



## Mr. Lee Ivory "Smitty" Smith

February 12, 1939 - March 13, 2018

Services will be held at 1:30 P.M. March 24, 2018 at Williams Funeral Home of Opelousas for Mr. Ivory Lee Smith.

On March 13, 2018, Mr. Ivory Lee Smith (Smitty) departed this life and entered into eternal rest.

Interment will take place in Little Zion Baptist Church Cemetery.

Ivory Lee Smith, or "Smitty" or "Bullfighter" as he was affectionately known, was born February 12, 1939 in Opelousas, Louisiana to the late Hanna Berry and Jimmie Smith. Smitty was one of six children. He was baptized at Little Zion Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend Cephus Boswell. He attended church regularly and enjoyed serving and singing in the youth choir for many years.

Ivory's early education was received in Opelousas where he spent most of his life, until he met his 1st wife Alberta Collins Simonet. To this union six children were born: Ivory Simonet, Robert Lee Smith, Carolyn Marie Smith, Frederick Patrick Smith, Latricia Ann Smith, and his baby girl Andrea Annette Smith.

Ivory later moved his family to Texas where he worked at Texas Bus Line, Gulf Greyhound Race Park, the City of Galveston, UTMB (Environmental Services Department), Cleaned Fish on the Wharf at Galveston Party Boats & Williams

Texan's II for over 30 years until his health started to fail. Smitty enjoyed riding in his car talking on his CB Radio and terrorizing everyone in the neighborhood by interrupting everyone's television show.

On February 5th 1982, Ivory married Norvella Jean Glenn where he inherited four stepchildren: Tamela Berry, Johnnitra Glenn, Johnnie Glenn, and Kwatecia Glenn.

Ivory and Norvella were inseparable through their trials and tribulations during this lifetime as he still to provide for his family. He was a dedicated father, brother, uncle, cousin and friend to all.

Ivory and Norvella joined Grace and Mercy Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Clayton Thomas who they love and served his leadership in the church.

Ivory was preceded in death by his Mother Hannah Berry, Father Jimmie Smith, his first wife Alberta Smith, his current wife Norvella Smith, his son Robert Lee Smith, his brothers Alfred Randall, Clarence Recard, Andrew Willis, and Willie Lee Gadison.

Ivory leaves to mourn his children, Ivory (Ivy) Simonet (Vanessa) of Philadelphia Pennsylvania, Carolyn Lyons of Ord Nebraska, Frederick Smith of Opelousas Louisiana, Latricia Mouton (Kollen) of Houston, Texas, Andrea Smith of Hitchcock Texas. Step Children Tamela (Sherman) Lemele of Arizona, Johnnie, Johnnitra and Kwatecia Glenn of Houston, Texas, his sister Annie Lois Jackson Lafontaine of Opelousas, Louisiana, sister-in-laws Patricia Sharp of Lubbock Texas, and Debra and Jerome of Lamarque Texas. Ivory had a harvest of 30 grandkids, Daniel, Carla, Michael, Jarrell Felisha, Alician, Adrian, Whitney, Fayesha, Jannesha, Matthew, Marlon, Brandon, Breanna, Donald, Darius, Lakindra, Tristian, Onasia, Gevalya, Christian, Lyzon, Jonia, Tylia, Vonshay, Adrian, Sharif, Star, Shannon, and Fertema. His dog Sampson, ex son-in-law that helped to take care of him and loved him dearly Lynn Washington, his fish-cleaning buddies Mack Smith (Batman), Roy Williams (Coon Cat), and all his nieces & nephews from far and dear, his customers

and CB Buddies . Unit 338 Bullfighter will truly be missed.

Share words of comfort with the family of Ivory Lee Smith on his Permanent Tribute Page at [www.williamsfuneralhomes.net](http://www.williamsfuneralhomes.net)

Final disposition entrusted to Williams Funeral Home of Opelousas, 817 E. South St., 337.942.2037

A public visitation was held on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at Bay Area Funeral Directors at 11am with a service at 2pm. 5401 FM 1765, Texas City, Texas 77591.409-933-4300.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Lee Ivory "Smitty" Smith*

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