



## Albert Lewis Smith

July 25, 1945 - January 8, 2024

On July 25, 1945, the world received Albert Lewis Smith, delivered by a midwife to Abraham Lincoln and Ollie Smith in Lithonia, Georgia. There were 12 children born to this couple.

Albert attended Bruce St. Elementary and Bruce St. High School, where he played in the band and was a first section trumpet player, a member of the chorus, and a member of the NAACP.

He and his brothers also worked at the historic Goddard Store in Lithonia, formed a gospel group and sang with Carolyn Reynolds. So you see, Albert was an activist and living on purpose even as a teen.

Albert went on to attend Morehouse College where he majored in Political Science and for a season joined Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA), working as a community organizer, assisting migrant and seasonal farm workers in rural Hillsborough County, Florida. After returning to Atlanta, Al was employed by the Atlanta Journal Constitution where he held several managerial positions, and after 27 years, he retired in 1994.

He went on to work for the Atlanta public school system (APS) in the Department of Contract Compliance; while there, he became a certification specialist and contract compliance specialist. After three years with APS, Albert was recruited to organize a certification program in the Governor's Office of Small and Minority Business under Governor Roy Barnes Administration. In 2003, he was hired by the GA Department of Transportation (GDOT) EEO Office as a disadvantaged business enterprise coordinator, where he certified several hundred minority and women-owned businesses as well as conducted internal EEO and contract compliance investigations.

Albert became the "Go-to-Guy" for all things interpreting and explaining federal regulations before retiring again in 2013. Not one to sit around, retirement was not in Albert's vocabulary. He founded Unique Consulting, Inc., where he devoted his efforts to assisting minority and women-owned businesses in obtaining certifications with various government entities across the United States. Under his guidance and leadership, countless organizations have been transformed.

Albert was a board member of the African-American Partnership with United Way of Metro Atlanta, Board Chair for Metro Atlanta Respite and Development Services (MARDS), a board member of NAMC Georgia Chapter and employed by Technique Concrete Construction as compliance director since 2013. A life-long member of First Saint Paul AME Lithonia, Georgia Rev. Dr. Marvin L. Crawford, Pastor.

Preceding Albert in death were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Lincoln and Ollie Smith; and sisters, Rebecca Harris, Annie Florence Thompson, Eldoris Williams, Mary Hughey, Shirley Roberts

and Jeralene Gaither.

He is survived by his children, Twanda Black (Emory), Zannie Black, and Patrick Smith (Yolanda); brothers, James Smith (Dorothy) and LaSalle Smith (Evelyn); 9 Grandchildren, Quentin Black, Derrick Black, Devin Black, Brian Dudley, Zannie Black IV, Elijah Smith, Joshua Smith, Sidney Black and Zevin Black numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and special friends, Anthony and Joylette Toney. Albert will always be remembered for his engaging personality and welcoming smile.

<https://vimeo.com/event/4022174>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **19**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

South DeKalb Chapel  
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy.  
Decatur, GA 30034  
(404) 241-5656  
info@levettfuneralhome.com

## Celebration of Life Service - Live Streamed

JAN **20**. 1:30 PM (ET)

St. Philip African Methodist Episcopal Church  
240 Candler Rd SE  
Atlanta, GA. 30317

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory created a Albert Lewis Smith in memory of Albert Lewis Smith*



**Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc.** - January 17, 2024 at 11:13 AM

CR

*May you each find peace in the Almighty at this time. Pastor Carolyn Riggins*

**carolyn Riggins** - January 19, 2024 at 02:36 PM

HM

*Al was my friend and mentor. I am at a loss for words as at GDOT we were like family. Al I love sir and you will be missed.*

**Hakeem Muhammad** - January 19, 2024 at 10:50 PM

ID

“ *Al was an awesome ex-father-in-law and fantastic grandfather to my boys Elijah and Joshua Smith! He helped me with them in any way that he could! Al always showed up! Offering his love, guidance and support! You will be missed but always remembered!*



**Iyeshu Dunnigan** - January 31, 2024 at 06:17 PM

DD

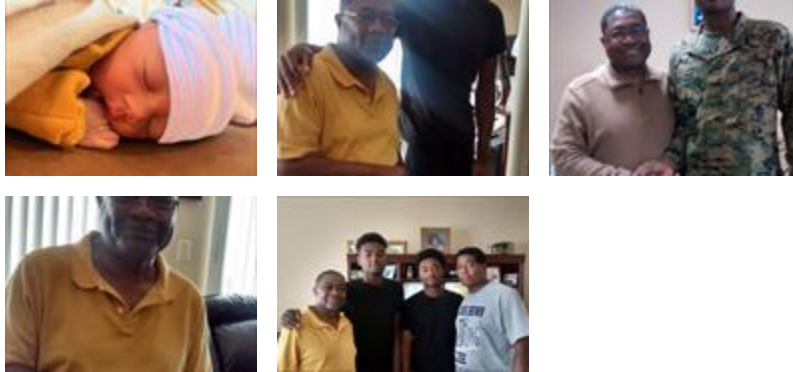
“ *Dinah Dempsey lit a candle in memory of Albert Lewis Smith*



Dinah Dempsey - January 26, 2024 at 03:22 PM

JS

“ *Granddaddy will truly be missed by me Josh and my brother Elijah! He never got a chance to hold his great -grandchild (Jade) but we feel his love and presence around us! We Love you Granddaddy!*



Joshua Smith - January 26, 2024 at 11:57 AM

BS

“ *Albert Smith was a giant of a man! It seemed as if he already knew that his mission in life was to uplift his people and the community . He carried out those orders from the Lord with great zeal and compassion. Al was always willing to share his talents and expertise and did so in an amiable and compassionate fashion. I shall always remember that captivating smile! Deepest condolences to his loving family. Bobbie K Sanford, friend*

Bobbie K Sanford - January 20, 2024 at 04:03 PM

DH

“ To the family of Mr. Albert Smith, affectionately known as Uncle Albert by his niece and my friend, Sandra Mason. I remember everytime I would be in his presence, I was always greeted with his infamous smile.

My husband Bobby and I extend our sincerest condolences to the family of your beloved Uncle Albert. Always keep your fondest memories of him close to your hearts. May God Bless.



Deborah H Hayes - January 20, 2024 at 12:27 PM

JG

“ You have my deepest and sincerest condolences ❤️🌹

Jeffery Green - January 20, 2024 at 11:46 AM

CW

“ Mr. Albert would come to the Infusion Center for treatment always had a smile on his face no matter what he was going through. I loved the support Twanda gave him. Then one day he came with Twanda I was like she let you come by yourself. But I would make sure that he was ok. Everyone from the Infusion Center sends they most heartfelt condolences to the family. We all truly loved him

Carolyn West - January 20, 2024 at 10:48 AM

BC

“ My Condolences to the family of Albert Smith's

Betty J Carter - January 19, 2024 at 01:05 PM

WL

Our condolences to the Albert Smith Family  
Woodrow and Lilly Joseph

Woodroe Joseph a d Lilly - January 20, 2024 at 11:11 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Albert Lewis Smith*.



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January 19, 2024 at 12:25 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Albert Lewis Smith*.



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January 19, 2024 at 12:23 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to the Smith family. I pray for your strength and comfort during this most difficult time.*



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**Michelle Holliday** - January 18, 2024 at 07:56 PM

PW

“ To the family of Albert L. Smith, on behalf of my family and myself, I offer my heartfelt condolences. There are no words that will ease the pain of your loss, but know that many cared and loved your father, your brother, your uncle and friend. With his absence there will definitely be a void. We will miss his gregarious laughter, his welcoming handshake or hug and engaging personality. To know him was to love him. May he now rest in peace with our Lord and Savior.

Pamela Wimbley - January 18, 2024 at 12:56 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Albert Lewis Smith.



January 17, 2024 at 03:11 PM

KD

“ Keith & Deneise Darden purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Albert Lewis Smith.



Keith & Deneise Darden - January 16, 2024 at 01:23 PM

DD

“ Remembering wonderful times with the Smith family growing up and beyond. Our condolences, prayers and love to the family. -Deneise (Domineck) Darden

Deneise Domineck Darden - January 16, 2024 at 01:02 PM

CH

“ *Sending my deepest condolences to the Smith family during this time. I pray that God give you all strength and courage in this time of grief.* ”

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**Cherie** - January 16, 2024 at 09:22 AM



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January 16, 2024 at 09:17 AM