

Remembering Minister SHAWN MAURICE SMOTHERS

Order of Service

- Musical Selection Sis. Lakeia Taylor
- Processional led by Bishop Melvin McCluster
- Last Glance | Final Sealing*
- Hymn Bishop Melvin McCluster
- Prayer Pastor A. J. Robinson
- Scripture
- Old Testament Rev. William Laster
- New Testament Elder Greg Peterson
- Selection Sis. Stacey Kelley

Reflections

- As a Church Member | Evangelist Sarah Dice
As a Classmate | Deacon Stanley White
As a Friend | Minister Tony Fuller

Open to 2 Friends | limit 2 minutes

- Family Tribute Minister Hephzibab Buulah
- Selection Sis. Lakeia Taylor
- Eulogy Rev. George F. Monts, Jr.
Pastor | Zion Hope Baptist Church

Acknowledgements and
Presentation of the
Heirloom Family Bible Barnum Staff

Recessional

*Please turn all cell phones and electronic devices off
or to silent mode during the services. Thank you.*

The family will receive friends for the repast in the
Hope Center of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church.

A Fallen Limb

A limb has fallen from the family tree.
I keep hearing a voice that says, "Grieve not for me.
Remember the best times, the laughter, the song.
The good life I lived while I was strong.
Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.
Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.
Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.
Continue traditions, no matter how small.
Go on with your life, don't worry about falls.
I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin
until the day comes we're together again."



Shawn Maurice Smothers
REST IN Heavenly PEACE
1970-2020

EARTHLY PLACE OF REST
Staley Memorial Gardens
N. Mayo Street | Americus, GA 31709

PALLBEARERS
Booker T. Jones, III Andrew Lee French, Jr.
Jason Rashad Jones Dontavious Kyle Jones
Dexter Smothers Jr. Anfrance Smothers
Derrick Jones, Jr. Christopher Lee Jones

FLOWER ATTENDANTS
Sumter County Comprehensive High School Class of 1988

Acknowledgements

Words are inadequate to express the humbleness and gratefulness we feel towards all friends who have consoled us during our hour of bereavement. Your prayers, love, presence and service sustained us. Your cards, messages, flowers and gifts of food were warmly appreciated. We saw all of these as God's love expressed through you. Whatever you did to console our hearts, the members our entire family thank you very much.
May God bless each of you.

~The Family

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Tuesday, March 10, 2020
1:00 p.m.
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
411 Cotton Avenue | Americus, Georgia 31709
Pastor, Bishop Melvin McCluster

Eulogist
Rev. George F. Monts, Jr.
Pastor, Zion Hope Baptist Church

Remembering Minister
SHAWN MAURICE SMOTHERS

Obituary

MINISTER SHAWN MAURICE SMOTHERS was born on July 16, 1970, to the parentage of the late Deacon Homer Lee Smothers and Mrs. Bernice C. Smothers. Shawn was taught the importance of hard work, respect, integrity and excellence.

Shawn was a 1988 graduate of Sumter County Comprehensive High School and was a member of the Rams Marching Band. He attended Albany State University and worked several years as restaurant manager for Hardee's in Leesburg, Cordele, Albany, Columbus and Atlanta, Georgia.

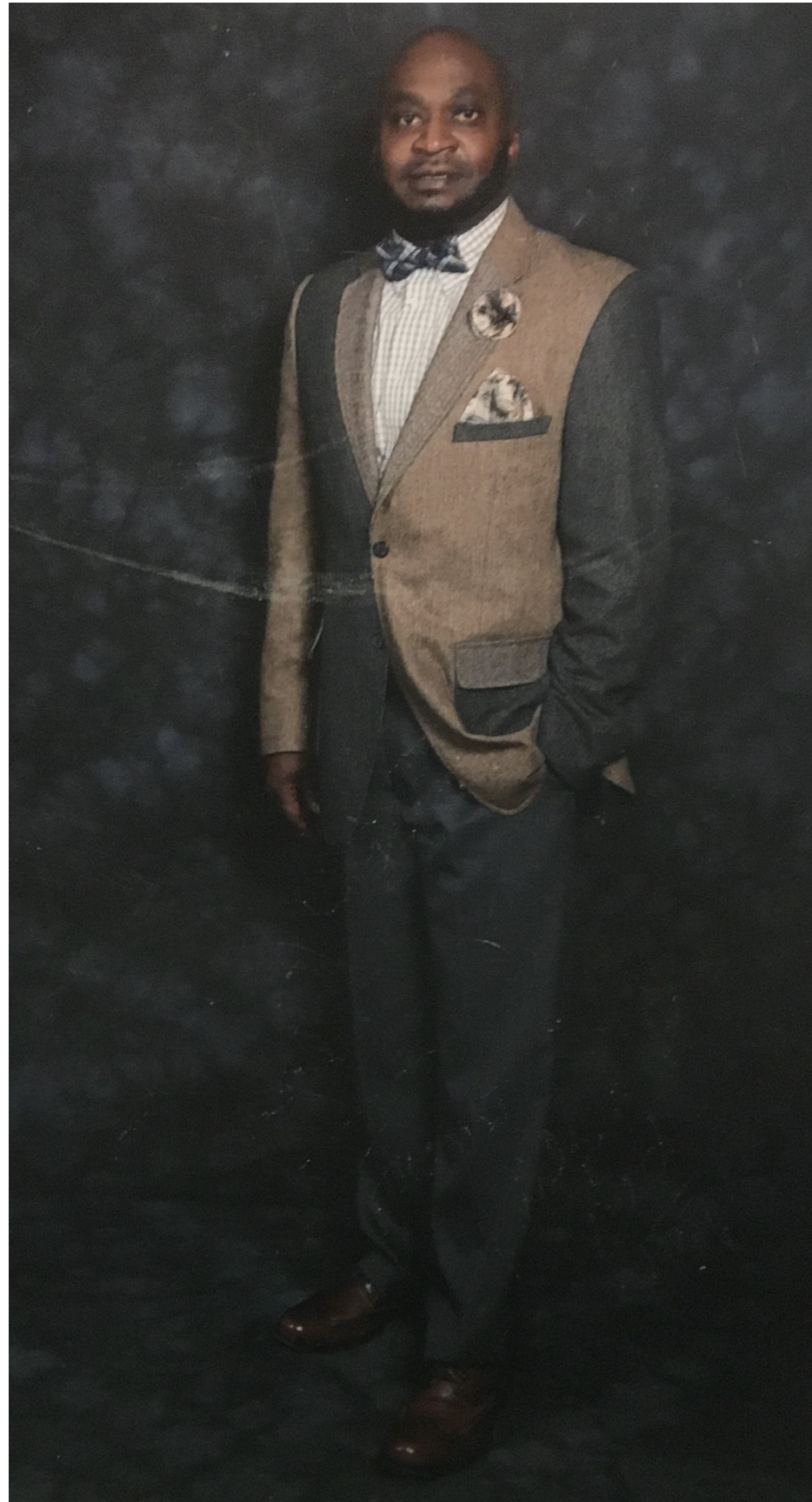
Minister Smothers received his spiritual training at Zion Hope Baptist Church, where he was baptized and became a member of the body of Christ at an early age. He was ordained as a Deacon in 1999 under the leadership of Pastor Donnie Ray Hall. Shawn demonstrated his leadership ability as Assistant Chairman and Secretary of the Board of Deacons, Sunday School Teacher, Field Ministry Chairperson and sang with the Praise Team, Sanctuary Choir, Unity Choir and Male Chorus. Shawn was a born again, spirit-filled man of God.

On March 11, 2013, Shawn surrendered to the call of God and on May 5, 2013, was licensed as a Minister by Pastor George F. Monts, Jr. His initial sermon was "Jesus Is Passing through Your City to Handle Your Leprosy Situation", Luke 17:11-19. On December 29, 2013, he was ordained as a Minister. He was called to serve as Pastor of Love, Joy & Peace Church of Richland, GA in January 2014. He served in that capacity for three years.

In his life, Minister Smothers had encountered some difficult and trying times, just as Jacob did. He called on the Lord and wouldn't let go until He blessed him. Shawn was a testimony of God's healing power. Praise the Lord, on Wednesday, March 4, 2020, Shawn received his eternal healing: a New Body, free from cancer, sickness and pain.

The Love of God was visible in Shawn's life and he displayed that love to his fellow brothers and sisters daily. Shawn had an enthusiastic passion for children and the elderly. He loved hard and was loved by many. Shawn loved people and he never met a stranger. Not only was he known for his loving and caring personality, but Shawn had a distinctive and unmatched style and swagger. Shawn had no biological children of his own but his love from day one for all his nieces and nephews was phenomenal. He had a special bond with everyone of them that seemed to grow stronger as they reached adulthood. They all loved Uncle Shawn, fondly known as "Numph Numph". He was also Uncle Shawn to many other community and church family youth.

Minister Smothers leaves a legacy of love and memories to his devoted and loving mother, Mrs. Bernice (Frank) Wiley; three loving sisters: Mrs. Demita (Derek) Jones, Mrs. Devetta (Booker) Jones and Ms. Lovie Williams; two brothers, Mr. Dexter (Emily) Smothers and Mr. Howard Daniels; two aunts, Mrs. Betty Sue Combs and Ms. Willie Mae Smothers; a great aunt, Ms. Minnie Richardson; Shawn was god father to three special nephews: Braylon Smothers, Brandon Smothers and Brennon Smothers who he helped to rear along with their parents. They were the light of his eyes. "Numph Numph" will also be missed by his nephews and nieces: Booker Terry (Gabrielle) Jones, III, Andrew (Jasmaa) French, Jason Jones, Dontavius Jones, Dexter Smothers, Jr., Anfrance Smothers, Jason Daniels, Derrick Jones and Christopher Jones, Laderica Jones, Kierra Jones, Teresa (Bernard) Fuller and Andrea Nicole Jones; six great nephews, four great nieces, one great-great nephew, and one great-great niece; and a host of loving cousins of The Foster, The Combs and The Smothers families; a special god family, Deacon James Champion and children; a loving god sister, Bridget Stevenson; a loving god brother, Kent Champion; a devoted friend, Tony Fuller and his Zion Hope Family and other relatives and friends also survive.



All is Well

Death is nothing at all.

I have only slipped into the next room.

I am I, and you are you.

*Whatever we were to each other,
that we are still.*

Call me by my old familiar name.

*Speak to me in the easy way
which you always used.*

Put no difference in your tone.

Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.

*Laugh as we always laughed
at little jokes we enjoyed together.*

Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.

*Let my name be ever
the household word that it always was.*

*Let it be spoken without effect,
without the trace of shadow on it.*

Life means all that it ever meant.

*It is the same as it ever was;
there is unbroken continuity.*

*Why should I be out of mind
because I am out of sight?*

*I am waiting for you, for an interval,
somewhere very near just around the corner.*

All is well.