



Jimmy Allen Smith

January 30, 1953 - January 23, 2022

Jimmy Allen Smith (PawPaw, Jim Allen, Pastor Jimmy) was born January 30, 1953 in Stockton, California to Jimmy Lee and Jerestine Smith. He attended Bearden High School and he worshiped at Bearden Church of God in Christ, where the Pastor was Superintendent Donnie Aaron, and his mother, Jerestine, was the church mother until her passing. Pastor Jimmy taught Sunday school, lead worship service, and served on the Deacon Board. God had such a calling on his life and he was saved at the age of 21 under Pastor Aaron, and began preaching 3 months later. Serving a short time as Assistant Pastor of Bearden Church of God in Christ, he also worked Full-Time at Georgia Pacific, and started his own crafting/sewing business, where he crafted baby bibs, Christmas Stockings, and other items. During this time, he was called to start his own church, becoming founder and Pastor of New St. Bethany Church of God in Christ. Pastor Jimmy and his family moved to Toledo, Ohio in the late 1990's. While in Toledo, he worked for Toledo Blade for 17 years and retired. He served as Assistant Pastor at Emmanuel Church of God in Christ, and held positions as District Sunday school Superintendent and Finance Secretary for 12 years. Pastor Jimmy, then founded Divine Mission Church of God in Christ, where he pastored for 13 years until his passing. He worked tirelessly and genuinely to help those who were blessed to come in contact with him.

Pastor Jimmy, was a man who loved life and loved his family. His wife, of 36

years, Sister Bertha Smith, has faithfully worked along side him to carry out God's word and help raise his children. He is the father to three sons, two daughters, one step-son, and one step-daughter. Philandus Rideout, Roderick Smith(Melinda Smith), Crystal Brown(CharMar Brown), Monica Loveland, Joshua Smith, Jerome Carroll, and Jeanette Carroll.

Pastor Jimmy is preceded in death by his parents, Jimmy Lee Smith and Mother Jerestine Smith, Brother, Elder Donald Wayne Smith, brother in law, Charles Jeffers, and son-in-law Jason Loveland.

Pastor Jimmy's bright smile, calming demeanor, and welcoming personality made it very easy for everyone to love him. He brought positivity everywhere he went. He was loved immensely by every one he touched.

Pastor Jimmy is survived by his wife, Sister Bertha Smith, and his 5 children and 2 step-children, mentioned above. Also, his five sisters, Carolyn Benson(Gary Benson), Martha Aaron, Ruby Jeffers, Cynthia Thompson(Donald Thompson), Pamela Davis(Seven Davis), and his two brothers, Richard Smith(Eliza Smith), and Marcus Smith. A host of grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, whom he loved and cherished. Also his faithful Divine Mission COGIC members, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family, and friends.

Previous Events

Wake

FEB 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Divine Mission Church of God In Christ
201 Guy Street
Walbridge, OH 43465

Funeral Service

FEB 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SI

“ Thank you for sharing the word while you were here. Love to both Pastor's, you and DW.



Sister - August 01, 2023 at 05:02 PM

SI

“ You made it home. ❤️



Sister - June 30, 2022 at 01:49 PM

SI

“ Sister sent a virtual gift in memory of Jimmy Allen Smith



Sister - June 30, 2022 at 01:47 PM

MA

“ Prayers go out to my Aunt Bertha and his Children and Family ❤️

Michele Russell , Camden Arkansas - January 27, 2022 at 07:54 PM

JD

Condolences to the Smith family jimmy was my classmate and friend praying 🙏🙏🙏 for the family

Jerry Davis - February 01, 2022 at 01:18 AM

FN

“ *Faye Nelson lit a candle in memory of Jimmy Allen Smith*



Faye Nelson - January 27, 2022 at 03:48 PM

LS

*My 1st cousin Jimmy Allen was a great friend and relative. As a kid growing up in Kansas, it was always so much fun to go to Bearden and stay with him and the rest of the family. We always had a great time. Pastor Jimmy was a good man and pastor and will be missed by me and many others.
Lee Vernon Smith.*

Lee Vernon Smith - February 01, 2022 at 11:06 AM

FN

“ *Jimmy and I was classmate, I considered us friends, until he moved away. I Pray God strength and comfort for his family. Look to God where all your help come from. Leodis Nelson*

Faye Nelson - January 27, 2022 at 03:47 PM