glory.

Paul was educated in the public schools of Westmoreland County, where he graduated from A.T. Johnson High School. It was there he played basketball and met a young lady Ida Lane who he married and from this union three children were born; Theresa, Vivian, and Timothy.

When this union was dissolved with Ida leaving, Paul stepped up and bore the mantle of a true father by raising his three children. He had the help and support of a large village while working two and three jobs most of the time. He was an avid farmer, waterman, and even a supervisor at Arrowhead Industrial plant. He also found enjoyment in hunting deer, and was the best deer and gravy cooker around. His skills of cooking were passed along to his children.

Several years after his children were grown and able to stand on their own two feet he met a young lady named Edith Edwards who stole his heart, and from this union came two more Smith children; Samuel and Angela.

Paul was an extraordinary father and husband. His family loved him beyond measure, as well as his children's friends. After moving to Richmond, Virginia he was employed by the Virginia Department of Transportation until he retired.

Pastor Paul as he was known to so many was raised in a God-fearing home with his ten brothers and sisters. He taught Sunday School, played the piano, and then accepted his call to ministry while at the Mt. Olive Holiness Church.

He was licensed and ordained by the Mt. Sinai Holy Churches of America, Inc and later became the Pastor of Mt. Olive in 1997. He retired from the pastorate at Mt. Olive in 2013, but never lost his hunger for the souls of men and women in the Northern Neck. Pastor Paul loved visiting the sick and praying for them. Helping the needy, and those less fortunate. His life's mission was to win souls for Christ and to share God's love. He could strike up a conversation with strangers and make them feel like he had known them for years.

After leaving Mt. Sinai Holy Churches of America and his earnest desire to fulfill the call of God on his life Pastor Paul prayed and listened to the voice of God, and joined the National Fellowship Churches of God, Inc. under the leadership of Apostle Ivan L. Grant, Sr. and Bishop Forrest Nance, Jr.

Not long after, being led by the spirit of God, Pastor Emeritus and Bishop Nance established Faith Temple Church where he served faithfully as the Assistant Pastor. Desiring to gain more knowledge and wisdom he enrolled in their National Fellowship Churches of God Bible Institute.

In 2016, Pastor Paul joined the ranks of their growing Alumni. His dedication to the completion of the curriculum confirms that one's passion for a greater knowledge through the advance study of God's Word has no age limits. Because he was the most senior graduate of his class he was given the Messenger Merit Award. He also held the honor of being the first Emeritus Pastor, and because of his faithfulness and wisdom to the Body of Christ and the National Fellowship Church of God he was consecrated as the first Father of the Nation of NFCOG.

Pastor Paul endured hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. When his health began to fail and he depended on oxygen he never let that stop him from doing the work God called him to do. Even these last few weeks in the hospital he was making full proof of his ministry. He was an example of Christ in word and in deed. He truly fought a good fight and has gone to get his reward.

He was preceded in death by his parents William and Mary Fannie Smith, and his six brothers; Benjamin, Sam, Malachi, William, Jeremiah, and Daniel; four sisters, Marie, Ruth, Mary, and Ellen; and beloved son Timothy.

He leaves to cherish fond memories; his wife of 39 years Edith Edwards Smith, four children; Theresa Sellers (Leroy), Rev. Vivian, Samuel and Angela Smith; seven grandchildren, Lakychia, Latoyia, Telmira, Jamiria, Charles, John III, and Darius; great grandchildren, great, great grandchildren, and a host of other loving family and friends. This servant of the Most High God will be missed.

The Family



Order of Service

Processional

Musical Selection

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament..... Psalms 23
New Testament..... 2 Timothy 4:6-8

Musical Selection

Acknowledgements/Church Papers/Obituary

Tributes (2 minutes please)

Friends
Ministers
Family

Eulogistic Solo

Eulogy Apostle Ivan L Grant, Sr.
Nat'l Fellowship Churches of God, Inc.
Jacksonville, FL

Recessional





I've Changed My Address

I've changed my address to Heaven
I've crossed the Great Divide.
I know there's no sorrow or crying,
Because I've reached the other side.
I am so happy to be here,
for the Lord Himself I see.
I've changed my address to Heaven,
I bid this world goodbye.
I now live forever with Jesus in
my new home in the sky.
I have no burdens or heartaches
And from tears I am now free.
I've changed my address to Heaven,
I'm safe forevermore.
For the Lord built a mansion
And my name is on the door.
You can find us walking together,
For where He is, I'll always be.
I've changed my address to Heaven,
That's the place you'll find me.

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to express their sincere deep appreciation and gratitude for the many cards, telephone calls, prayers, visits, and all other acts of kindness extended to them.

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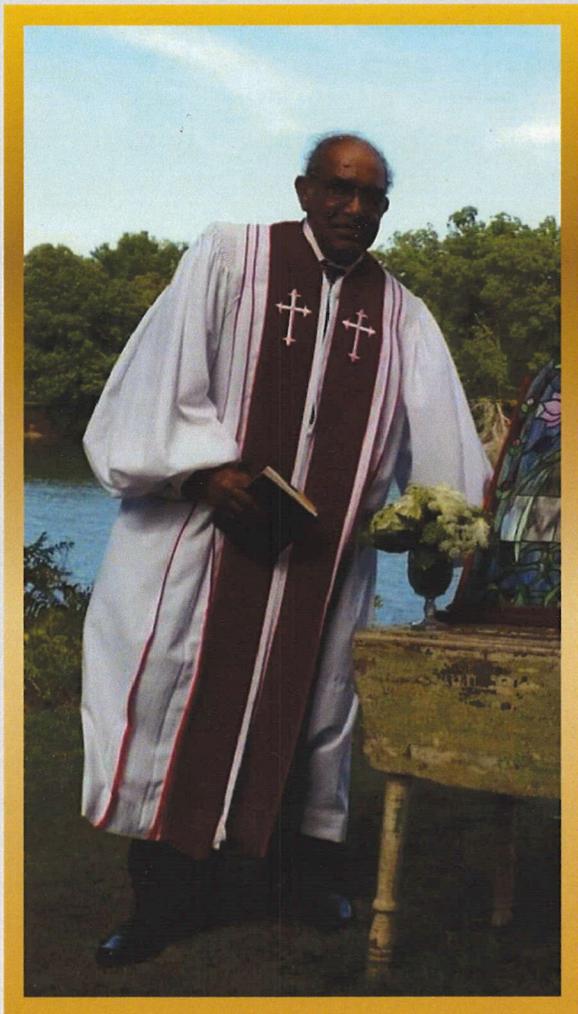
Internment

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