



*Celebration of Life of*  
**REV. DR. JORDAN D. SMITH**

April 15, 1939 - August 14, 2022

Saturday, August 20, 2022

11:00 A.M.

Clement Road Church of God

3701 Clement Road

Columbia, South Carolina 29203

# REV. DR. JORDAN D. SMITH

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Rev. Dr. Jordan D. Smith was born on April 15, 1939 to Fred and Clara Smith in Orville, Alabama. He was the fifth of six children, three boys and three girls. His parents taught and instilled in him a hard work ethic, honesty, good morale character and most importantly a love for God.



He grew up working very hard on his parents large farm. He excelled in his studies at school as well as his extra curricular activities which included track and music.

He along with a few of his siblings formed a singing group. They were able to perform throughout the state of Alabama. One sister stated, "Jordan had an amazing voice that would draw a crowd so we liked to open and close with him leading the song so we could get more money."

Music was important to Jordan but he truly loved science. He received two four year scholarships and chose to take the scholarship that allowed him to attend Stillman College in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. His mother would work hard cleaning houses to supplement his income and his oldest brother would send for him during the summer. His brother would provide him with the supplies needed to set up a snow cone stand in Chicago, Illinois. His winning personality, big smile and vocal talent would draw a crowd. His summer work along with working in a men's clothing store as a model helped him to have the clothing and funds for books so he could focus on his studies.

Jordan graduated from Stillman College receiving a Bachelor of Science degree. After receiving his degree he made his way to Brooklyn, New York. He worked odd jobs until he received his dream job working at Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University. He worked in the anesthesia department, specifically gas chromatology. Jordan did not know it at the time but his experiences in gas chromatology, which deals with the blood, would help him explain to God's people that "Life is in the Blood".

While living and working in Brooklyn, New York he met the love of his life, the beautiful, stunning, and graceful Eunice D. Pickett. She wasn't just beautiful but she was dedicated and committed to the Lord and her church the Tompkins Avenue Church of God. They dated and knew that they were "the one" for each other as their love for each other grew.

On October 28, 1960 Jordan and Eunice were joined in holy matrimony. God blessed their union with three beautiful, active and talented children, two girls and one boy; Veronica, Matthew and Donna. Their family seemed to be complete. Jordan had a beautiful wife, three children and his





dream job. He was even offered a fellowship to teach in Japan where he would teach other doctors about gas chromatology. The job offered a very lucrative salary and he would only have to sacrifice two years. He turned it down not wanting to leave his young family. He continued to excel in his field but God had other plans for him. Jordan began to feel a tugging on his heart as God continuously spoke to him. He gave his life to the Lord on the Eighth Avenue subway in 1962. In 1967 he was called to the ministry of the gospel.

Jordan accepted his call and became the associate pastor of the Tompkins Avenue Church of God in Brooklyn, New York. He served as the associate pastor for three years before being called to pastor the Clement Road Church of God (CRCOG) in Columbia, South Carolina. It was a tremendous leap of faith to leave his dream job and move his young family to South Carolina but he knew God would be with them.

Jordan served the CRCOG for 46 faithful years. He has many wonderful accomplishments some of which include, serving as the President of the National Board of Pensions, the Board of Christian Education, the Chairman of the South Carolina State Presbytery, Chairman of the Fellowship of Churches and many more. These are just a few of his accomplishments but what was most important to Jordan wasn't titles. What was important to him was people. His main focus was to win souls for Christ and build the church spiritually.

Jordan was called Dr. Jordan by his co-workers for many years before he became a pastor and received his Honorary Doctor of Divinity in 1991. He was then called Rev. Dr. Jordan D. Smith but he was just as happy to be called Bro. Smith. All who knew and loved him knew that he loved the Lord, loved people and wanted to lead as many as he could to Christ.

Jordan was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Clara Smith; brothers, Lindsey and David, sisters, Freddie, Flora and Lucy and his loving, talented daughter, Donna Diana Smith Jenkins.

Rev. Dr. Jordan D. Smith leaves to mourn his passing; his wife of 60 years, Eunice D. Smith, a daughter Veronica Smith (Greg Davis) of Lexington, South Carolina, a son Matthew Jordan Smith (Maki) of Tokyo, Japan; Marc A. Jenkins (son-in-law) of Lexington, South Carolina a godson Bryan Taylor; 6 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren; nieces; nephews; great nieces; great-nephews, many other loving relatives and caring friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

# *We Will Never Forget*

We will never forget that amazing 1000 watt smile  
You so willingly shared to show everyone you cared  
We will never forget your deep penetrating eyes  
That looked deep into our souls and let us know  
Jesus alone can make us whole  
We will never forget that melodious voice  
That caused us to rejoice  
We will never forget that you lived the life you sang about  
In your song  
We will never forget your warm embrace that seemed to cause  
All our concerns to be erased  
We will never forget your example of a Godly husband  
Devoted and faithful loving and adoring your beautiful wife  
We will never forget that you were a tremendous fisherman  
Who loved catching fish and sharing them with others  
We will never forget that you were an amazing, diligent, inspirational sought after  
Preacher and teacher of the gospel  
Yes you were a fisher of men  
We will never forget your booming voice as you reminded us that  
My God shall supply all your needs according to  
His RICHES in glory by Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:9)  
We will never forget that you never met a stranger  
Your warm caring personality drew people to you even as your life on earth  
Was coming to an end  
We will never forget any of these things because  
You were all of these things and so much more

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*Loving, Darling Husband  
Daddy, dad, granddaddy, grandpa, Great G-daddy and uncle  
But most of all  
Child of the King  
We will never forget Rev. Dr. Jordan D. Smith  
Because there will never be another to replace you in our hearts  
We will never forget!*

Lovingly Written by  
Veronica D. Smith, Daughter



# Order of Service

## PRELUDE:

Original Album by Rev. Dr. Jordan D. Smith

Processional

Final Glance

Prayer ..... Rev. Leonard T. Taylor

Master of Ceremonies ..... Rev. Dennis T. Smart, pastor Clement Road Church of God

Opening Hymn..... Be An Overcomer

Old Testament .....Rev. Dr. James A. Dargon, Congregational Church of God Pastor Advisor

New Testament ..... Minister Marc A. Jenkins, son-in-law

Violin solo ..... Lyric Jenkins, granddaughter

Remarks – ( *Limit 3 minutes please*)

Rev. Trevor S. Cropp I ..... Allen Street Church of God, Barnwell, South Carolina

South Carolina State Presbytery Representative

Morris Gillins ..... Men of Action

Rev. Robert Simmons ..... Church

Harry Rogers ..... Family

Matthew Jordan D. Smith ..... Son

Musical Tribute ..... Grandchildren

Words of Comfort .....Rev. Leonard T. Taylor

Recessional ..... Oh I Want to See Him







## **PALLBEARERS**

Shane Davis  
Sterling Davis  
Kendal Jenkins  
Micah Jenkins  
Aiden Davis  
Clement Road Men of Action

## **FLOWER BEARERS**

Women of the Church of God

## **INTERMENT**

Greenlawn Memorial Park  
845 Leesburg Road  
Columbia, SC 29209

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

*The family of Rev. Dr. Jordan D. Smith would like to extend to you deep appreciation for the love you have shown. Special thanks to DESA Inc., Diane E. Sumter, CEO for the beautiful programs. Most of all, we thank God for giving us such a wonderful, outstanding, loving, Godly husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. We solicit your prayers for continued strength in the Lord, and may our God shall supply all your needs according to His RICHES in glory by Christ Jesus.*

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