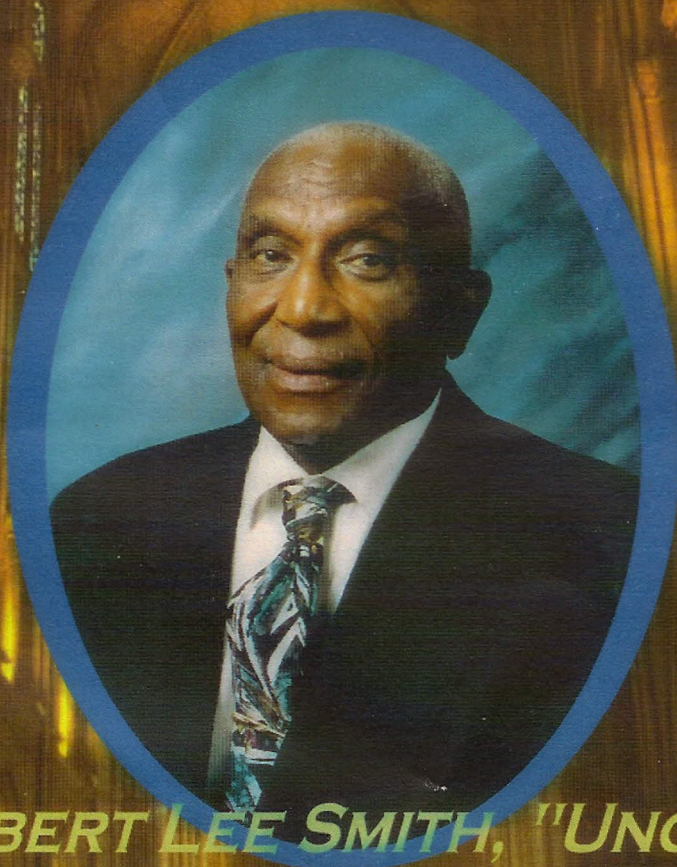


Homegoing Services

GREATER HOLY TEMPLE
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST



ROBERT LEE SMITH, "UNCLE"

APRIL 12TH 1917 - JULY 16TH 2004

OBITUARY

Robert Lee Smith was born on April 12, 1917 in Caseyville, Mississippi. He was the third of nine children born to Bessie Haney and Martin Smith. His parents preceded him in death. He was reared in a religious community. He attended Mount Carmel Elementary School. Robert served in the United States Army as a Surgical Technician in the Medical Detachment of 859th Engineer Aviator Battalion for three years. (1941 - 1945). He spent two and a half years in the European Theater of Operation. "He has performed his duties in a very satisfactory manner and has an excellent record as a soldier."

On October 26, 1946 he was united in Holy Matrimony to Maggie Scott, his childhood sweetheart. They enjoyed fifty-seven and a half years of marriage together. Although no children were born to this union, many surrogate children were reared in their home. On the day following the wedding they moved to Natchez, Mississippi. In 1952 they moved to Racine, Wisconsin. In September of 1953 they moved to Chicago, Illinois.

Robert retired from Midland Ross Corporation after approximately twenty-nine years of employment. Robert had a friendly relationship with the Saints although he was not a regular attendant. One day he surprised his wife and came to Greater Holy Temple Church. Brother Smith came to the altar and the Lord saved him approximately twenty-five years ago under the leadership of the late Bishop Eleazar Lenox.

Robert served as Chairman of the Trustee Board. He was a trustee indeed. He also worked with the Beautifying Committee. He continued supporting the church and Pastor under the leadership of ascended Pastor James Lenox and the current Pastor, Elder Lamont Lenox. Brother Smith also worked with the Son's of God Ministry. He was a mentor for many young married couples. When introducing himself to someone, he would say, "My name is Uncle, what's your name?" He was a jolly person who met no strangers. He lived life to the fullest.

He departed this life on Friday, July 16, 2004 at Loyola University Hospital, Maywood, Illinois. Leaving to cherish his loving memories, his devoted wife, Maggie L. Smith; five sisters: Lessie Mingo of Crystal Springs, Mississippi; Mildred (German) Levi of Brookhaven, Mississippi; Alberta Perkins of Natchez, Mississippi; Cloteal Green of Indianapolis, Indiana; Ethel Etter of Weed, California and Jurlean of Natchez, Mississippi. One sister, Katie Mitchell and two brothers: Sylvester and Essex who preceded him in death; Two brother-in law's, five sister-in law's, nephew James Scott (who was like a son), and his wife Loretta. "Grandchildren": Caretta, James Jr., Ashley, Ruth; seven Godchildren: Martin McNair, Benea Brown, Jesse Miller, Kareeta & Reona Lenox, Yvette Wilson, and Jewel Mae Blakley; and a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and the Greater Holy Temple Church Family.

Gone But Yet With Us
