

Rev. Edward Smith

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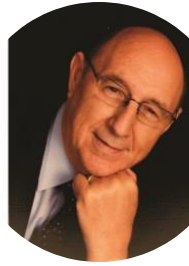


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Rev. Joe Edward Smith, 72, of Albemarle passed away on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at Atrium Cabarrus. His funeral service will be 11 AM on Saturday, October 31, 2020 in the Stanly Funeral Home Chapel, Albemarle with Rev. Delane Burris and Rev. Keith Walters officiating. Burial will follow in Stanly Gardens of Memory. The family will receive friends on Friday evening from 5 to 8 PM at Stanly Funeral and Cremation Care of Albemarle.

Born July 22, 1948 in Albemarle, NC he was the son of the late Ed Smith and Ann Lowder Smith. He was an ordained Baptist minister for over 43 years. He was the pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in Albemarle, and previously served as pastor of Calvary Baptist for one year, West Oakboro Baptist Church for 21 years and Mouny Calvary Baptist Church for 4 years. He was a former member of the National Guard and the owner and operator of Joe's Do-Nut Dinette for 20 years. He began working for Bill Varner at the age of 16 in the Do-Nut Dinette and purchased the business several years later. For the last 10 years Joe served as Hospital Chaplain of Atrium Stanly.

Joe is survived by his wife of 53 years, Lorraine Mauldin Smith, daughter Suzanne McLester and husband Allen of Albemarle, son Stephen Smith and wife Elizabeth of New London, brother Jimmy Richard "Runt" Smith and wife Cathy of New London, four grandchildren Grayson McLester, Madison Smith, Barrett McLester, and Josiah Smith.

Memorials may be made to Immanuel Baptist Church, 1309 Old Charlotte Rd., Albemarle, NC 28001.



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GV

Gail Vaughan posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. Joe was truly a Godly man!

October 31 at 6:22 PM

JD

Judy Dunn posted:

To the family of Pastor Joe Smith
Some years ago I was blessed by God to write this poem . It has brought me peace and I hope it will you. A COVER. OF. GRACE
This cover of Grace is by God
spread
It eases the suffering
Of the dying one's bed
It is the comfort needed
To help complete the course
This Grace is the sustaining power
Until they hear The Master's voice
Then when the suffering is over
And their race has been run,
They'll hear The Saviour say
Your work on earth is done
So leave this blanket of Grace
Come home to be with me
And we will live together
Throughout eternity
TO God Be The Glory

October 31 at 11:39 AM

SB

Sandy Beaman posted:

I remember Joe coming in Bobby' room at the hospital room two years ago. We did not know what was wrong. But Joe lightened the mood and gave so much comfort. WE love him and your family.

October 31 at 9:58 AM

EM

Edward Mckeon posted:

A great man of wisdom and will be missed

October 31 at 8:51 AM

SS

Steve & Connie Smith posted:

We don't have the words to express our sorrow. We have prayed for that miracle but know that Joe is healed now and in the loving arms of Jesus. Joe was such a Godly man and an inspiration that it hurts to give him up. Our prayers are truly with you .

October 31 at 7:44 AM



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MH

Mr & Mrs. Kevin H. Huneycutt posted:

Joe was such a special man; a true servant of God, a devoted husband, a loving father, a proud grandfather, and a friend to many. We send all our love and prayers to the Smith family. We will keep you close to heart and in our prayers. May God's grace give you comfort and peace during this difficult time.

October 31 at 7:41 AM

KW

Keith And Robbie Walters posted:

For the entire family of one special man of God, we will always remember the sweet spirit of Joe and how he served God and His people. Know that you all are in our prayers at the time and for the days and weeks ahead. God has gained a real special angel. We are here for all of you anytime. We love you in Christ .

October 31 at 5:36 AM

AM

Amber Mullis posted:

From my first day at Atrium Health Stanly and everyday since if Joe was in the facility he made a point to come by to ask me if I was causing trouble! I never saw a day where Joe didn't have a smile on his face and that is a smile I will truly miss seeing. Joe was there for me when I need him the most, he was there for my team when we lost a fellow teammate and recently when I lost my grandfather. I never had to ask Joe for kind words or support, he just always had a way of knowing he was needed and showing up. My heart breaks over the loss of Joe but I know he is in his heavenly home watching down on us all.

October 31 at 5:21 AM

EC

Eric And Liz Culp posted:

Joe's passing is such a great loss for the community. He did so much for so many. Truly a friend to all. Joe was special to us. Performed our wedding ceremony in 1986. Prayers for his family now and in the days ahead.

October 31 at 5:00 AM



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JC

Jerry Carpenter posted:

A kind and gentle spirit has returned home. Lorraine know that Joann and I send our condolences to you and your family. You have been so kind to share this man with the community and what an impact he made. May you find comfort knowing the wonderful impact you, Joe and family have made and that this knowledge helps you deal with your loss. With our prayers.

October 31 at 3:31 AM

JB

Joy And Larry Bowers posted:

Our Prayers are lifted up for The Smith Family and all who loved him dearly. We will never forget his precioussmile and gentle demeanor each time you met him and could surely see JESUS in every aspect of his life.

October 30 at 8:40 PM

VK

Vicky H King posted:

God has called one of His earth-bound saints home. Words cannot express how heartbroken for all of you I am. Joe was one of the constants in our lives. You could always count on him to greet you warmly, to show a depth of caring, and to be a friend in whatever capacity you needed, His ministry went far beyond the pulpit. I will always remember his tireless attention to everyone he came in contact with from church members to patients in the hospital to his customers in the dinette. I think he must have blessed every morsal of food he ever cooked at the dinette, especially those donuts and cinnamon rolls , because no food ever tasted as good as his. Lorraine, Suzanne, and Stephen, please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers.

October 30 at 6:39 PM

AB

Angie Burris posted:

My heart hurts for all of Pastor Joe's family and friends. To know him was to love him and I never saw him without a heart-warming smile on his face. He was always there offering words of encouragement and prayer to all who needed it. He will be greatly missed but what a legacy of love and faith he leaves behind. I pray for peace and comfort to his family in the difficult days ahead. May God bless you all.

October 30 at 6:01 PM



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TP

Tamara Pickler posted:

Joe was one of the sweetest men I ever met. I love for him to come in Walgreens so I could talk to him. He will be missed so much. It didn't matter where you seen him he always would stop what he was doing and talk to you. My prayers are with the family.

October 30 at 5:52 PM

PB

Pastor Robert And Kimberly Burr posted:

You family is in our thoughts and prayers.

October 30 at 5:42 PM

DE

Debbi Efird posted:

Joe was truly a beautiful person. He lived what he preached. Lorraine, you and Joe are the best people I have ever worked for! Even though you and the kids are in pain now, God will hold you through this.

October 30 at 4:09 PM

SB

Shirley Burleson posted:

So sorry for your loss. Joe has now seen the face of Jesus. We will all miss Joe and I know he and my Woody are praising our Lord together!

October 30 at 4:02 PM

RS

Rufus & Debbie Spivey posted:

Lorraine & family: A day of sorrow, yet a time for rejoicing, we are promised that we will see him again. Preacher Joe will be missed by many. He always had the smile on his face that would ease the worries you when you were in the same day surgery. You are all in our prayers, may God bless you all with a peace that surpasses all understanding. Psalm 116:15

October 30 at 3:44 PM



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TL

Teresa R Lowder posted:

WE ARE THINKING ABOUT ALL OF YOU AT THIS TIME. JOE WAS A SPECIAL MAN TO ALL WHO KNEW HIM AND HE WILL BE MISSED. PRAYERS GOING UP FOR ALL. TERESA & RICHARD LOWDER AND JOYCE ROBERSON

October 30 at 3:19 PM

VA

Valerie posted:

So sorry to hear about Joe's passing. But our loss is heaven's gain and what a blessing to have that assurance for Joe's family and friends.

October 30 at 1:28 PM

SB

Sue Burris posted:

I knew Pastor Joe through his brother, "Runt". My prayers are with the all the Smith family members. It was only a couple months ago that Joe officiated my mom's funeral. He was truly a man to be remembered.

October 30 at 12:02 PM

RB

Rhonda Broadaway posted:

Lorraine, Suzanne and Stephen, as with everyone I am at a loss for words of Joe's passing. I still can't believe it's real. You all are in deepest prayers. And I love you so very much. 🙏❤️😭

October 30 at 11:47 AM

BM

Becka "Morris" Miller posted:

SuzannePlease know that my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I pray that God will bring you peace and keep you strong in the days ahead.

October 30 at 11:00 AM

TE

Terry Efird posted:

Joe was truly a man after God's own heart. He had such a positive influence on everyone he came in contact with. My sincere sympathy to Lorraine, Suzanne, and Stephen. Gone, but not forgotten.

October 30 at 10:34 AM



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JD

Judy Dunn posted:

My heart is heavy to learn of pastor Joe's passing. This beautiful picture is just like him and you feel as if He should speak. Joe had an easy way of making people smile. I had the privilege of working at the hospital with him for a while and He was there on several personal occasions. Pastor Joe is now enjoying the one who he was most devoted to, his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I will always count it a privilege to have called this man my friend.

October 30 at 10:27 AM

CL

Charleen Huneycutt Lisk posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with the family as you go thru this trying time. Joe will truly be missed. We grew up in church together at North Albemarle Baptist and even as the years past, he always greeted me with a smile. God bless you.

October 30 at 10:26 AM

JW

Jill Williams posted:

God just welcomed another angel home. The kindness and caring that showed through God's love in Pastor Joe's heart and soul will never be forgotten. He was a very special man and will be greatly missed. Prayers of sympathy to the family at this time.

October 30 at 9:46 AM

MS

Mr. And Mrs. Anthony Simpson posted:

Sending condolences to the family and friends of Reverend Smith. Thank you Rev Smith for comforting me when my mom was in the hospital.

October 30 at 9:37 AM



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RG

Ruth Goodwin posted:

Dear Smith family, and particularly Steven, I was so shocked to learn of your father's (and husband's) death, yesterday morning, very early. I am so very sad for you all and want you to know that I---along with every person in this world, who knew Joe, feel that we have lost a wonderful friend and sterling member of our society who did nothing but good to and for all in our very troubled and chaotic world. My thoughts and prayers go with you, now and even into the future, for we all have lost a wonderful contributor to the goodness of our world, to and for the progress of religion and God's commission to us all, and to the brotherhood of man. Joe is now at the foot of his Heavenly Father--- and none of us should be sad about that, however, his void from our surroundings shall always be a loss. Be of Good Cheer for God has new plans, now, for Joe--he is now a Heavenly Chaplain in God's Kingdom, and our loss is such a big, wonderful gain for HEAVEN. Agape, Ruth Goodwin

October 30 at 9:28 AM

AG

April Griffin posted:

Joe was such a gem at Atrium Health Stanly! He truly would brighten my day at work when he would greet me and everyone with that sweet smile of his. I'll never forget the times he did blessing of the hands for employees. I can still hear his sweet voice praying over each of us. I will miss him so much. Praying for his family and friends in the days to come.

October 30 at 9:20 AM

RS

Randy And Myra Smith posted:

Our hearts are broken with the loss of our dear friend. We send our love and prayers to all of you.

October 30 at 9:12 AM

RF

Robert Farlow posted:

Joe was the most influential male figure in my life. He lived a life dedicated to the ministry of Jesus Christ. Me and Kim send out our heart felt prayers for the Smith family. We loved Joe deeply.

October 30 at 8:59 AM

JF

Johnnie R Faulkner posted:

Love and Prayers to the family! Johnnie and Joy

October 30 at 8:55 AM



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JJ

Judith Hill Jackson posted:

Lorraine and family we are so sorry! Our love and prayers are with you during this difficult time. One special man that will be missed! What a Blessing he was! God Bless....

October 30 at 8:45 AM

CW

Claudia F Wilson posted:

Joe was a ray of sunshine for everybody ! He always brought joy, comfort and so many smiles when he was present ! He was very special and it was so easy to love him and admire him. He touched our lives and has left a beautiful imprint in each one of us !! I will miss him dearly and my heart aches deeply for his beautiful family !My prayers and unconditional love and support are with all of you !! Prayers for strength endurance and peace !

October 30 at 8:27 AM

RH

Rosemary Hanna posted:

My deepest sympathy to the family. Joe was a very special person. It always made my day to see him first thing in the morning headed to the cafeteria because of that beautiful smile on his face. He will be missed by so many. We all loved him dearly in the EVS department. We will keep your family in prayer. God Bless You during this very difficult time.

October 30 at 5:10 AM

RP

Robbie Powell posted:

Lorraine ,I always considered Joe as a friend, pastor and the one who baptized me He was always so great to me as an employer and pastor. He will be greatly missed but I'm sure the Lord has bigger plans for him. He's now with his Savior and happy in Heaven. God bless all your family.

October 30 at 4:25 AM

RB

Ruby Barringer posted:

Joes sweet face will be missed at the hospital and also when Brads Mother was at Spring Arbor he was always there Blessing these people!

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KP

Kenneth E Poplin posted:

one of the greatest men that God had placed on this earth.Pastor, counselor and friend.When you were around him, you seen and heard Jesus.Our hearts are broken, but heaven is rejoicing

October 30 at 3:08 AM

TO

Tonya posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. As my sister laid dying two years ago this kind man came and checked on my family and made sure that we had food and drinks. He prayed with us and always made us feel comfortable at a horrible time. You will be missed.

October 29 at 9:35 PM

TH

Th posted:

Prayers for all . Mr . Joe taught me how to turn doughnuts with the sticks! Precious memory

October 29 at 9:11 PM

AS

Aaron Brookswe Had Many Good Times When I Was In The Stanly posted:

we had many good times when I WAS IN The Stanly assoc. Then convention trips where a blast.Carol and i will miss him and our prayers go out to Lorraine and the family!

October 29 at 8:06 PM

BC

Betty Crump posted:

Lorraine, and children. I will never forget the wedding ceremony for Candace Howard, Joe was so full of love and showed it with everyone. The love he showed to Candace during her wedding ceremony will long be remembered, the memory of a little girl and what it meant to him. It was a joy to know this fine man. May you find peace in knowing that he touched so many lives and led so many people to the LORD. He was such a caring and giving man. You will be in our prayers for many months, even years as you grieve for this wonderful man. Remember the good times and look to the future.

October 29 at 7:59 PM



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JB

Jane Baucom posted:

Elizabeth & Family, I am so very sorry for your loss. You gave us such love when Mom passed & it will never be forgotten, Bless you & your Family as you grieve the loss of your beloved Joe . Love & Prayers for Peace & Strength during this time .of sorrow.

October 29 at 6:28 PM

JH

Johnnie Harris posted:

May God grant the family of Pastor Joe peace and comfort.. May we continue to pray for them as Pastor Joe prayer for so many..

October 29 at 6:04 PM

GD

Gary Dick posted:

My prayers are for peace and comfort, so sorry for your loss.

October 29 at 5:56 PM

MJ

Mernie Jennings posted:

Lorraine and Runt, Been many years since I have seen any of you, but I am so sorry for your loss. Joe was a great person and so respectful. My Mother and RuthMcDaniels used to love to go to Joes and a lot of times I took them. Know that the family is in my prayers. God be with you all!

October 29 at 5:54 PM

BC

Betty Carroll posted:

Paul and I are so sorry for your loss. Joe was such a wonderful. Man. He will be missed by his church and community. He was a blessing to everyone who knew him. God called one of his saints home.he had fought a good fight . He is with his heavenly father now. God bless and give you the strength to continue on and know you will see him again one day. Prayer go out .

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BB

Betty Austin Bracey posted:

I am so very sorry for the loss of such a wonderful man. So many people are heartbroken from losing Joe. But no one will be broken more than his loving family. I send love and prayers to all of them.

October 29 at 5:38 PM

GS

Guy And Carla Smith posted:

Lorraine and family, we are very sorry for your loss of such a very special person and Man Of God. I've always been very proud to tell my friends in Concord that my cousin was a Baptist minister in Albemarle. I still have many of the CD's of Joe's sermons that Aunt Joyce would send me. The funeral service he did for her was very special. I'm sure that we will see him again in heaven. We will continue to keep you and the family in our prayers.

October 29 at 5:28 PM

MS

Mary Safrit posted:

So sorry to learn this. We all prayed for healing and I guess God gave him the ultimate healing by taking him home. We will be there too one day. Until then God's Blessing for his family. We all love you

October 29 at 5:23 PM

DS

Dianne Smith posted:

Joe gave me a job at the Dinette when I was 17 years old. 25 years later I started work at Stanly and joe knew me as soon as he laid eyes on me. He made such a huge difference to so many people. I think he would be humbled by the sorrow he has left behind. I will always remember him for his sweet spirit and referring to me as "trouble" any time he saw me. I'll miss you Joe!!!

October 29 at 4:24 PM

DL

Danny Long posted:

Rest In Peace Joe, the Long family will forever miss you as you were part of our lives growing up with our brother David, we grieve for your family and know you are for sure with our father in heaven.

October 29 at 4:20 PM



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BG

Bobby And Gail Garner posted:

Lorraine and family, our hearts are heavy with sorrow as we mourn Joe's passing. It's difficult to find words to express our sadness at losing such a great friend and spiritual example. May you find peace and comfort with the knowledge that he has entered his heavenly home .

October 29 at 4:07 PM

GT

Gloria Jean Thompson posted:

I am so glad I had the privilege to know Rev. Joe over the years. Seeing him at the hospital years ago when I worked there and then around town since. He was a wonderful person and was always smiling. He always looked so happy, and full of humor, understanding, and wisdom. Always had time to stop and talk with you. He will be missed by his family, Church, and community. God be with all of you during this time of loss.

October 29 at 4:02 PM

HW

Harold & Tracy Whitley posted:

Preacher Joe you will be greatly miss, but I know you are in a much better place with no more sickness and no more pain. You are walking the streets of Gold Praise God. I pray God's hand of comfort will be upon your family and church family during this time and in the days and weeks ahead. I know you were a great source of comfort to all the many people who you have prayed for over the years what a Blessing you have been to me over the years. God Bless

October 29 at 4:01 PM

LC

Larry And June Chance, Lynn Rummage, Lamar Chance posted:

We want to send to you our sincere sympathy along with prayers for strength during these days. Joe was very special to each of us as well as so many others. He was truly a people person and ever ready with a word of comfort to others. We will always remember his words of both wit and wisdom . To think of Joe will always bring a smile.

October 29 at 3:41 PM



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JH

James And Jane Hathcock posted:

We were very fortunate to know this kind gentle Godly man . Our loss is heaven's gain. What an amazing legacy of love he has left us. We will see him again. praying for the family. God bless and keep you.

October 29 at 3:39 PM

BE

Beth posted:

I am sorry for your loss. I have so many wonderful memories of growing up in the neighborhood with Joe. He looked after me better than my own brothers. He was always such a good and dear person.

October 29 at 3:32 PM

DH

David & Margaret. Hinson posted:

So sorry for the loss of this special man. Our prayers are with the family. He was such a blessing to all that knew him and will be missed by all.

October 29 at 3:14 PM

GB

Gail Burris posted:

Alan and I have you all in our thoughts and prayers. Words can't describe the sadness we feel at the loss of Joe. He was a wonderful man and lifetime friend. He is rejoicing with his Lord .. God be with you all.

October 29 at 3:07 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Rev. by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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