



## Mr. James "Jimmie" Allen Smith

February 26, 1943 - March 24, 2015

### Celebration of Life

James Allen "Jimmie" Smith, 72 years of age, of Snellville, GA, passed away on Tuesday, March 24, 2015.

Celebration of Life service will be held at 11:00AM on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at Gregory B. Levett & Sons - 4347 Flat Shoals Parkway, Decatur, GA.

Officiating Ministers will be Pastor Joseph Aaron of Seventh Day Adventist Church, Corona, NY & Pastor Charles E. Nesbitt of Providence Baptist Church, College Park, GA. Memorial arrangements are being handled by Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home. Repast to follow ceremony at the Banquet Hall on the grounds.

Jimmie is survived by his devoted wife of 24 years Beverley Hanshaw-Smith, daughters Vanessa Smith-Bradley (William Bradley) of Stockbridge, GA, Pamela Smith-Coleman (Will Coleman) of Newnan, GA, & Bernadette Smith of Virginia Beach, VA, two grandchildren, William James Stewart Bradley & Victoria Lillian Bradley of Stockbridge, GA, one brother, Odell Smith of Gainesville, FL, a host of nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and nephews and cousins, a slew of adoring musician family, friends, fans and his devoted cocker-spaniel Jj.

Words of Expression as well as pictures/videos may be left here on the website.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to:

Beverley Hanshaw Smith 3261 Inns Brook Way Snellville, GA 30039 or

Vanessa (Smith) Bradley 300 Young James Circle Stockbridge, GA 30281

# Previous Events

## Service

APR **11**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

AB

“ *During this difficult time be encouraged by the Bible's promise that God is a source of comfort in times of distress. 2Cor 1:3,4*

**A Brown** - June 14, 2015 at 09:36 AM

LF

“ *Condolences from Lenard, Robin and Family...*

**Lenard, Robin & Family** - April 22, 2015 at 07:32 AM

EB

“ *Sorry to hear about your Father's death I will keep you and your family in prayer. Give my love to the children.....  
Love Eileen Bradley*

**Eileen Bradley** - April 22, 2015 at 07:31 AM

LG

“ *Lisa Grant-Lynch My family and I send our love and condolence. My memory-Dad took us to see the original sparkle then we went to McDonalds for ice cream*

**Lisa Grant-Lynch** - April 22, 2015 at 07:29 AM

WM

“ *Wilhelmina Brown Mood To : Mrs . Beverly, cousin Vanessa Bradley, Bernadette Smith & Pamela Pam Smith-Coleman.y'all have our condolence & may God blesses each and everyone of you during this difficult time. Love Wilhelmina , Lee & Family*

**Wilhelmina Brown Mood** - April 22, 2015 at 07:28 AM

SA

“ *To my Aunt Vanessa,*

*My prayers and sympathy go out to you and your family in your time of bereavement. I love you and may God strengthen you in your time of sorrow.*

*"May God be with you now  
As you face this time of grief,  
May you know the comfort of the Lord  
In your darkest hour of need  
Know that Jesus cares for you  
When your soul is deeply pained  
No matter what you may go through,  
His love for you remains."*

© *By M.S.Lowndes*

*With Deepest sympathy,  
Your Nephew Samuel-Marquise Knowles*

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**Samuel-Marquise** - April 10, 2015 at 03:19 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. James "Jimmie" Allen Smith.*



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April 10, 2015 at 01:20 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. James "Jimmie" Allen Smith.*



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April 09, 2015 at 01:22 PM



“ *I was shocked to hear of Jimmie's passing. I had not seen or spoken with him in a decade, but I was happy to know that he had experienced a close and loving family in Beverly and his children. He was above all else a very loving soul and my condolences are heart felt.*

*With love,  
Terry Burrell*

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**Terry Burrell** - April 08, 2015 at 02:13 PM



“ *2 files added to the album New Album Name*



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**Maria Fasulo** - April 07, 2015 at 01:06 PM

MF

“ Dear Beverley, We are both so saddened to hear of Jimmie's passing. He always struck us as having such a kind, gentle spirit. Whenever we had the pleasure of hearing him play, not only were we uplifted by his wonderfully melodic sound, but always felt welcomed by his warmth and friendliness. Our sincerest condolences are with you and your family at this difficult time. In friendship and sympathy, Guy and Maria

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**Maria Fasulo** - April 07, 2015 at 11:37 AM



“ Beverly, I just heard and I'm so sorry. I wish you strength and happiness.

*(Dr.) David Rosenbaum*

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**David Rosenbaum** - April 05, 2015 at 11:46 AM

LD

“ Aunt Vanessa, I am so sorry to learn off your father's passing. I pray the Lord give you strength to make it through this difficult time. I love you and pay that God continue to bless your family. Lydia, Jocelyn Michael, Jeremiah and Joshua

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**Lydia Dix** - April 03, 2015 at 09:35 AM

KA

“ To Vanessa, Pam and Bernadette,  
My the Lord comfort you during your time of bereavement. Know  
that we are praying for you and your family. Karen Williams and  
family.

*Love Lives On*

*Those we love remain with us  
for love itself lives on,  
and cherished memories never fade  
because a loved one's gone.  
Those we love can never be  
more than a thought apart,  
far as long as there is memory,  
they'll live on in the heart.*

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**Karen** - April 02, 2015 at 12:39 PM



Bernade  
Smith

*Thank u Karen.*

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**Bernadette Smith** - April 02, 2015 at 07:10 PM

VA

*Love and appreciate you Karen!*

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**vanessa** - April 03, 2015 at 04:07 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the  
family of Mr. James "Jimmie" Allen Smith.*



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April 02, 2015 at 09:49 AM

AB

“ *Angela Marshburn Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Jimmie" Allen Smith*



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**Angela Marshburn Brown** - April 01, 2015 at 02:14 PM

EB

*Sorry you lost your Father. I will keep you in prayer Don't think I can make it to the funeral but give my love to your family and the kids love you Eileen*

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**Eileen Bradley** - April 03, 2015 at 04:25 AM

AB

“ *To My Aunt Beverly and to all of the Smith Family, Bruce and I extend our sympathies. We pray you will all be comforted with Uncle Jimmie's beautiful music, loving memories of his kind and gentle demeanor and so many other positive attributes. I will always be grateful for my memories. What a blessing Uncle Jimmy was to us all. Rest In Peace. I Know You Are Jamming In Heaven. Thank You For Sharing Your Life With Us!*

*Bruce and Angela Brown*

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**Angela Marshburn Brown** - April 01, 2015 at 02:12 PM



“ *Sacred Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. James "Jimmie" Allen Smith.*



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April 01, 2015 at 09:52 AM

SB

“Vanessa and Family”

*Lord, may we always know the security and peace of Your presence in any circumstance. Keep us close to You so we can feel Your breath on our neck. May we remember that Your face is always turned towards us and may we remember to thank You even in the storms.*

*Sis-in-Law Sandra Bradley and Nephew*

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**Sandra Bradley-Lippett** - March 31, 2015 at 12:35 PM

JP

“1 file added to the tribute wall”



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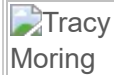
**Joyce Puryear** - March 30, 2015 at 02:01 PM

JP

*All of the members of the Puryear family extend their deepest condolences and love to Beverley! God bless you!*

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**Joyce Puryear** - March 30, 2015 at 02:22 PM

 Tracy  
Moring

“ *My Father's "Baby Brother".....I loved him dearly. We have such a talented and gifted family and his contributions to this Earth showed every bit of that and more. Our loss is Heaven's gain. Hugs and Kisses go out to his immediate family and friends.*

*Love,  
Your Niece, Tracy*

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**Tracy Moring** - March 30, 2015 at 12:32 PM

 LP

“ *My prayers are with Beverly Smith and Jimmy's daughters Bernadette, Vanessa and Pam.*

*Linda Puryear*

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**Linda Puryear** - March 29, 2015 at 07:25 PM

 DC

“ *The world has lost not only a great musician but a great human being! I have been blessed with a friendship and happy memories that will exceed my lifetime. Jimmy was much more than a friend. He was a humanitarian among humanitarians and I am honored to have been in his company.*

*Thank you Jimmy, I will carry what I have learned from you into my next life!*

*Your friend,  
Dave*

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**Dave Chun** - March 29, 2015 at 04:32 PM



*Dear Dave  
I Love You Guys.  
I Love You Jimmy Forever.  
from Fuyuta*

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**Fuyuta Matsuya** - March 29, 2015 at 04:37 PM

MS

“ *It was about 33yrs when I first met Jimmy. I was blessed to get him on a recording session in NYC. From that moment until today we have been family. I believe it was our Heavenly Father that brought us together then. Because during that time I introduced him to Beverly and they became "One in Love forever". Wow! We lost contact for years and God put us back together in 2014 so that we would be there for each other. I thank God for His plan which is the only one that will work and last. Hold on "Smith" family, God is not through with all of you yet! Greater things is still to come. Give Him Praise for allowing Jimmy to be part of our lives and Worship Him for bringing Jimmy home to be with Him now, so that Jimmy can play the key boards for the Heavenly choir.(Just my little imagination) :-) WOW!!! I love you all and we are praying for your strength. From Mary Stevens and family.*

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**Mary Stevens** - March 28, 2015 at 11:28 AM



*To Ms.Mary Stevens  
Thank you for let us know Jimmy's & Beverley's wonderful story  
Amen  
from Fuyuta*

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**Fuyuta Matsuya** - March 29, 2015 at 04:43 PM



“ *All the memories I have with him has full of laughter and many many smiles. He was my American dad. I will surely miss his big smile, loud laugh and warm hugs he always gave me. Losing him is too sad, but I feel I was blessed to meet him and be a part of his life. Please accept my condolences and from my family too.*

*Masami (Ma)*



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**Masami Murakami** - March 28, 2015 at 09:35 AM

FM

*Beautiful ! Thank you for sharing !!*

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**fuyuta matsuya** - March 29, 2015 at 04:24 PM



*Beautiful Picture !  
Thank you*

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**Fuyuta Matsuya** - March 29, 2015 at 04:49 PM

CS

“ *My heart goes out to Bev and the rest of the Smith Family. Jimmy was definitely one of the great ones. He will truly be missed.*

*My Condolences,  
Charlene Skerritt*

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**Charlene Skerritt** - March 27, 2015 at 11:54 AM

CS

“ *My prayers sent to Beverly and family, Jimmy will be miss but not forgotten.....*

*Craig R Stewart Sr.*

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**Craig R Stewart** - March 27, 2015 at 03:11 AM

FM

*Yes, indeed.  
Thank you, Craig. fuyuta*

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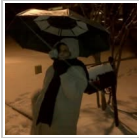
**fuyuta matsuya** - March 29, 2015 at 04:27 PM



*Dear Craig  
I Love You Guys  
I Love You Jimmy Forever  
Fuyuta*

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**Fuyuta Matsuya** - March 29, 2015 at 04:47 PM



“ *I offer sincere condolences to you all. I'm sorry that your loved one fell asleep in death. Keep in mind..."God sent his only-begotten Son into the world so that we might gain life through him." ~ 1 John 4:9. Jesus encourages us..."Do not let your hearts be troubled. Exercise faith in God, exercise faith also in me." ~ John 14:1. God is faithful!*

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**Beulah Parks** - March 27, 2015 at 12:01 AM

 Atsushi  
Funaki

“ I will never forget the wonderful days we spent and music we made together.

We have so many good memories like a real family does.

I'm so sorry for your loss, Beverley... but Jimmy will be always with you in your heart.

Love,  
Atsushi

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**Atsushi Funaki** - March 26, 2015 at 11:51 PM

RG

“ I had the pleasure of my first road trip to be, you guessed it STUFF ..in JAPAN!

and loved every minute of it. I learned a lot from Gordon, as he shared his leadership knowledge with me , but Jimmy taught me, in his own quiet way how to pace myself in my improvisational approach of phrasing. and it was as simple as "not burning up all the notes at one time".

This is not goodbye my friend, but its only a transition of matter to a higher spiritual presence .We will all will play together again one day.

to Beverly,

. YOU know I've been there (and you guys dried my tears and told me to go forward, I will never forget that).

Both of you inspired me to go forward and perform, travel, write songs ,and sing and play to the entire world, and that I cannot thank you both enough. and you for being the woman who inspired him to inspire me, and I never got to say thank you both for being my saving grace..

ray

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**Ray Gaskins** - March 26, 2015 at 06:30 PM

KH

*Beautiful testimony am post*

**Kevin Harris** - March 26, 2015 at 10:59 PM

JO

“ Dear Beverly, even though we are far away from each other our prayers and our thoughts are with you. We know Jimmy is in a better place without any pain and suffering. We know its hard, but it we will get through it together. He will be known and loved in our hearts forever. R.I.P. Jimmy we will miss him dearly. With love Elizabeth, Emily, and Jorge 🥺🥺🥺🙏

**Jorge** - March 26, 2015 at 05:23 PM

MH

“ Dear Beverly:

*My deepest and sincere condolences to you and the Smith family. I will always remember him as a kind and soft spoken man. He was a great musician that I always enjoyed seeing play so effortlessly. I light a candle for him and pray that you remain strong.*

*Marlene Hewitt (Friend of Gordon and Bridget)*

**Marlene Hewitt** - March 26, 2015 at 04:44 PM

DS

“ DEBORAH MALONE SARGEANT lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Jimmie" Allen Smith



**DEBORAH MALONE SARGEANT** - March 26, 2015 at 02:07 PM

DS

*Dear Jimmy,  
We had some GREAT times together making music with the gang:  
Sarge, Frankie, Glen, Bev, Freddie, Charles, Les, Wayne, Janice,  
Charmaine, Lynda, and a host of musical talents. God Bless your soul  
my Brother.*

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**DEBORAH MALONE SARGEANT** - March 26, 2015 at 02:13 PM

LB

*“ Love lives ~ and in his recorded music, you will be reminded.  
Blessings to you, kind Beverly, to JJ and to your family.  
Love, love, love,  
Lesley Brogan, chaplain*

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**Lesley Brogan** - March 26, 2015 at 12:49 PM

GW

*“ Jimmy Smith will forever live in my memories of all the wonderful  
times we've shared on & off stage and lives in my music every time  
I sing. He made me a better person, a better musician....he LIVES!  
Beverly, know my prayers are with you and I wish I could be there to  
celebrate with all of you the incredibly beautiful life of Jimmy Smith -  
the one and only. Into the Light, Gail Wynters*

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**Gail Wynters** - March 26, 2015 at 11:17 AM

TD

*jimmy is 1 of the greatest musicians I've ever known n 1 of the greatest  
man I've ever known and my very closest  
friend*

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**Tony drake** - March 26, 2015 at 05:37 PM

BF

“ Jimmy's gentile soul and loving spirit resonated with every note. He will be missed, but will live forever in our hearts and memories. Our deepest condolences to Beverly and your entire family. We will keep you in our prayers.  
Love,  
Bill Farrell and. Marguerite Power

bill farrell - March 26, 2015 at 06:42 AM

PB

“ Sir Jimmy, live in peace in your new home!! singing and playing ; sir Jimmy you are a ancestor now , i know you will be looking over all of us. To the Smith family my condolences. Much love and respect  
Peace Panch Bagley

panch bagley - March 25, 2015 at 11:54 PM

PB

“ 1 file added to the album jimmy at bev's party 07



panch bagley - March 25, 2015 at 11:49 PM

PB

“ 2 files added to the album jimmy at bev's party 07



panch bagley - March 25, 2015 at 11:48 PM

FC

“ Thank you Jimmy for all your wonderful music and for the generous contributions of your time and talents that you have always offered me and my musical projects. My sincere condolences to you Beverly and the rest of the family.

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**Frank Canino** - March 25, 2015 at 07:02 PM

GE

“ 3 files added to the album Jimmy and Stuff



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**Gordon Edwards** - March 25, 2015 at 06:44 PM

EN

“ My sincere condolences on the loss of Jimmy. My thoughts are with the Smith's family and friends.

*Eng Tay (Friend of Gordon)*

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**eng** - March 25, 2015 at 06:07 PM

KJ

“ Jimmy ;  
Your beautiful smile and amazing music lives on in all of us!

*Our love and prayers are with you and your family.*

*Kathy Jewell & Scott Preston  
(Friends of Gordon and Bridget and Stuff)*

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**Katherine Jewell** - March 25, 2015 at 05:47 PM

SR

“ James Allen Smith - Jimmy.....Sandra Reaves-Phillips Words of Comfort to the Family & Friends.

JAMES ALLEN SMITH "JIMMY"

"I remember, a generous, talented, spirit, whose music will be with us forever! Rest In Peace, JIMMIE."

Sandra Reaves-Phillips & Family

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**Sandra Reeves-Phillips** - March 25, 2015 at 05:30 PM

JM

“ Jimmy,

Your life was full with achievement and happiness. It was always a pleasure to see you and your great smile. Thank you for being you. Beverly, Kim and I send our love and our condolences to you and the family. We saw over the years the deep devotion you two shared. We hope the love and support from all of your friends will help you during this time. Please take care of yourself. He would have wanted that.

Love

Jean and Kim (jm130@aol.com)

(Gordon's friends)

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**Jean Marquis** - March 25, 2015 at 04:01 PM

BC

“ Jimmy,

You will always be in my mind. Your music has taught me how to be me. Thanks for being my brother and friend. "Gone Away",

Beverly Crosby and family

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**Beverly Crosby** - March 25, 2015 at 03:50 PM

GE

“ A great keyboardist, writer and arranger,  
Jimmy's musical pedigree is stellar.  
Some of us will miss a musician, some of us will miss our friend,  
some of us will miss a brother.  
His music, his smile, his spirit live on!  
With love to Beverly and all the Smith family  
Gordon Edwards & Bridget St. John

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**Gordon Edwards** - March 25, 2015 at 03:41 PM

GB

“ my sincere condolences to Beverly and all the smith family  
members and friends  
GEORGE BAKER

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**GEORGE BAKER** - March 25, 2015 at 10:35 AM

EB

*Sending my love and condolences to Vanessa and family Let the  
children know that I love them*

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**Eileen Bradley** - April 03, 2015 at 04:51 AM