

*A Service  
of  
Celebration and Thanksgiving*

*For the Life  
of  
Mr. Eugene (Buddy Yow) Smiley*



*Friday April 25, 1997  
Eleven O'Clock A.M.*

*Greater Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church  
9829 Sandra  
Houston, Texas 77016*

*Jesse Henry Jones Sr.  
Pastor, Officiating*



*Biographical Sketch*

***Eugene (Buddy Yow) Smiley***

*Sunrise: February 12, 1924      Sunset April 16, 1997*

***Parents:***            The late Johnnie Smiley Sr. & The Late Ida Dixon Smiley

***Birthplace:***        Groveton Texas

***Church Affiliation:*** Baldwin Chapel Baptist Church, Groveton Texas

***School Attended:*** Groveton High

***Military Service:*** United States Navy

***Occupation:***        Industrial Roofing

***Place of Residence:*** Groveton, Galveston, Beaumont and Houston Texas

***Daughters:***        Gwendolyn Smiley of San Antonio, Texas Ellen Smiley Ross  
of Beaumont, Texas Virginia L. Smiley (Deceased)

***Sons:***                James Earl Smiley Sr. of Lukfin, Texas Edwin Eugene Smiley  
of Huntsville, Texas

***Grandchildren:*** James Earl Jr., Dedril, Terrence, Edwin, Michael, and  
Angele Smiley

***Great Grandchildren:*** Brittney, Rhonda, Joselyn, and Michael Jr.

***Sisters:***            Gladys Johnson (deceased), Pearl Owens (Freddie), Doris Benjamin,  
(Thomas) Delicy Watts, (Willie) Mona Wallace, and Lois Taylor  
all of Houston, Texas

***Brothers:***          Richard Smiley (Deceased), Alfred Smiley (Deceased)  
Johnnie Smiley Jr., Hilbert Smiley, and Willie Edward Smiley,  
all of Houston, Texas

***Godbrother:***        Ray Jackson

*A Host of Nieces, Nephews, other relatives and friends.*



*To Those I Love  
and to Those Who Love Me*

*When I am gone, release me, let me go  
I have so many things to see and do,  
you mustn't tie yourself to me with tears;  
be happy that we had so many years.*

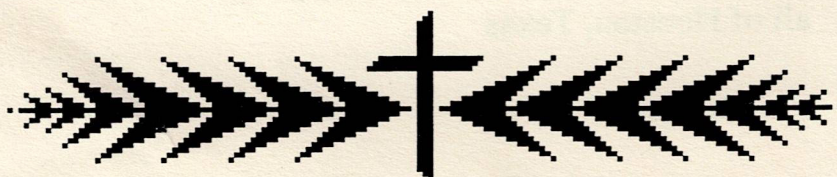
*I gave you my love, you can only guess  
how much you gave to me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love you each have shown;  
but now it's time to travel alone.*

*So grieve a while for me if grieve you must,  
then let your grief be comforted by trust.*

*It's only for a while that we must part,  
so keep the memories within your heart.  
I won't be far away, for life goes on.*

*So if you need me, call and I will come.  
Though you can't see or touch me,  
I'll be near and if you listen with your heart,  
you'll hear all of my love around you soft and dear.  
And then when you must come this way alone;  
I'll greet you with a smile and say,*

***"Welcome Home"***





# Order of Service

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Selection.....Choir

## Scriptures:

Old Testament.....Rev. Willie F. Watts  
Pastor Macedonia Baptist Church  
Millican, Texas

New Testament .....Rev. Felton Himes

Prayer .....Rev. Larry Woodard Jr.  
Pastor, Christian Rescue Mission  
Houston, Texas

Selection .....Choir

Biographical Sketch .....(read silently).....Soft Music

## Resolutions:

Church

Others

Solo .....Deacon Norris Littles

Acknowledgement

Expressions.....(3 minutes please)

Words of Consolation ..... Rev. Gene Canada  
Pastor Kashmere Garden B. C.  
Houston, Texas

Selection.....(Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah).....Deacon Norris Littles &  
Greater Oak Grove Choir

Eulogy .....Pastor Jesse Henry Jones Sr.  
Greater Oak Grove Missionary B. C.

Selection ..... Highway to Heaven

Recessional.....Clergy and Family

Postlude



## *Active Pallbearers*

James Earl Smiley Jr.  
Frederick Lynn Watts  
Roosevelt Taylor Jr.

Terrence Smiley  
Don Taylor  
Thomas Benjamin Jr.

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

Gary Owens  
Lawrence Taylor  
John W. Johnson  
Edwin Smiley

James Earl Smiley Sr.  
Cecil Wallace Jr.  
Don Owens  
Edwin Eugene Smiley Sr.

## *Acknowledgement*

We thank each and everyone of you for your prayers, lovely cards, telegrams, visits, flowers, delicious meals, phone calls and many other endowments of love shown to our family during the span of bereavement. May God Bless each of you. Dinner will be served at: 5630 Flamingo Drive Houston, Texas.

*The Smiley Family*

## *Interments*

Houston, National Cemetery

## *Final Arrangements Entrusted To:*

*Frazier Mitchell Funeral Home*

5002 Hershe St.  
Houston, Texas  
(713) 673-3672