

*Minister Helen Fudge Smith* was born in Americus, Sumter County, Georgia on February 22, 1948, to the parentage of the late Mr. Jimmie Lee Fudge and the late Mrs. Mattie Lou Foster Fudge. At an early age, she joined the Antioch Baptist Church, Plains, Georgia. She also attended the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Ellaville, Georgia. She received her education in the public schools of Sumter County and furthered her studies at the Fort Valley State University earning a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration and a master's degree in education. She was a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated. She was ordained into the ministry by the late Rev. James Brown. She formed the prayer line for Antioch Baptist Church and traveled far and near sharing the word of God through several speaking engagements.

She was married to the late Mr. Marvin Smith and to this union, two children were born.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her son, Elder Michael Smith, Americus, GA; her daughter, Ms. Alicia T. Smith, Ellaville, GA; her brother, Mr. Eli (Ollie) Fudge, Americus, GA; two grandchildren, Ms. Brittany Smith, Taipei City, Taiwan, and Mrs. Raven Smith-Campbell and husband, Kordell, Americus, GA; one great granddaughter, Ms. Harmony Michayla Smith; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends also.