



Elder Nathaniel Wimbley Myers Smith

November 30, 1943 - February 24, 2020

****NOTE: Visitation & Funeral Service Times and Location Listed Below****

Nathaniel Wimbley Myers Smith better known as “Beaver, Sweetheart, Father, Son, Deacon, Sarge, Pop, Seasoned Saint, Minister and Elder but most to all a child of God was born November 30, 1943 in Mobile, Alabama. He was the oldest of four children. He was born to the late Samuel Myers and Annie Mae Smith. On February 24, 2020, Elder Smith transitioned to eternal life. His favorite saying was “I’m Blessed By The Best” and Psalms 133 was his favorite scripture.

Elder graduated from Mattie T Blount High School in 1961 and joined the US Air Force where he served for 27 years, retiring on January 1, 1988 as a Vietnam Veteran - Master Sergeant. He graduated from Northern Michigan University in 1989. He then worked for Michigan Department of Social Services (DHS) training new hires and retired November 30, 2005.

On August 24, 1969, Elder married his “Good Thing” Mother Margaret Smith and to this union two sons were born. They renewed their 50th wedding vows to celebrate their life long reunion.

Elder confessed Christ at an early age at St. Joseph Missionary Baptist Church in Mobile. He joined Galilee Baptist Church in 1999 where he served

faithfully on many ministries including the Brotherhood Ministry, Boy Scout Leader, Sergeant of the Drill Team, Male Chorus, Missions, Nursing Home, Deacon, Minister and Elder. Many seniors referred to Elder as "Pastor" but most of all he loved the Outreach Ministry, where he shared the love of GOD faithfully. Elder volunteered at the Christian Resource Center and Ecumenical Senior Center.

Elder loved people, collecting crystal stemware, travelling, movies and playing games on his computer. Even through his illness, he continued his ministry by letting those he came in contact with know that God loved them and they were "Blessed by the Best".

He was preceded in death by his parents (Samuel Myers and Annie Mae Smith), grandmother (Ella Mae Grimes) and one brother, Hayward Smith.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his wife Margaret Smith; two sons - Nathan Alonzo Smith of Jacobus, PA and Nathaniel Deron Smith of Kalamazoo, MI. Three grandchildren: Jennifer Stuart, LaShara Watson, and Jeremiah Deron Smith; and six great grandchildren. Two brothers – Edward Ray (Felicia) Jones and Roy Lee (Patricia) Franklin. Six God Daughters – Jamila Guskins, Kavella Salis, Rosemary Knox, Elder Doris Hope, Elder Dorla Coleman-Bonner and Dr. Bernice Patterson along with a host of other young women he mentored.

Elder had close friends which included Brother Terry Wells, Deacon Michael Slater, Brother Glen Charles and Elder William Roland. He loved "His" Pastor, Dr. Michael T. Scott, Sr. and Elder Dr. Tamara T. Scott and the entire Galilee Baptist Church family, and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Custer National Cemetery

15501 Dickman Road
Augusta, MI 49012

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

The Galilee Baptist Church
1216 North Westnedge Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

A Service in Loving Memory

MAR 4. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Elder Nathaniel Wimbley Myers Smith



Harper Funeral Home - March 02, 2020 at 10:14 PM



“ Elder Nathaniel Wimbley Myers Smith

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Elder Nathaniel Wimbley Myers Smith

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ LaTasha Brandon lit a candle in memory of Elder Nathaniel Wimbley Myers Smith



LaTasha Brandon - March 04, 2020 at 07:02 AM

FR

“ *Frank And Ida Robinson sent a virtual gift in memory of Elder Nathaniel Wimbley Myers Smith*



Frank and Ida Robinson - March 03, 2020 at 10:50 PM

HB

“ *Hal & Janet Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Elder Nathaniel Wimbley Myers Smith*



Hal & Janet Buchanan - March 03, 2020 at 08:36 PM

TF

“ *The Daniel Family lit a candle in memory of Elder Nathaniel Wimbley Myers Smith*



The Daniel Family - March 03, 2020 at 08:34 PM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Elder Nathaniel Wimbley Myers Smith*



Pauline Gardner - March 03, 2020 at 08:25 PM

PA

“ As one of my Sunday schools teachers when I was a boy, Elder Smith was the man who helped me understand the grace of God and how important it is to grow my faith. Not only was he one of my most influential teachers, but I called him a friend.



He was an amazing man, father, man of god, and someone I know cared about me as if I was his own. I am truly thankful to have been around him for so long growing up.

Elder Smith, I love you, and am extremely thankful for the memories! Rest in heaven sir!

Paul - March 03, 2020 at 04:19 PM

PG

“ Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Elder Nathaniel Wimbley Myers Smith



Pauline Gardner - March 03, 2020 at 02:29 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elder Nathaniel Wimbley Myers Smith.



March 03, 2020 at 02:27 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Elder Nathaniel Wimbley Myers Smith.*



March 03, 2020 at 12:45 PM



“ *Lori Bell lit a candle in memory of Elder Nathaniel Wimbley Myers Smith*



Lori Bell - March 03, 2020 at 12:39 PM



“ *Brenda Henry lit a candle in memory of Elder Nathaniel Wimbley Myers Smith*



Brenda Henry - March 03, 2020 at 11:22 AM



“ *PATTERSON FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Elder Nathaniel Wimbley Myers Smith*



PATTERSON FAMILY - March 03, 2020 at 10:12 AM

GS

“ Gwendolyn Smith lit a candle in memory of Elder Nathaniel Wimbley Myers Smith



Gwendolyn Smith - March 03, 2020 at 09:27 AM

EF

“ Mother Margaret my deepest condolences to you and your family. He was truly "blessed by the best". Rest in heavenly peace Elder Smith.

Earline Fields - March 03, 2020 at 09:07 AM

AT

“ Alice Taylor lit a candle in memory of Elder Nathaniel Wimbley Myers Smith



Alice Taylor - March 02, 2020 at 08:48 PM



“ Prayers and thoughts go out to the entire Smith Family, especially to DiAnn, Nathan and Deron. Remembering the closeness we had back in Prichard, AL. Remembering the special way that NATE had when he addressed you "SWEETHEART". Sincerest condolences.
Marquitta



Catherine Tinsley - March 02, 2020 at 03:51 PM

KS

“ *Kalamazoo Deacons Conference Staff purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Elder Nathaniel Wimbley Myers Smith.*



Kalamazoo Deacons Conference Staff - March 02, 2020 at 01:11 PM



“ *Sympathy Fruits Abound was purchased for the family of Elder Nathaniel Wimbley Myers Smith.*



March 02, 2020 at 12:48 PM

AB

“ *I remember Elder Smith and his love for the Lord and his family. He dearly loved Margaret. To me he was a big Teddy Bear. His commitment to young people was invaluable to our son. I will always be thankful for his presence in our son's teen years. We love you. Alberta and Gregory Bee*

Alberta Bee - March 02, 2020 at 12:34 PM

SW

“ *Selena Walker lit a candle in memory of Elder Nathaniel Wimbley Myers Smith*



Selena Walker - March 01, 2020 at 07:20 PM

HS

“ *Hilda Bradford Snell sent a virtual gift in memory of Elder Nathaniel Wimbley Myers Smith*



Hilda bradford snell - March 01, 2020 at 04:32 PM