



## Prophet William Earl Smith II

August 30, 1982 - June 6, 2021

Our Beloved, William Earl Smith II graduated to his heavenly body on Sunday June 6, 2021. Born to William E. & Michelle B. Smith on August 30, 1982 Earl was the youngest and only brother to 3 sisters. He received his High School diploma in 2001 from South View High. Inspired by his Uncle Tyrone, Earl began learning how to play the drums at the very young age of 3 at Revival Center Church of God in Christ under the leadership of the Late Great Superintendent C.D. McNeill, where Earl used to sweat out his clothes mimicking the Late Reverend's shouting and preaching styles. He found a permanent seat over in the musicians' corner where he watched with intensity the incomparable Missionary Ruth Shephard as she would make the organ sing and lead the choir into high worship and shabach praise service after service year in and year out. Little did we know this would be the start of his predestined journey to become the Musician, Minister of Music, Minister, Praise Leader, and Prophet that we all grew to love, respect and care for. As a young teenager, Earl moved on with his family to attend Refreshing Springs Ministry C.O.G.I.C. where he continued to develop his musical skills. This is where he really began to gain an understanding of how to be a praise and worship leader under the direction of Helen Caesar. Knowing that he was anointed by God from his mother's womb, William started to follow his calling for ministry. He developed strong relationships with and played for a plethora of music industry artists, Bishops, Pastors, Churches and groups worldwide. In 2015, he began his own Gospel group named "William Earl Smith & The

Shabach Movement” showing his true talent as the praise and worship leader he had become. Earl’s ear for music is apparent when you listen to the over 100 original songs he has written and performed. He most recently released his first single “For The Rest of My Life” which is a testament to his unbreakable relationship with God! His reach was far and wide and most effective under the grooming and guidance of his spiritual mother, Apostle Carolyn Hicks who he had met early in his teenage years while singing with his spiritual sister, Angel, Southview High’s gospel choir. Earl had the ability to birth worship songs right on the spot in the midst of a high praise! He gave out of his soul each and every time he ministered, both from the pulpit and from the keys, and in doing so, many hearts were delivered and souls set free! His voice was anointed to usher in God’s Holy Spirit every time he sang! Not only did he touch people with his music, but Earl’s spirit and sense of humor gained him an extended family like none other! It is almost impossible to fathom how one person could develop close bonds with such a vast array of people and personalities! This truly speaks to his character and his humbleness. He loved people with the heart of God and welcomed them to do the same with others! Earl loved to help people, which was why he worked with group homes when he wasn’t ministering. Over the years he also enjoyed working as Night Auditor in the Hotel Industry, lastly employed with Tru by Hilton, Fayetteville I-95.

William leaves to hold and cherish these lovely memories, his father and mother, 3 sisters; Sonya Smith of Hope Mills, NC, Linda Caesar (Mario) of Fayetteville, NC, and Zaneta Smith of Hope Mills, NC, 2 nephews; Larry Hannans III of Hope Mills, NC and Petty Officer 2nd Class Hezekiah Smith Naval Base of San Diego, CA; 3 nieces, Sonae Smith of Hope Mills, NC, Asia Hannans of Fayetteville, NC and Zariah McGrady Smith of Hope Mills, NC; 3 uncles, Robert Smith(Late Carolyn) and Tyrone Green of Fayetteville, NC , Michael Busch (Margaret) of Highpoint, NC; 1 Aunt, Diane Berry of Philadelphia, PA, an adopted Grandmother; Tholinda Franklin of Fayetteville, NC, and a host of Great Aunts and Great Uncles, cousins, extended family

and friends! To say he will be missed is an understatement! Rest well son,  
brother and 'Best' friend!!

# Previous Events

## Viewing with Family Present

JUN 12. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church  
4320 Doc Bennett Road  
Fayetteville, NC 28306

## Viewing

JUN 12. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral

JUN 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

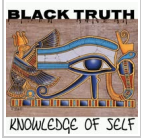
Cape Fear Conference B Hqrts  
10225 Fayetteville Rd.  
Raeford, NC 28376

## Burial

JUN 14. 12:00 PM (ET)

Rockfish Memorial Park  
4017 Gillespie Street  
Fayetteville, NC

# Tribute Wall



“ *My Sincere, Deepest Sympathy & Condolences to the Smith family for their loss. From Lisa McLaurin & Family.* ”



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**Lisa McLaurin** - June 12, 2021 at 01:27 PM



“ *Natasha Offor lit a candle in memory of Prophet William Earl Smith II* ”



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**Natasha Offor** - June 11, 2021 at 07:06 PM



“ *The Sensational Williams Sisters sent a virtual gift in memory of Prophet William Earl Smith II* ”



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**The Sensational Williams Sisters** - June 11, 2021 at 12:47 PM

AT

“ Alison, Jordan, Jerica, Jackie, Terri purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Prophet William Earl Smith II.



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**Alison, Jordan, Jerica, Jackie, Terri** - June 11, 2021 at 11:54 AM

EW

“ Eldress Karen Teasley And The Williams lit a candle in memory of Prophet William Earl Smith II



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**Eldress Karen Teasley and The Williams** - June 11, 2021 at 08:36 AM

PM

“ Rest easy Prophet Smith. I saw you Friday night in service as you shared with us your musical gift as Pastor Godfrey brought forth the word “Knowing your assignment.” I didn’t know it was going being my last time seeing you. May God bless your family during this difficult time.

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**Pastor Ronnie McKoy** - June 10, 2021 at 06:27 PM



“ Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Prophet William Earl Smith II.



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June 10, 2021 at 03:01 PM

CC

“ God is still praised for the life and ministry of Prophet William Earl Smith. Play on Prophet.

Pastor Kenneth Swann and Cameron Grove  
AME Zion Church, Broadway NC



Cameron Grove AME Zion Church - June 10, 2021 at 02:21 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - June 10, 2021 at 09:38 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Prophet William Earl Smith II.



June 10, 2021 at 08:08 AM

JE

“ My sincere condolences to the family.(Earl) is what I knew him by he was a talented musician and I count it a blessing to have had our paths to cross in the house of the Lord. ❤️



Janice Elliott - June 09, 2021 at 11:54 PM

DI

“ *Darlene Isom lit a candle in memory of Prophet William Earl Smith II*



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**Darlene Isom** - June 09, 2021 at 02:06 PM

SB

“ *Sending my condolences and prayers GOD peace comfort and strength to family he will be greatly missed. Awesome musician and man of GOD. RIP*



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**Susan Bryant** - June 09, 2021 at 12:58 PM

TS

“ *My condolence to the family in the loss of a great minstrel and friend. Sleep on "cuz" and take your rest!!*

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**Tony G Smith** - June 09, 2021 at 10:46 AM

JC

*We send our condolences to the family. You have lost a great son, minister and musician. Earl was like a son to us also. We loved him from the first time we meet him and always will. He gone but Earl will never forgotten.*

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**James & Charlotte Crouell** - June 09, 2021 at 08:35 PM