



## Mr. Herman Smith

November 21, 1949 - December 19, 2020

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, December 30, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. at Williams Funeral Home of 817 E. South Street, Opelousas, LA, for Mr. Herman Smith who entered eternal rest on Saturday, December 19, 2020 in the comfort care of of The Carpenter House of Lafayette, LA.

Interment will be in Southwest Louisiana Veterans Cemetery, Jennings, LA. Pastor Torrie Doucette will officiate the Celebration of Life.

Herman Smith was born on November 21, 1949 to parents Walter Mose Smith and Alice Mae Goodman Smith in Opelousas, LA. Herman lived in what is known as the Greenwood Community along with his parents, three brothers and five sisters.

Herman Smith accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior and was baptized at Jerusalem Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. C.J. Jones. The church was located on College DR. in the Greenwood Community. While living in Opelousas, Herman attended J. H. Augustus Elementary now Southwest Elementary. Herman excelled in learning and played in his high school band. His favorite instruments were the trombone, clarinet and the flute. Herman graduated from J.S. Clark High School and received the accommodations of Class of 1968 Valedictorian. He spoke often about his beloved Bulldogs and his accomplishments.

Upon completion of high school, the United States Government came calling and Herman was drafted to serve in Vietnam. He served his country as a soldier in the Army with the rank of sergeant. He then enlisted as an airman in

the Air force. After serving in the military, Herman moved to New Jersey to settle down. He had several civilian jobs but one of his greatest accomplishment came in 1996 when he graduated from Union County College with an Associate Degree in Applied Science. Herman also earned a certification as an Occupational Therapist as well.

Herman always found the opportunity to give back to the community by volunteering at the East Orange V.A. Hospital. When it came to fashion, Herman enjoyed being dapper and color coordinated. His greatest passion was reading and studying the Bible. He would always leave the Bible open and marked up with highlight and ink pen. Later in life, Herman returned home to Opelousas, Louisiana where he remained until God called him home.

Cherishing the memories of Herman and mourning his departure are his three children: Vanessa Watts of Houston, TX; Raymond Batiste of Houston TX and Christopher Smith of Trenton, NJ. Also, surviving Herman are his four sisters and two brothers Barbara” Bobbie” Smith-Hopkins (Charles), Mary Alice Smith- Tompkins, Ray Charles Smith (Yola) all of Houston TX. and Linda Smith-Pierce (Clarence), Helen “Jeannie” Winbush (Eric) and David” Mike” Smith (Francilia) all of Opelousas, LA.; His Aunt Elnora Dunbar of Opelousas, LA. Herman also leaves his former wife Treta James-Smith of New Jersey and two dear friends: Loyce Brown of Houston, TX and Yvonne Davis of Trenton, NJ. Along with grandchildren, great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews, relatives, and friends.

Herman was preceded in death by his parents Walter Mose Smith and Alice Mae Goodman- Smith-Brady; one brother Walter Al Smith and one sister Emma Jean Smith, his maternal and paternal grandparents.

The family requests a quiet hour to be observed on Wednesday, December 30, 2020 from 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. at Williams Funeral Home of Opelousas, LA, 337-942-2037.

Share words of comfort with the family of Herman Smith on his Permanent Life Tribute Page at [www.williamsfuneralhomes.net](http://www.williamsfuneralhomes.net). Be the first to post your most treasured memory of Herman. Show your support by sharing a personal

message or story, meaningful photo or video, or record a video message using your webcam. On behalf of the family, we encourage you share your personal experiences and preserve the memory of Herman Smith for generations to come.

Final arrangements entrusted to Williams Funeral Home of Opelousas, 817 E. South Street, 337-942-2037.

# Cemetery Details

## SWLVC - Southwest Louisiana Veterans Cemetery

1620 Evangeline Highway  
Jennings, LA 70546  
swlc@la.gov

# Previous Events

## Visitation (Phase 2) - Private 50 people or Less

DEC 30. 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM (CT)

Williams Funeral Home - Opelousas  
817 East South St.  
Opelousas, LA 70571  
(337) 942-2037  
williamsfuneralhomes.1932@gmail.com  
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## Celebration of Life (Phase 2)

DEC 30. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Herman Smith*

January 28, 2023 at 08:52 AM



“ *Helen Winbush lit a candle in memory of Mr. Herman Smith*



**Helen Winbush** - January 06, 2021 at 04:20 PM



“ *Gloria Ned Fuselier lit a candle in memory of Mr. Herman Smith*



**Gloria Ned Fuselier** - December 30, 2020 at 06:50 PM



“ *Praying that the Lord will surround your hearts and minds during this difficult time. May sweet memories be your strength for the days ahead.*

*Although your loved one can't be replaced may you always know that Our Father in Heaven will never leave nor forsake you.*

*Blessings to you'  
Evangelist Alicia Davis*

**Alicia Davis** - December 30, 2020 at 03:14 AM

HW

*Thank you....*

Helen Winbush - January 06, 2021 at 04:12 PM

HW

*Thank you....*

Helen Winbush - January 06, 2021 at 04:15 PM

JB

“ Herman lived on Duson Street and I lived on Burr Lane in The Greenwood section section of Opelousas. Herman was friendly; He always greeted me joyfully whenever we met in passing. I will always remember his smiling , joyful face. Herman, I send my brotherly love and goodwill with you as you continue your journey to perfection.

Joseph J Brown (Shimbo)  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin via Opelousas, Louisiana

Joseph J. Brown - December 29, 2020 at 08:18 PM

HW

*Thank you, I'm Herman's little sister(Jeannie)*

Helen Winbush - January 06, 2021 at 04:11 PM

PG

“ Prayers & Love Your Cousin Pearl Woods Gooden

Pearl Woods Gooden - December 29, 2020 at 05:25 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Herman Smith.



December 29, 2020 at 12:38 PM



“ Sending my deepest heartfelt condolences and prayers.  
Wanda Caillier

Wanda Caillier - December 29, 2020 at 10:57 AM



My deepest sympathy in behalf of Harmon Smith and family I was a classmate of his for years I enjoyed his fellowship we was together as a good friend I will miss him but his family be blessed and continue looking up in Jesus name

Dennis lazard SR - December 29, 2020 at 09:18 PM



Thank you....

Helen Winbush - January 06, 2021 at 04:13 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Herman Smith.



December 29, 2020 at 10:07 AM

GH

“ So sorry for your loss. May the peace of God abide with the family and friends during this difficult time. 🙏🙏🙏. -Georgia Harris-Stevens.



Georgia Harris-Stevens - December 29, 2020 at 09:28 AM

VJ

“ Vernita Lewis Joubert lit a candle in memory of Mr. Herman Smith



Vernita Lewis Joubert - December 29, 2020 at 08:55 AM

BG

“ Aww,well, another Greenwood's homie called home. My Deepest Prayers and Condolences to you all. May God Bless you all with Comforting and Strengthening Grace to endure this heartache. RIP Herman,



Brenda Green - December 29, 2020 at 12:03 AM

AM

Our sincere condolences to the Smith Family, our neighborhood friends forever, Donn E. Morris and Aaron Wayne Morris. RIP

Aaron Morris - December 29, 2020 at 06:21 PM

LG

“ I will Always remember u! Lj & Lia loved u! I will always keep the name u gave my son LL cool J!!! ! Love u uncle! Get ur Rest

Latrice Winbush Grant - December 28, 2020 at 10:49 PM

MW

*Martha Hanchett Wilson*

*Whoever you hold in the heart of you, is forever and always a part of you." May God Bless the Smith family and Heaven smile upon you.*

**Martha Hanchett Wildon** - December 29, 2020 at 01:39 PM

PT

*Please know that all of you has been in my thoughts and Prayers! May God Bless each of you during this difficult time. Rest in Peace Cuz! Take your rest...*

**Patsy Thompson** - December 29, 2020 at 04:06 PM

AM

*Hello Martha, Donn E. And Wayne Morris*

**Aaron Morris** - December 29, 2020 at 06:26 PM

EQ

*My sincere condolences and Prayers to family. May GOD grant you peace and comfort during this difficult time!! R.I.P, Herman!!*

**Evella Quiett** - December 29, 2020 at 08:37 PM

GF

*May our Heavenly Father be with the family in your time of need ! Sending love and prayers in Jesus name, May the peace of God be with your Family. R.I.P.Herman!!*

**Gloria Ned Fuselier** - December 30, 2020 at 07:09 PM