



Rev. James Zinnermon Smith Sr.

May 12, 1947 - May 15, 2025

It is with deep sorrow that Mrs. Olivia Melton Smith and her family announce the death of her beloved husband, Rev. James Zinnermon Smith, Sr., 78.

Rev. Smith entered into rest on Thursday, May 15, 2025. The Directors of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home & Crematory are caring for the family.

A funeral service to honor his life will be held at 2 o'clock on Sunday, May 18, 2025, in Tabernacle Methodist Church. The Rev. Mike Parnell will officiate with burial to follow in the church cemetery. The United States Army will render Military Honors. The family will receive friends from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm on Saturday, May 17, 2025, at Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made in his honor to the McLeod Health Foundation, 300 South Dargan Street, Florence, SC 29502.

Rev. Smith was born on Monday, May 12, 1947, in Darlington County, SC. He is the son of the late R. C. Smith and Christine Grantham Smith. He served his country in the United States Army from 1967 until 1969 while stationed in Germany. Upon retiring to the States, Jimmy found the love of his life, Olivia. They have been happily married for fifty-five years.

Jimmy was ordained as a minister on March 18, 1984. He pastored several churches. For the past three years, he has been serving as Pastor for the Children's Baptist Church in Patrick, SC. Jimmy had a radio ministry for twenty-five years and had a thirty-five-year nursing home ministry.

He also worked for the former VesiTech Plant in Bethune, SC, for forty years. For leisure, he enjoyed bird watching, as well as his boxing and Gunsmoke.

He is survived by his loving wife, Olivia Melton Smith of Hartsville, SC; son, James Z. "Jay" Smith, Jr. (Tonya) of Hartsville, SC; daughter, Kimberly Smith Parnell (Rev. Mike Parnell) of McBee, SC; grandchildren, Michael Lawrence Parnell, Jr. of Hartsville, SC, Christine Leester Smith of Boone, NC, Storm Alexander Smith of Hartsville, SC.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Daphene Smith Johnson, and an infant sister.

Cemetery Details

Tabernacle Methodist Church Cemetery

1687 Tabernacle Church Rd.
McBee, SC

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home
306 West Home Avenue
Hartsville, SC 29550

Funeral Service

MAY 18. 2:00 PM (ET)

Tabernacle Methodist Church
1687 Tabernacle Church Raod
McBee, SC

Tribute Wall



“ *Brown - Pennington - Atkins Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. James Zinnermon Smith Sr.*



Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home - May 17, 2025 at 02:02 PM

LB

“ *Olivia and Family, So sorry for your loss. I worked with Jimmy at Kendall. He was always nice and pleasant. Prayers for strength and comfort.*



Laverne & Miriam Brown - May 19, 2025 at 10:04 PM

SG

“ *Prayers for the family. I remember Jimmy from high school. Sylvester and Margaret Griggs*



Sylvester & Margaret Griffs - May 18, 2025 at 08:04 PM

JB

“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of one of our classmates from McBee High. I remember him well. May God wrap each of you in his loving arms. Love in Christ.*

Janelle Britt - May 18, 2025 at 05:32 PM

AB

“ Family, so very sorry to hear of your great loss. Jimmy and I were classmates during high school. He always had a smile & chuckle that is unforgettable. May our God give you peace & comfort during this difficult time and the following days.



Allen Byrd - May 18, 2025 at 04:09 PM

DM

“ Doug And Scarlett Mason lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Zinnermon Smith Sr.



Doug and Scarlett Mason - May 18, 2025 at 01:06 PM

RA

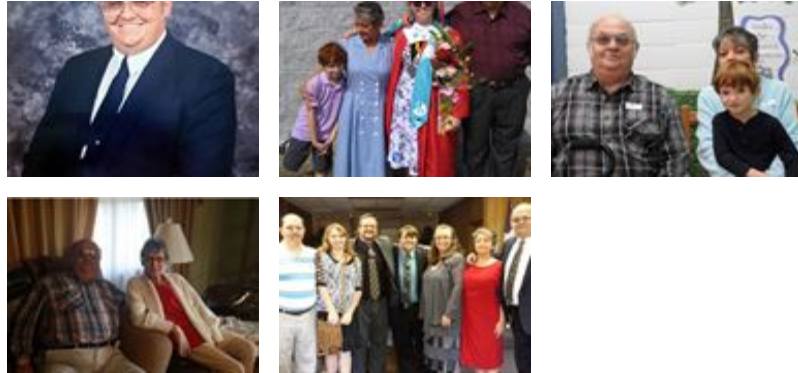
“ Sending thoughts & prayers to the family.



Randy Atkinson - May 18, 2025 at 10:13 AM



“ 49 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home - May 17, 2025 at 01:54 PM

CS

Olivia, I am so sorry to hear of Jimmy's passing. I worked with him for years in Bethune and thought so much of him. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Carolyn Stevens - May 29, 2025 at 07:26 PM

MF

“ *Manuel Flowers lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Zinnermon Smith Sr.*



Manuel Flowers - May 17, 2025 at 08:58 AM

JC

“ *Jeri And Jim Cox lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Zinnermon Smith Sr.*



Jeri and Jim Cox - May 17, 2025 at 08:09 AM

ML

“ Olivia and family, we are so sorry to hear of Jimmy's passing. I just want to tell you what mama said. She said, "It is sad for us, but so good for Jimmy. I have never heard a bad thing on Jimmy Smith. He lived for the Lord. Jimmy was the same every time you saw him, always smiling and happy. If he was hurting, you didnt know it. He was a good man of strong faith."

I just wanted you to know, and we love you all and will keep you in our prayers.

The family of Ruby Warr Byrd

Melissa Lloyd - May 17, 2025 at 07:50 AM

WY

“ Libby and family, I am so sorry for your loss of of Jimmy. May God comfort you with words of love and strength as only He can. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.



Wilma Gainey Yarborough - May 17, 2025 at 12:35 AM

CM

“ Jay, I am so sorry for the loss of your dad. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.



chris morris - May 16, 2025 at 11:09 PM

PC

“ Patricia Collins lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Zinnermon Smith Sr.



Patricia Collins - May 16, 2025 at 10:34 PM

PC

I am so sorry for your loss. I know he will be missed, such a kind and loving person. Praying for the family

Patricia Collins - May 16, 2025 at 10:37 PM

RM

“ Robert & Delisa McKenzie lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Zinnermon Smith Sr.



Robert & Delisa McKenzie - May 16, 2025 at 09:51 PM

BD

“ Olivia and family I am sorry for your loss. I stayed some with the Smith family when I was younger. I know Jimmy will be missed Prayers and thoughts to the Smith families.



Betty Davis - May 16, 2025 at 08:12 PM



“ *Holly Medlin lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Zinnermon Smith Sr.*



Holly Medlin - May 16, 2025 at 07:54 PM



“ *Marty And Julia McKenzie lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Zinnermon Smith Sr.*



Marty and Julia McKenzie - May 16, 2025 at 07:37 PM