



## Ben Smalls

January 10, 1938 - October 26, 2021

The remarkable Bro. Ben Smalls - beloved father, grandfather, uncle, cousin, musician, and friend - received his call to eternal rest on October 26, 2021 at Connecticut Hospice in Branford. Ben was born to Lessie Clemons Smalls and Moe Smalls on January 10, 1938 in Hemingway, South Carolina.

A hard worker since early childhood, Ben was incredibly proud of (and loved to talk about) his work in construction and demolition. He retired in 1999 but remained active and busy, always known for his work ethic and willingness to help those in need. He was usually the first to wake and the last to go to sleep.

Ben was the cofounder and last living member of the Original Travelaires. He never met a stranger and relished in telling new friends of his beloved gospel group. Ben never needed a reason to sing. He had music in his heart and never missed an opportunity to share a song or a laugh with others. Ben's fun-loving spirit and sense of humor made him a favorite of those who knew him.

Ben was first married to the late Janie Lee Smalls. He married Josephine Smalls in 1995. Ben leaves to cherish his memory, his children: Alphonso, Edie, Martha, Leroy, Belinda, Carleen, Chris, Tyreese, J'Nia, Carly, and Maxine. He will be lovingly remembered by his brother James, a host of

grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Ben was preceded in death by his son, Benjie and his daughter, Rochelle. Additionally, he was predeceased by his siblings Lily, Roy, Wesley, Sue, and Moe Jr.

# Cemetery Details

## Hamden Plains Cemetery

Hamden, CT

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

NOV 4. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

The New Trinity Temple Church of God in Christ  
285 Dixwell Ave  
New Haven, CT

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ben Smalls*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *Hello to mr.ben smalls family just now seeing the passing of bro.ben met mr. Smalls at one of local gospel programs in newhaven.ct am thinking was morning star church on dixwellave newhaven .ct but let me tell everyone Mr. Small was a truly a old time gospel singer. Please remember god knows when to call us home. Donald whitted. Forest park.ga.*

**Donald whitted** - November 09, 2021 at 08:47 PM



“ *I miss u uncle Ben ,u were always there for The family ,even when dad passed away miss u dearly,u will never be forgotten Love the Bell family*



**priscilla Bell Maysonet** - November 04, 2021 at 01:18 PM



“ *Marissa Henderson lit a candle in memory of Ben Smalls*



**Marissa Henderson** - November 04, 2021 at 07:21 AM

CM

“ On the behalf of the Great wind sounds of trumpets our prayers are with you and your Family just thinking of brother Ben I can say he was one of the most kind person who I Ever come to know. I can hear him saying now here comes Ram in the bush lol with that smile on his face. Too all from my heart. May God all mighty keep you all in his care God bless Carroll Martin

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carroll martin - November 04, 2021 at 06:01 AM

SC

“ My condolences to the entire family may god strengthen your hearts. My prayers are with you all



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Stephanie Carmon - November 03, 2021 at 11:21 PM

HP

“ To Smalls Family: Sending condolences and prayers Remembering his singing and playing with gospel group always with smile 😊 everybody loved those gospel programs, Ben came to sing at Dixwell Senior Center we praised him with down south hymns he sang now going upstairs to continue his musical 🎵 playing in the band 💕🙏 To everybody



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Helen C Powell - November 03, 2021 at 03:48 PM

IW

“ IRMA E WILLIAMS lit a candle in memory of Ben Smalls



IRMA E WILLIAMS - November 03, 2021 at 09:26 AM

RD

“ My prayers are with you during this time. We met Ben back in the sixties he was a good friend of my late husband. Was saddened to hear about his passing. To Joe and your children want you to know my deepest sympathy extend to you and the family.

Rosa Davis - November 03, 2021 at 07:31 AM

RD

“ Rosa Davis lit a candle in memory of Ben Smalls

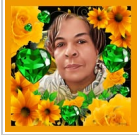


Rosa Davis - November 03, 2021 at 07:20 AM

ES

“ Sending condolences and prayers to the Smalls Family. He will be truly missed by all here on earth but he is now singing and shouting around the throne of God.

Emma Lewis (Cheraw, SC) - November 03, 2021 at 04:31 AM



“ *Sincere condolences to the family and friends for your precious loss. May God give you strength peace and comfort durning this very difficult time. My prayers are with each of you.*



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**Maxine Pullen** - November 02, 2021 at 08:32 AM

CM

“ *To The Family My Heartfelt Condolences On The Loss Of Your Love One Y'all are In My Prayers 🙏🙏🙏*



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**Cynthia McCoy** - November 02, 2021 at 04:58 AM

AP

“ *Minister Angela Pemberton Earth has know sorrow that heaven can't heal*



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**Angela Pemberton** - November 01, 2021 at 03:50 PM

IG

*My sincere condolences to the Family, may you find peace and comfort during these difficult times.*

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**Ida Greene** - November 03, 2021 at 03:55 PM