



## Deacon Ivory Joe Smith Sr.

January 30, 2021

Statesboro, GA

Deacon Ivory Joe Smith, Sr. age 69, passed into rest Saturday, January 30, 2021 at the Ogeechee Area Hospice Inpatient Facility. The Bulloch County native was the son of the late Deacon Swinton and Lucille Lee Smith.

He received his formal education in the public school system of Bulloch County. He attended the Willow Hill Elementary School and was a 1969 graduate of the William James High School. He served his country in the United States Army. He was a Vietnam veteran.

Deacon Smith accepted Christ and became a member of the St. Mary's Missionary Baptist Church. He became a deacon under the leadership of Rev. Frank L. Roberts and continued his current position under the leadership of Timotheus Mincey. He has served his church for the last sixty years.

He leaves many loved ones to cherish his memory: his wife, Janice Brown Smith, six children, Ranesia Brown, Augusta, GA, Tironica Smith (deceased), Tacoria Smith, Augusta, GA, Ivory Joe (Jayla) Smith, II, Statesboro, GA, Ijuwon Jamal Smith, Statesboro, GA; and Kaneshia Kawan (Leon) Hodge, Statesboro, GA, six siblings, Marjorie Grant, Statesboro, GA, Larry (Lettie) Smith, Statesboro, GA, Andrea Gail (Jerry) Clark, Savannah, GA, Enola Gay

(Billy) Mosley, Statesboro, Marilyn (Tim) Well, Jacksonville, FL, Sylvia (Will) Johnson, Augusta, GA, and John Releford Lee; a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, one aunt Clarice Davis, nieces, nephews, cousins, and numerous friends.

A walk through viewing for Deacon Smith will be held, Thursday February 4, 2021 at Hill's Mortuary, Inc. from the hours of 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

A graveside funeral service and burial will be held 11 a.m. Friday, February 5, 2021 at the St. Mary's Missionary Baptist Church 2227 Mallard Pond Road, Statesboro, GA, with the Pastor, Rev. Timotheus B. Mincey, officiating.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, social distancing will be enforced at the funeral home and graveside services. We ask that you adhere to all CDC guidelines.

Final rites have been entrusted to Hill's Mortuary, Inc.

# Tribute Wall



“ Hill's Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Deacon Ivory Joe Smith Sr.



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**Hill's Mortuary, Inc.** - February 04, 2021 at 01:09 PM

EK

*So sorry to hear about his passing. Shared school days with him. I will miss him. Evonne Williams Key*

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**EvonnejennyCwms2@gmsil Key** - February 04, 2021 at 03:21 PM

GW

*So sorry to learn of your loss. You are in my prayers. Glenda Washington*

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**Glenda Washington** - February 06, 2021 at 08:26 AM

SA

“ Sis. Angelina lit a candle in memory of Deacon Ivory Joe Smith Sr.



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**Sis. Angelina** - February 06, 2021 at 06:28 AM

SA

*Dea, will truly be missed at Saint Mary's Missionary Baptist Church. From watching him through his hands up to saying "Oh Lord"..Praying for the Family* ❤️🙏❤️

Sis. Angelina - February 06, 2021 at 06:36 AM

FO

“ *Mr Ivory joe Smith sr will be missed when this guy was in a room you would know it because of his unique laugh may your rest in paradise*

Freddie Mae Ogundele - February 05, 2021 at 10:47 PM

AS

“ *Alicia Denell Smith lit a candle in memory of Deacon Ivory Joe Smith Sr.*



Alicia Denell Smith - February 05, 2021 at 08:05 AM

TG

“ *Prayers are with you all!  
Ulysses and Thelma Grant*



thelma grant - February 04, 2021 at 09:53 PM

ER

“ *Eva Rivers lit a candle in memory of Deacon Ivory Joe Smith Sr.*



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**Eva Rivers** - February 04, 2021 at 09:33 PM

ER

“ *Eva Rivers lit a candle in memory of Deacon Ivory Joe Smith Sr.*



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**Eva Rivers** - February 04, 2021 at 06:28 PM

SS

“ *Sonya Sapp lit a candle in memory of Deacon Ivory Joe Smith Sr.*



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**sonya sapp** - February 04, 2021 at 06:17 PM

TC

“ *Trent Christian lit a candle in memory of Deacon Ivory Joe Smith Sr.*



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**Trent christian** - February 04, 2021 at 04:50 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Deacon Ivory Joe Smith Sr..*



February 04, 2021 at 12:11 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Hill's Mortuary, Inc. - February 04, 2021 at 11:48 AM



“ *34 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Hill's Mortuary, Inc. - February 04, 2021 at 10:14 AM

CD

“ Absence from the body, Presence with The Lord! Rest easy over yonder in the promise Land..□



Clementine Davis - February 03, 2021 at 07:12 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Deacon Ivory Joe Smith Sr..



February 03, 2021 at 03:15 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Deacon Ivory Joe Smith Sr..



February 03, 2021 at 03:08 PM

LR

“ Linda Whitfield Ramey lit a candle in memory of Deacon Ivory Joe Smith Sr.



Linda Whitfield Ramey - February 02, 2021 at 09:18 PM

LR

*With deepest sympathy to Smith Family. May God give you strength during time.*

*Linda Ramey Whitfield and Family*

Linda Whitfield Ramey - February 02, 2021 at 09:22 PM



“ *Barbara Bradshaw lit a candle in memory of Deacon Ivory Joe Smith Sr.*



Barbara Bradshaw - February 02, 2021 at 05:28 PM

LS

“ *Loving memories from the Saxton family, you will be missed you were always greeted with a smile and that laugh was on of a kind, GOD bless your family ! 🙏🙏🙏🙏*

Linda Saxton - February 02, 2021 at 04:46 PM



“ *Our prayers are with you and your family. Our condolences Love The Clemons Family*



Kimmie Clemons - February 02, 2021 at 04:15 PM

BR

“ *Becky Robertson lit a candle in memory of Deacon Ivory Joe Smith Sr.*



**Becky Robertson** - February 02, 2021 at 03:43 PM

AH

“ *Ann Hester lit a candle in memory of Deacon Ivory Joe Smith Sr.*



**Ann Hester** - February 02, 2021 at 10:21 AM

BM

“ *BANKS CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH ELDER JOSEPH MOSLEY PASTOR*



**Brent and Bernice Mosley** - February 01, 2021 at 06:09 PM

BM

“ *Brent and Bernice Mosley*



**Brent and Bernice Mosley** - February 01, 2021 at 06:08 PM

MF

“ You will be missed big brother that laugh and that smile rest God angel we love you



Mildred Fagan - February 01, 2021 at 04:19 PM

BD

“ Barbara Hobbs Dekle and family....praying for the family

Barbara Dekle - February 01, 2021 at 04:12 PM

 Danlyn Brown

“ Danlyn Brown lit a candle in memory of Deacon Ivory Joe Smith Sr.



Danlyn Brown - February 01, 2021 at 01:02 PM

JJ

“ Josiebelle Joyce lit a candle in memory of Deacon Ivory Joe Smith Sr.



Josiebelle Joyce - February 01, 2021 at 12:55 PM

LW

“ *Lynette Wilcox lit a candle in memory of Deacon Ivory Joe Smith Sr.*



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**Lynette Wilcox** - February 01, 2021 at 10:30 AM

JT

“ *Jennell L Tompkins lit a candle in memory of Deacon Ivory Joe Smith Sr.*



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**Jennell L Tompkins** - February 01, 2021 at 08:36 AM

MC

“ *Marilyn Childers&Family lit a candle in memory of Deacon Ivory Joe Smith Sr.*



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**Marilyn Childers&Family** - January 31, 2021 at 07:01 PM

JR

“ *From my household to yours God is still in control and He has made a way with strength and comfort for the love ones that are still here God bless the household*

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**Johnny Rawls** - January 31, 2021 at 06:06 PM