



David Lee Smith

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David Smith, age 82, peacefully transitioned into the loving embrace of Jesus Christ on April 7, 2026. He was born in Tunica, Mississippi, and later moved to Memphis, Tennessee, where he was raised. At the age of 19, he journeyed to Jackson, Michigan, where he began building the foundation for his future. At 21, David married Betty Norris. Together, they were blessed with three wonderful daughters: Corrina (Michael) Smith of Atlanta, Georgia; Yvette Smith Hughes of Jackson, Michigan; and Devette Smith Simpson of Atlanta, Georgia. He is also survived by his only son, Tony Payne of Battle Creek, Michigan. David was a devoted Christian who loved people and was known for being fun-loving, kindhearted, and a great provider for his family. He began his career at Yard-Man until the company closed. He later became a trained Quality Control Lab Technician at Aeroquip, where he worked faithfully until his retirement in 1992. In 1992, David experienced the deep sorrow of losing his beloved wife, Betty Norris Smith, following an illness. Later in life, David found love again and married Sandra Long on July 4, 1993. They shared 32 wonderful years of marriage until his passing. Together, David and Sandra raised their nephew, Jasper Fell, and their two granddaughters, Glory and Gabrielle Hughes. Sandra and David also devoted 11 years to nurturing children at Alphabet Child Center. She remained a loving and faithful caregiver to David until the very end, with special assistance from Daughter Yvette. David was a devoted member of Second Baptist Missionary Church for approximately 30 years, serving under the leadership of the late Pastor Amos Pope Williams and later Pastor Darius Williams. He faithfully participated in the Men's Choir and served on the Usher Board until illness no longer allowed him to attend. David enjoyed expressing his creativity both inside and outside the home. He loved sports, traveling, cooking, and singing. He was preceded in death by his parents, North Smith and Minnie Pearl Fell; his sisters, Linda Smith, Delores Johnson, and Rose Clemon; and his brothers, Leroy Clemon and Don



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Clemon. He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Sandra Smith; his children, Anthony Payne, Corrina (Michael) Smith, Yvette Smith Hughes, and Devette Smith Simpson; his grandchildren, Ashley, Christopher, Glory, Gabrielle, Jessica, Gwen, and Demetrius; his great-grandchildren, Emory and Zury; his surviving brothers, Jon Clemon, Graylon Fell, Terry Fell, and Elbert Hubbard; his surviving sisters, Brenda Smith, Sharon (Frank) Halley, Corrine (Glen) Gray, and Lori (Pastor James) Crawford; along with a host aunts, nieces, nephews, extended family, and dear friends. David also cherished three close friends: Kenny Patton, Walter Lawson, and Chris Brass. He will be profoundly missed and lovingly remembered by all who knew him.



Events

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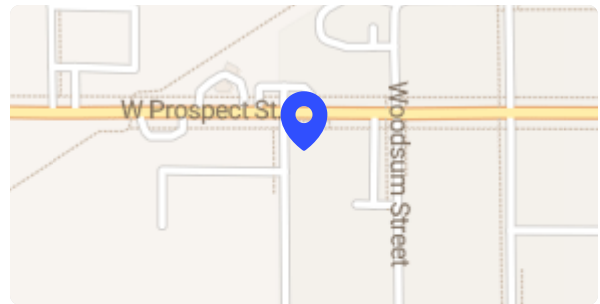
Visitation

Friday, April 24, 2026

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM ET

The House of Johnson Funeral Home- Jackson Chapel

235 West Prospect Street, Jackson MI 49203



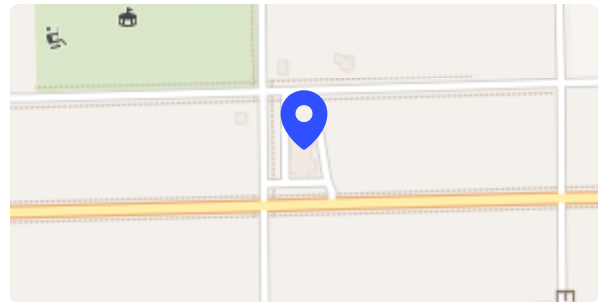
Family Hour

Saturday, April 25, 2026

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

Second Missionary Baptist Church

304 E. Prospect Street, Jackson MI 49203



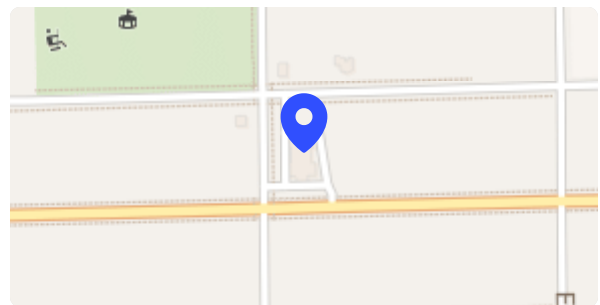
Funeral Service

Saturday, April 25, 2026

11:00 AM ET

Second Missionary Baptist Church

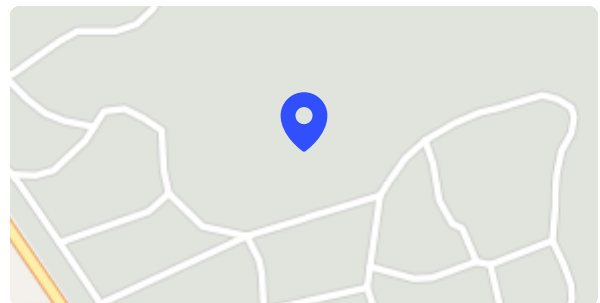
304 E. Prospect Street, Jackson MI 49203



Cemetery Details

Woodland Cemetery

2615 Francis Street, Jackson MI 49203





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Haruo And Julie Willter sent a Days of Sunshine Bouquet to the Smith family.

April 24 at 3:16 PM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of David.

April 22 at 4:04 PM



Anonymous sent a Divine Light to the Smith family.

April 22 at 4:04 PM



Jackie, Christal & Donald Boy Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of David.

April 22 at 10:00 AM



Jackie, Christal & Donald Boy Family sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Smith family.

April 22 at 10:00 AM



From The Mathis, Hunter, Robinson Family sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Smith family.

April 17 at 11:24 AM





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John Clemon & Family Of Sacramento, Ca sent a Large Basket Garden to the Smith family.

April 15 at 12:18 AM



Ronald Long lit a candle in honor of David.

Our condolences and prayers 🙏 to Sandra and the rest of the Smith family from Doreen and Ronald

April 14 at 10:20 PM



Frank And Sharon Hally & Family, Sac, Ca sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Smith family.

April 14 at 6:28 PM



Laurie Howell lit a candle in honor of David.

My prayers to you all Michael and Laurie Howell

April 14 at 4:05 AM



Mamamattie Mae lit a candle in honor of David.

April 13 at 6:51 AM



Dana White lit a candle in honor of David.

April 11 at 12:08 PM





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Linda Austin lit a candle in honor of David.

April 11 at 10:31 AM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Smith family.

April 10 at 6:11 PM



Janice Norris-Walker sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Smith family.

April 10 at 4:23 PM



Samella Kendrick posted:

GOD WILL HEAL YOUR BROKEN HEARTS AND BIND UP YOUR WOUNDS ACCORDING TO PSALMS 147:3.

April 10 at 12:41 PM



Arlene Robinson lit a candle in honor of David.

To the Smith family, Sending my sincere condolences to the family of David Smith. May the love of our Lord and Savior surround each of you in the days to come. Keeping each of you in my thoughts and prayers.

April 10 at 12:21 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring David by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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