



## **RET SGM Charles Warren Smith Sr.**

May 16, 1943 - July 31, 2024

Charles Warren Smith, born on May 16, 1943, in Montgomery County, Alabama, passed away peacefully, leaving behind a legacy of love, dedication, and service. He was the cherished son of the late Ora Lee Bell and was the second eldest of five siblings. Charles received his early education at Booker T. Washington School in Montgomery before furthering his studies at Fayetteville Technical Community College in North Carolina.

Charles was a pillar of Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church, where he was a devoted member for 47 years. His contributions were many and varied: he served on the Board of Trustees, participated in the Male Chorus and Mass Choir, and Deacon over Mission Circle Number Six and the Clothing Giveaway Ministry. Notably, he founded the Laymen's League at the church under the pastoral leadership of Pastor Perry B. Irby. On February 20, 2011, he was ordained as a Deacon by Dr. Carl E. Brinkley Jr. In April 2024, Charles was honored with the title of Deacon Emeritus, recognizing his lifelong commitment to the church.

For over 35 years, Charles was a passionate coach for Mt. Olive's youth and adult softball teams. His positive attitude, unwavering faith, and exemplary leadership made him a beloved figure and an inspiration to all who knew him. His impact on the community was profound, earning him deep respect and admiration.

Charles' life was a testament to his commitment to family and faith. He is survived by his devoted wife, Alice Smith, with whom he shared a lifetime of cherished memories. Together, they raised two sons: Charles W. Smith Jr. (Kenesha), and Xavier L. Smith. His family grew to include eleven beloved grandchildren: Sian, Carlos, Jonathan, Azaria, Xavier Jr., Santana, Azalea, Jordin, and Kourtney, Tyshawn, LenDaya. Charles is also remembered with love by his surviving sisters Gwendolyn Bell and Mildred Braswell (preceded in death by his loving sisters (Beverly McGhee, and LaPelza Riley), as well as a host of nieces and nephews. Family gatherings, holidays, and cookouts were especially precious to him.

Charles Warren Smith will be remembered as a devoted husband, loving father, grandfather, uncle and dedicated community leader whose legacy of service and faith continues to inspire. He will be dearly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

AUG 15. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel  
2010 Murchison Road  
Fayetteville, NC 28311

## Funeral

AUG 16. 12:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church  
118 Johnson St.  
Fayetteville, NC 28303

## Burial

AUG 16. 2:00 PM (ET)

Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery  
8220 Bragg Blvd  
Spring Lake, NC 28390

# Tribute Wall



“ Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of RET SGM Charles Warren Smith Sr.



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - August 16, 2024 at 03:08 PM

SM

“ Syreeta Murdock lit a candle in memory of Charles Smith



Syreeta Murdock - August 20, 2024 at 08:47 AM

LC

“ Well done thou good & faithful servant. Retired military man whose service was outstanding and highly respected! Condolences to the Family 🙏🙏

Larry & Phyllis Cannon - August 16, 2024 at 11:55 AM

SB

“ Stella Boykin lit a candle in memory of Charles Smith



Stella Boykin - August 16, 2024 at 09:16 AM

AH

“ Sending love and my condolences 💕💕



Aziana Harris - August 15, 2024 at 03:14 PM

BC

“ *"For such a time as this," I send my deepest condolences to Sister Alice Smith and the family. Deacon Charles Smith was always nice with that cool, quiet, caring spirit and his sense of humor. Continuous prayers for you all daily!! God bless and strengthen you for the days ahead!!* ❤️🌹  
*Minister Beverly Carmichael*



Beverly Carmichael - August 15, 2024 at 01:53 PM

JJ

“ *My wife and I offer our sincere condolences to the entire family of SGM Smith. This is a time when we are challenged to reconcile the co-existence of weeping and wondering. We are also challenged to reconcile the co-existence of grief and glory. His displayed a quiet distinction as a retired Jump Master and a good neighbor in the our community.*

*May the Peace of the Lord be with the entire family Always.*

*Joseph F. and Rowena P. Johnson  
6520 Foxberry Road, Fayetteville, NC 28314*

Joseph F. and Rowena P. Johnson - August 15, 2024 at 09:36 AM

SR

“ Sincerely, Crystal Reyescarrion purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of RET SGM Charles Warren Smith Sr..



Sincerely, Crystal Reyescarrion - August 14, 2024 at 09:57 PM

GM

“ George & Cheryl Minick lit a candle in memory of RET SGM Charles Warren Smith Sr.



George & Cheryl Minick - August 14, 2024 at 11:18 AM

GM

“ George & Cheryl Minick purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of RET SGM Charles Warren Smith Sr..



George & Cheryl Minick - August 14, 2024 at 11:13 AM

CP

“ Dear Alice, My heart & 🙏 goes out to you & the family. Smitty's presence, quiet demeanor & gentleness will be missed by me. Thank you for sharing Smitty with us. Mt Olive has lost two true deacons this year. Lovely, Sister Corliss Parson



Corliss J Parson - August 13, 2024 at 12:55 PM

TK

“ *Tanya Kelly lit a candle in memory of Charles Smith*



Tanya Kelly - August 12, 2024 at 11:34 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of RET SGM Charles Warren Smith Sr..*



August 12, 2024 at 11:27 PM

TW

“ *Teresa Bell and Willie Wallace purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of RET SGM Charles Warren Smith Sr..*



Teresa Bell and Willie Wallace - August 12, 2024 at 10:31 PM

NB

“ *Norcott Erie Bell lit a candle in memory of RET SGM Charles Warren Smith Sr.*



Norcott Erie Bell - August 10, 2024 at 11:33 PM

WD

“ To Mrs. Smith and the family I give my deepest condolences 🌸 thank you 🙏 for allowing me to be apart of y'all life. And thank you and your children,for trusting me with Mr. Smith AKA CHEIF

Wahtika Drayton - August 09, 2024 at 07:01 PM

AL

“ Keeping the family uplifted in prayer as you go through this difficult time. We pray the Lord keeps his arms wrapped around you all. Be Blessed!



Ancoliah Lucas - August 09, 2024 at 10:19 AM

SB

“ Sarah C Blue lit a candle in memory of Charles Smith



Sarah C Blue - August 09, 2024 at 10:02 AM

TH

“ Praying for the Smith family. SGM Smith was one of the best leaders I have ever served with and a great friend and example of a husband and father. I will see you on the other side Smitty!

Taswell Henderson - August 08, 2024 at 08:25 PM

TB

“ Teresa Bell lit a candle in memory of RET SGM Charles Warren Smith Sr.



Teresa Bell - August 08, 2024 at 07:11 PM

GH

“ My sympathy and love for you Alice and the family. Be strong and know that others are standing with you and you are not alone.



Geraldine F. Hastie - August 08, 2024 at 02:06 PM

JH

“ Jacqueline Jones Hill lit a candle in memory of Charles Smith



Jacqueline Jones Hill - August 08, 2024 at 12:45 AM

PW

“ Princess Watson lit a candle in memory of RET SGM Charles Warren Smith Sr.



Princess Watson - August 07, 2024 at 12:41 PM

JB

“ Praying that God will give you the strength to get through this tough time. Joyce Beverly



Joyce Beverly - August 06, 2024 at 06:11 PM

CA

“ Carolyn Olivari (Montgomery AL) lit a candle in memory of Charles Smith



Carolyn Olivari (Montgomery AL) - August 06, 2024 at 05:11 PM

SA

“ Alice, you and your family have our heartfelt sympathy and love at this time, as you celebrate the life of Deacon Charles Smith.



Sandra A. Smith & Family

Sandra A. Smith - August 06, 2024 at 05:00 PM

BS

“ Beatrice Staniel lit a candle in memory of Charles Smith



Beatrice Staniel - August 05, 2024 at 01:00 PM

SM

“ *Sorry for your loss, he will be missed*



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**Samuel Monroe** - August 05, 2024 at 08:17 AM

VC

“ *VANESSA CARTER lit a candle in memory of Charles Smith*



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**VANESSA CARTER** - August 04, 2024 at 09:24 PM

LA

“ *I am sorry for your lost Deacon Charles Smith. Alice and family please accept my condolences to you and family for Deacon Charles Smith. May God blessed you and keep you near the cross. There is no other way. Deacon always seems like a quiet and respectable man. Please receive my unselfish love and respect. Love you dearly.*



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**linda alston** - August 04, 2024 at 01:20 PM

NS

“ *My condolences to Alice and the family. May God give you strength at this difficult time. God bless you all.*

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**Nellie Smith** - August 04, 2024 at 12:01 PM

NS

“ *Nellie Smith lit a candle in memory of Charles Smith*



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**Nellie Smith** - August 04, 2024 at 11:59 AM

SJ

“ *Shirley Jones lit a candle in memory of Charles Smith*



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**Shirley Jones** - August 03, 2024 at 06:36 PM

AE

“ *Audrey Elliott lit a candle in memory of Charles Smith*



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**Audrey Elliott** - August 03, 2024 at 05:53 PM

TD

“ *Thaddeus Daniels lit a candle in memory of Charles Smith*



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**Thaddeus Daniels** - August 03, 2024 at 07:39 AM

CM

“ *Deepest Condolences to Alice Smith and family, God Bless you all.*

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**Carolyn J. Monroe** - August 02, 2024 at 08:17 PM

CM

“ *Carolyn J. Monroe lit a candle in memory of Charles Smith*



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**Carolyn J. Monroe** - August 02, 2024 at 08:14 PM

MH

*Condolences to Mrs. Alice and her family. He will truly be missed.*

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**Michael Hubbert** - August 04, 2024 at 04:03 PM