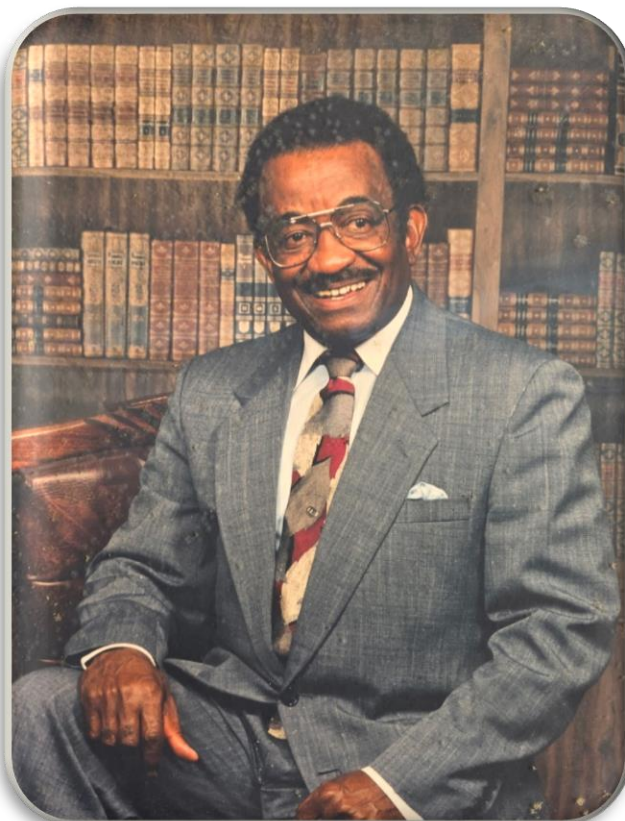


Celebrating The Life and Legacy  
Of One Distinguished Gentleman

Dr. Theodore Roosevelt Smith  
(Uncle Teddy)

August 5, 1930 ~ January 22, 2026



Sunday, February 8, 2026

Funeral Services: 11:00 AM

Mountainside Seventh-day Adventist Church

3936 Rainbow Drive, Decatur, Georgia 30034

Pastor Oscar Sherrod, Senior Pastor and Officiating Minister

Dr. Ralph Peay, Eulogist

# The Love Of His Life



Ted and Pennie Smith  
November 26, 2005

# Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Opening Song ..... Congregational  
*“When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder”*

Scripture – Old Testament..... Pastor Ronald Wright  
*Isaiah 52:7 and Proverbs 3:5-5-6*

Scripture - New Testament..... Elder Timothy Smith  
*1 Thessalonians 4:16-18*

Prayer of Comfort..... Dr. Sherwin Jack, Senior Pastor, Atlanta Berean SDA Church

Musical Selection ..... Elder Michael Scott  
*“Marvelous”*

Reflections ..... Pastor Calvin Watkins, Vice President, North America Division  
Dr. Ron Smith, President, Southern Union Conference  
Pastor Calvin Preston, President, South Atlantic Conference  
Pastor William Smith, Publishing Director, Southern Union Conference

Musical Selection ..... Sister Jacquelyn Ross

Reflections ..... Pastors: Steven Ruff and Samuel Thomas

Recognition: Charter Members ... Pastors: Olin McGraw and Drake Barber, Sister Linette Sutton

Musical Selection ..... Elder Olga J. DeCosta  
*“I’ll See You Again”*

Reflection: Orchard Park SDA Church..... Sister Princess Brooks, Logan Family

Family Reflections/Tributes ..... Pastors: Robert Lister and Robert T. Smith  
Mrs. Renita Tonah, Mr. Rodney Smith, Dr. Robert S. Smith

Pictorial Reflection..... Sister Pamela Evans  
*“Jesus Led Me All The Way”*

Eulogy..... Dr. Ralph Peay, Director of Senior Ministries, South Atlantic Conference

Acknowledgements ..... Sister Sonia Francis, Church Clerk

Closing Song ..... Congregational  
*“We Shall Behold Him”*

Benediction..... Pastor William Winston

*“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.” Revelations 21:4*

# Life Sketches

On August 5, 1930, a marvelous thing happened in Zebulon, Georgia. Theodore Roosevelt Smith the eighth child of Marvin Sidney Smith and Viola (Leeks) Smith was born! Soon after his arrival, his proud parents noticed some concerning health challenges he had. But to their joy, “Granny” came to the rescue. With her knowledge and skills of working with natural remedies, she lovingly cared for her tiny grandson. Theodore thrived and soon appeared to be on the road to excellent health.

It was not long before it became evident that Theodore’s physical, spiritual, mental, social, and intellectual abilities were exceptional. When he was in first grade at Broadway Elementary School, his teacher recognized him as a fast learner. Beyond the basic curriculum, Theo learned skills dealing with electricity, farming, bricklaying, carpentry, woodworking, painting, and public speaking. He loved learning! His hobbies included fishing, baseball, trapping, and hunting. Theodore attended Valley State College and later Zion College and Seminary in Chattanooga, Tennessee, where he received two honorary doctorate degrees.

Raised in a strong Baptist tradition, Theodore was influenced by the deep scriptural curiosity of his father, grandfather, and uncle. He too developed an interest in studying the Word. He and his girlfriend, Kenny, often studied, prayed, and searched the Scriptures together. They joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Ted and Kenny were married in May of 1949. They had four children, Kenneth, Clyde, Elaine and Elizabeth. Kenny passed away in 1991, leaving a void in their family. Sometime afterwards, Theodore and Marion were married, and they continued working in the Lord’s vineyard until her untimely death. He became a full-time Literature Evangelist, finding great joy and success in the Gospel door to door through the printed page. His dedication and hard work led to his ordination and the appointment of leadership in several conferences. He served as Publishing Director of South Central Conference, Southeastern Conference, Southwest Region Conference, South Atlantic Conference, and Associate Publishing Director of Southern Union Conference. He retired in 1999 from the Southern Union Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Following his retirement as a denominational employee, he founded and became the inaugural senior pastor of Mountainside SDA Church.

Among those he led to Christ was his own brother Robert, who had originally been sent by their mother to challenge Theodore’s understanding of Scripture. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the “Smith Brothers,” reached the highest level of service in the Seventh-day Adventist church. Ted was among the founding fathers of the Family Health Education Services (FHES).

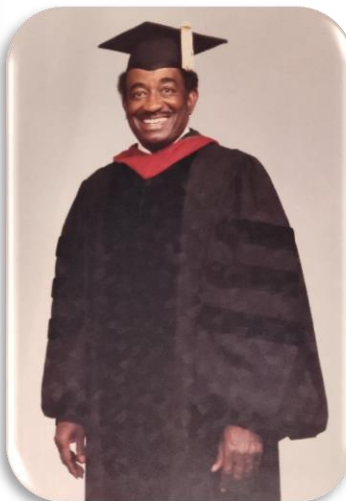
On November 26, 2005, Theodore and Pennie were united in marriage. They served together as Senior Pastor and Associate Pastor of Mountainside SDA Church, touching many lives until his death on January 22, 2026. He closed his eyes in faith that he would be in the first resurrection.

Preceded him in death were his parents, nine siblings and his son Kenneth Jr.,

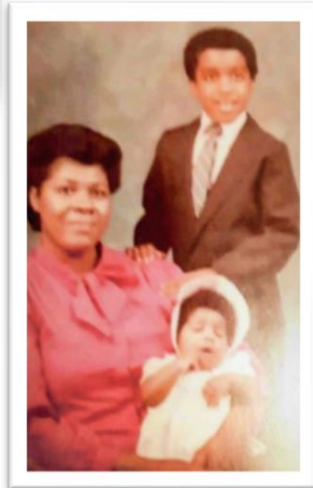
Cherishing his memory: His devoted wife, **Pennie**; his children, **Clyde Choice (Donald)**, **Elaine Henderson (Jimmy)**, and **Elizabeth Smith**; grandchildren, **Ralita Pettway (Kelvin)**, **Renita Tanoh (DeJuan)**, **Jimmy Henderson Jr.**, **Kenneth Smith Jr.**, and **Lauren Smith**; 5 great-grandchildren; his brother, **Robert Smith (Mervetta)**; “Bonus children,” **Michael and Christine Scott**; and a host of **nieces, nephews, cousins and friends**.



# Beautiful Memories









# Tributes

## ~ Teddy's Holy Dance ~ "He Kept His Promise!!!"

My Big Brother, TED,

You told me years ago, by the grace of God, you wanted to give me three little words: (and then, some) . You told me whatever I wanted to do in life to do whatever I wanted to do "And then Some". In the first grade, I did all that my teacher wanted me to do. In high school, I did all that I could and then some which enabled me to be an honor student. In college I graduated Summa Cum Laude because I did all that my teachers required of me and then some. On every job that I had, I did everything that I was asked to do and then some. Because I followed your advice, I was able to preach and teach the gospel on 6 continents and in 167 countries. Those 3 little words enabled me to become president of the Review & Herald Publishing Association.

~ Robert S. Smith ~

Our Grandfather was an incredible person. Even though he is not with us we will always remember the vacations, dinners, church services, laughter and life lessons that we shared with him. His memory will live on through the lives he has impacted with his messages from God. Although we are all heartbroken about his passing, the sound of his voice and his smile will echo in our memories with laughter and quiet tears. We all love you and miss you. Sleep well,

~ Your Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren and Cousins ~

To Our Dad:

Dad you made life so wonderful for us with love, patience, discipline, laughter, fun and what a family should be. We are so thankful you were a God fearing and praying father.

Thank you for letting God's light shine through you to help us stand for Christ. We will truly miss you, but not for long...until the Trumpet sounds and those asleep in Jesus will rise. We love you Dad.

~ From your girls - Clyde, Elaine, and Elizabeth ~

I love you my Sweet Husband!!! I miss you so much. See you in the Morning!!!

~ Your Sugar Plum (Pennie) ~

## Pallbearers

Kelvin Pettway, Sr., Grandson-in-law  
DaJuan Virgil, Great Grandson  
Kelvin Pettway, Jr., Great Grandson

Kenneth Smith, Jr., Grandson  
Raymond L. Freeman, Nephew  
Randall J. Freeman, Nephew

## Acknowledgements

*Death is truly an enemy. Losing a loved one weighs heavily on the heart and can leave our spirits feeling crushed. Yet even in this sorrow, God continues to send exactly what we need to help restore and sustain us.*

*Thank you for being such beautiful expressions of His love and mercy. Your calls, prayers, messages, comforting presence, delicious food, thoughtful gifts, and every act of kindness have been a healing balm to our hearts. You have reminded us of God's unfailing love and care and have helped keep us encouraged during this difficult time.*

*We are sincerely grateful for your support and compassion toward our family. May God richly and completely bless each of you.*

~ The Theodore Roosevelt Smith Family ~

## The Internment:

Resthaven Gardens of Memory  
2284 Candler Road, Decatur, GA 30034

## Programs Designed By:

AAA PCITS – (Pamelia Evans)  
130 Mona Court, Lawrenceville, GA 30044  
770-237-2022 or 678-613-6397

## Funeral Arrangements Entrusted to:

Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc.  
4347 Flat Shoals Parkway, Decatur, GA 30034  
Voice (404) 241-5656 / Fax (404) 241-8116

## The Repast:

The Smith Family warmly invites all friends and loved ones to join them for a Repast Fellowship Hour in the Church Fellowship Hall immediately following the service. The meal is graciously provided by the Mountainside Seventh-day Adventist Church.



*"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God ring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*