



ur Father, Who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give
us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we
forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the
power and the glory forever and ever.

Amen.

DANIEL MORRIS SMITH, SR.

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Thursday, May 21, 1987

1:00 p.m.

Eastwood Junior High School
715 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive
Cleveland, Mississippi

Mr. Walter Robinson, Presiding

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Not What You Want But What God Wills

Do you want WHAT YOU WANT when you want it...

Do you pray and expect a reply,
And when it's not instantly answered
Do you feel that God passed you by?
Well, prayers that are prayed in this manner
Are really not prayers at all
For you can't go to God in a hurry
And expect Him to answer your call...
For prayers are not meant for obtaining
What we selfishly wish to acquire.
For God in His wisdom refuses
The things that we wrongly desire...
And don't pray for freedom from trouble
Or ask that life's trials pass you by.
Instead, pray for strength and for courage

To meet life's "dark hour" and not cry
That God was not there when you called Him
And He turned a deaf ear to your prayer
And just when you needed Him most of all
He left you alone in despair...
WAKE UP! You are missing completely
The reason and purpose of prayer,
Which is really to keep us contented
That God holds us safe in His care...
And God only answers our pleadings
When He knows that our wants fill a need
And whenever "OUR WILL" becomes
"HIS WILL"

There is NO PRAYER THAT GOD DOES NOT HEED!

- Helen Steiner Rice

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Obituary

DANIEL MORRIS SMITH, SR., was the fourth child born to Perry Monroe Smith and Priscilla Juliet Anderson Smith. He was born in Mound Bayou, Mississippi and attended the public school there, graduating from high school in 1934. His college work was done at Tuskegee University where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Vocational Agriculture in 1938. He received a Master's degree from Michigan State University in 1956. Additional study was done at Memphis State University, Peabody College, and Delta State University.

He began a teaching career during the fall of 1938 in Shelby, Mississippi as a teacher of vocational agriculture. Highlights of his teaching career included: vocational agriculture teacher in Cleveland, Mississippi - January, 1944 (also headed a food preservation center during the war crisis); member of the non-resident teacher training staff for vocational agriculture of Alcorn College; superintendent of the Cleveland Colored Consolidated School District from 1954 to 1957 when the county school system was reorganized; and principal of East Side High School until his retirement in 1980.

At an early age he confessed Christ at First Baptist Church in Mound Bayou, Mississippi. Upon moving to Cleveland, he joined St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, where he served faithfully as a deacon and church clerk.

His dedication to public education was evident in his work: from 1960 to 1962, he was chairman of the Mississippi Third District Literary and Athletic Activities. In 1962 he was elected president of the Third District Teachers Association and served in that capacity until 1964. He was chairman of the Third District Supervisors and Principals Study Council 1964-66. He was elected and served as president of the Mississippi Teachers Association 1968-70. In 1970 he was chosen to serve on the Board of Directors of the National Education Association and served in that capacity until 1974. He served on the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Association of Educators from its beginning in 1976 until 1979, and as chairman of the budget committee from 1976 to 1980.

He was affiliated with numerous professional, civic and fraternal organizations: Scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts of America from 1940 to 1952 and later served as a member of the executive board of the Cleveland Negro Civic Club, secretary of Sunshine lodge number 99 F. & A.M., member of Phi Delta Kappa educational fraternity, member of the Governor's Policy Advisory Council, Chairman of the Senior Companion Advisory Committee, board of directors of the Mississippi Retired Teachers Association, President of the local chapter of the Mississippi Retired Teachers Association, member of the Knights and Daughters of Tabor, and a member of the Tuskegee University National Alumni Association. In November, 1981 he was elected a member of the board of trustees for Bolivar County District Four Schools. He served on the school board until April, 1987.

To cherish his memory, he leaves his loving and devoted wife, Arzola Williams Smith; one son, Daniel M. Smith, Jr. of Poughkeepsie, New York; two daughters, Etta Smith Waugh of Hillcrest Heights, Maryland and Mildred Smith Washington of Bloomfield, Connecticut; two sons-in-law, Charles Waugh and Avery Washington; two grandchildren, Natasha Waugh and Avery Washington, II; a special nephew, Lawrence Williams and wife, Denise; two brothers, Oswald G. Smith and Kemper H. Smith and wife, Verna; one sister, Zeraline Smith Verner and husband, Edward; one sister-in-law, Alice C. Smith; six brothers-in-law, Nathaniel Williams, Percy Williams, Leandrew Williams and wife, Connie, Leon Williams and wife, Margaret, Tyree Williams and wife, Betty, Alexander Williams and wife, Margaret; five sisters-in-law, Mildred Dorsey, Wilma Harper, Ethel Terrell, Johnetta Webb and husband, Eugene, Mary Lee Williams; one aunt, Zee A. Barron; a special cousin, Earline Anderson and a host of other relatives and friends.

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Prelude East Side High School Band
Cypress Park Elementary School Choir

Processional

Hymn Cleveland Community Choir

Scripture Readings: Old Testament Rev. I. Dwight Barker
New Testament Rev. C.M. Watson

Invocation Rev. Harvey Jackson

Solo Mr. J.D. Williams
"I've Done My Work"

Tributes:

Religious Community Mr. Dave Pettigrew
Education Community Dr. John Arnold
Civic Association Mr. Maurice Lucas

Music Cleveland Community Choir

Acknowledgments Mrs. Pauline Holmes

Obituary (Read Silently)
"Deep River"
(Recorded Music by Tuskegee University Choir)

Music Congregation
"Amazing Grace"

Eulogy Rev. B.T. Moore

Benediction

Recessional

One of our loyal and dedicated educators, Dan Smith, has passed on, but we will always feel that life touching ours; that voice speaking to us; that spirit looking out of other eyes.

The deceased has contributed significantly to the lives of many individuals, causing them to grow intellectually and spiritually.

May we, his co-workers in the educational field, pick up the ever-flaming torch of faithfulness, concern and love that our beloved member so vividly demonstrated.

"We know where the lamp-lighter was by the trail he left behind."

The Mississippi Retired Teachers Association



All mankind is of one author, and is one volume. When one person dies, one chapter is not torn out of the book, but is translated into a better language. God's hand is in every translation and His hand shall bind up all of our fragile and scattered leaves for THAT LIBRARY where every book shall lie open to one another.

It is the truth that time is but lent to us--which should motivate us to live fully each day; look upon our years as a trust handed into our temporary keeping.

Our deceased member will live on in the life of this organization and in the lives of all who knew him.

The Jackson Metropolitan Retired Teachers Association



Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called home to rest in eternal bliss his faithful servant, Mr. Daniel M. Smith, one of the most popular and useful citizens of Cleveland and Bolivar County. His contributions to this area are far too great to

enumerate here. He spent his life working toward a better community for all. His long years of service as an educator influenced both young and old and will endure for generations yet to come.

His retirement from formal duties in the field of education did not bring his useful activities to a close. Soon after retirement he became involved in activities for retirees. He was instrumental in organizing both the Bolivar County chapter of the Retired Teachers Association and the American Association of Retired Persons. Largely because of his tireless efforts these organizations became a viable part of the community enriching the lives of all retirees. He was especially active in the Retired Teachers Association and became president of that group. The duties of that office carried him to the State and national level. His duties carried him to various levels of action, however, he always served with efficiency and dignity.

His interest in a teacher retirement program goes back beyond the memory of many people living today. Years ago when the Mississippi legislature started to consider a teacher retirement system, Dan Smith, a very young teacher, was there doing what he could to assure its passage. It was therefore appropriate that his final years be spent in an effort to improve the system he helped to start many years before. As an official in the State Retirees Association, he spent many hours and traveled many miles to encourage passage of an amendment to the state constitution to save the retirement fund for retirees only.

All state employees will be able to enjoy better years at retirement because of the life and works of our friend and brother "Dan" Smith.

Dr. H. Jacobs

Local Chapter; Mississippi Retired Teachers Association

It is beyond our understanding to fully comprehend the magnitude of either the gift of life or the loss of it. Death is not a terror to be feared, but a kindly instrument yielded in the hands of God by which he brings a mortal into the joy of His immortal presence.

Mr. Smith was a person who possessed a pleasing personality and he was easy to understand and get along with. He was a very active member of Phi Delta Kappa until his health failed. He was very dutiful in helping to keep the objectives as well as current educational issues foremost in the minds of members that he came in contact with. He was able to inspire educators to become members of the organization and he brought quite a few members into the fraternity. Even though he had to travel great distances to attend meetings, he was there as long as he was able to travel. Whatever was supposed to be done, he would always share willingly. He not only inspired Phi Delta Kappa members, but others as well with his very amicable attitude about life and things that made life worthwhile.

We will miss him but we must find strength in Jesus, the giver of strength.

Let us remember to try to be like Mr. Smith; live a good life, be a dedicated worker, love our families, our church, our community, and our fellowman. Let us also be like him by sharing love for our fraternity, "Phi Delta Kappa," and by striving continually to interpret the ideals of research, service and leadership. Do not bewail his departure, but keep enough enthusiasm around to banish depression.

Utica Chapter
Phi Delta Kappa
Eugene L. Isaac, Advisor



Dan Smith was a kind and devoted person and was loved by all. He organized the Tuskegee University Delta Alumni club with six members. Since then, the club has expanded to twenty members. He loved dear ole Tuskegee University and served as President of our Tuskegee University Delta Alumni club until his death.

The Tuskegee University family will miss him dearly.

When we heard of the passing of Mr. Dan Smith, we were deeply saddened. We were touched by his death, because we had all been so deeply touched by his life. His life was one of dedication and service that spanned over forty years. He was a hard-working, conscientious educator.

An educator of the quality of Mr. Smith held a very special position in society and all the amassed superlatives that literature has used to describe outstanding educators could very easily be put together for a vivid description of the life of Mr. Smith. Intelligent, dedicated, caring, supportive and courageous-these are adjectives that could be synonymous with Mr. Smith. They are more than words-they are virtues that Mr. Smith lived each and every day. Honor, morality, conscience-these are words that others used to describe Mr. Smith. Yet, more than words, these were qualities that were part and parcel of the man. He taught them as he lived them.

Mr. Smith bespoke the epitome of the best that education has to offer. He believed in the image of the educator. While he believed that the image of the educator should be meek and mild, he was also a fighter-a person who would not give up. He fought for his students, striving against all odds to bring learning into the lives of each and everyone. He fought for East Side, striving always to improve what was already fine and good, and shaping it into the finest school it was capable of becoming. He fought for the children of Cleveland, overcoming obstacles and raising the quality of education until we had the most outstanding product possible today. Yes, Mr. Smith was fighter and a winner.

Mr. Smith was a man you cannot forget. For us who are left, he will continue to live in our memories and in our hearts.

Josie Howard Arrington and Family
Class of "62" East Side High School

Each one of the four thousand members of Tabor in Mississippi and one thousand members in other states mourn with you the home going of one of its most outstanding members, Daniel Morris Smith. He was the fourth child born to Perry Monroe and Priscilla Juliet Smith who left such an indelible imprint and legacy on the Knights and Daughters of Tabor the world over forever.

Because of the unusually outstanding work of P.M. Smith in the construction of the former Taborian Hospital in Mound Bayou in 1940, a P.M. Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 1971. Daniel Morris Smith was the vice president of the P.M. Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc., chairman of the constitution committee and member of the scholarship panel. This fund is designed to render assistance to young people who show the greatest potential for becoming doctors, nurses or technicians in the medical field. Therefore, each year, \$1,000 is given to a young person who shows the greatest need and has the potential for success.

As vice president of the fund, he was responsible for the correspondence soliciting funds from charitable institutions and individuals nationwide. Even during his illness, he had already begun the preparation for the 1987 P.M. Smith Memorial Scholarship Award. The award winner for 1987 has been chosen. Therefore, because he lived, talented boys and girls were given a chance to visualize their dreams of rendering service to others through their God given talents.

His membership in the Knights and Daughters of Tabor began at an early age. He was the first scholarship winner of Tabor in 1935. His life through the Knights and Daughters of Tabor conforms to the scripture taken from the third chapter of Matthew and the ninth verse: "For I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham."

International Order of Twelve
Knights and Daughters of Tabor, Mississippi
International Grand Temple and Tabernacle

I counted it an honor and special privilege to have been associated with Daniel M. Smith. Mr. Smith, vice president of the scholarship fund, and I worked together for thirteen years. This scholarship fund is dedicated to the memory of his father, the late P.M. Smith. It has given many black youth the opportunity to enter a career in medicine and service in the medical field.

Dr. Willie Mae Latham Taylor, Chairperson
P.M. Smith Memorial Scholarship Panel



The year was 1952 and a few far-sighted young men felt that some type of self-help was needed for our people. Out of their collective thinking the Cleveland Federal Credit Union was born. This organization grew to its present status, with one of its members serving in various capacities. His last position was vice president. This member was Daniel Morris Smith. He will be sadly missed by the Cleveland Credit Union family.

Cleveland Federal Credit Union



Dan M. Smith served as chairman of the Senior Companion Program (SCP) Advisory Council from 1982 to 1987. He was instrumental in creating stability in council membership and a greater understanding of the Senior Companion Program within the community. He assisted in obtaining local cash match funds, secured match funds through other local service agencies, assisted with on-site visitations by monitors, visited program clients to assess their needs and worked in areas to improve the program's services to clients.

As Chairman of the SCP Advisory Council, Mr. Smith always exemplified a desire to do more for others less fortunate. Through his devotion to the concept of voluntarism, Mr. Smith unselfishly donated many hours of his time to serve the citizens in Sunflower, Washington and Bolivar counties.

Senior Companion Program
Advisory Council

Honorary Pallbearers

Mr. W.N. Bradley
Mr. Edward Gibson
Mr. C.J. Jones
Mr. Ellis Jordan

Mr. Arthur Payton
Mr. Ned Tolliver
Mr. James Trimm
Mr. L.P. Evans

Active Pallbearers

Mr. George Bass
Mr. J.C. Goins
Mr. Jordan Goins
Mr. Melvin Green

Mr. Roosevelt Grenell
Mr. James Langin
Mr. James Parker
Mr. James Wardlow

Ushers

Ushers of the St. Paul M.B. Church
Ushers of the St. Peters Rock M.B. Church
Ushers of the Solomon Chapel A.M.E. Church

Music

Ms. Janie Johnson, Pianist
Mr. James Stamps, Band Director

Flowerbearers

Mrs. Anne Brown
Mrs. Earnestine Bibbs
Mrs. Dorothy Grenell

Mrs. Ruby Isaac
Mrs. Etta K. Martin
Mrs. Leola Tharpe

Interment

Westlawn Cemetery
Cleveland, Mississippi

Appreciation

"Your heavenly Father knoweth."

Matthew 6:32

No chance hath brought this ill to me;
'Tis God's own hand, so let it be,
He seeth what I cannot see.

There is a need-be for each pain
And He one day will make it plain
That earthly loss is heavenly gain.

Like as a piece of tapestry
Viewed from the back appears to be
Naught but threads tangled hopelessly;
But in the front a picture fair
Rewards the worker for his care,
Proving his skill and patience rare.
Thou art the Workman, I the frame.

Lord, for the glory of Thy Name,
Perfect Thine image on the same.

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