



Nomination for 2019 Selection

Application deadline: Friday, March 29 by 5 p.m.

DELIVER TO: City Hall, 101 N. Main St., Winston-Salem,
Marketing & Communications Department, Suite 336

OR MAIL TO: City of Winston-Salem
Marketing & Communications Department
P.O. Box 2511
Winston-Salem, NC 27102

Nominee's Stage Name: James Daniel Smith Given Name: James Daniel Smith

Address at Time of Death: Winston-Salem State: NC

Winston-Salem Resident: Beginning: 1944 (year only) To: 2011 (year only)

Category: Music Visual Arts Dance Motion Pictures
 Theater Television Writing Radio

Criteria:

- The nominee(s) exhibited sustained excellence in his or her field for at least five years.
- The nominee(s) made distinguished contributions to the community and civic-oriented participation.
- The nominee(s) is deceased (must provide copy of death certificate).
- The nominee(s) was a resident of Winston-Salem for at least five years.
- The nominee(s) made a significant contribution to the arts or entertainment industry in one or more of the following areas: music, dance, theater, writing, visual arts, motion pictures, television, or radio. A "significant" contribution would be iconic in terms of renown and the impact on the artistic disciplines or popular culture.
- Application must include nominee's performance/accomplishment biography.
- Attach nominee's biography with dates which must include at least 5 years of accomplishments in the arts, culture, or entertainment field.
- Attach a list of nominee's civic/community involvement.
- Attach a copy of nominee's death certificate.

Sponsor: Frank E. McRissick

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Phone: Home: _____ Cell: (336) 788-3314

Signature: Frank E. McRissick Date: February 25, 2019

SMITH

WINSTON-SALEM ~ James Daniel Smith June 20, 2011 Mr. James Daniel Smith, age 67, of Winston-Salem, North Carolina was called home to be with the Lord on Monday, June 20, 2011. Mr. Smith was born to the late Lester and Etta Smith. He was preceded in death by his brothers: Belvin and Wayne Smith. Mr. Smith was educated in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System and graduated from Atkins High School. He was a child prodigy in music and perfected his musical talents at Morgan State University. He is well known locally and nationally for his mastery of the piano and organ. Prior to his death, he was a choir director at churches in Winston-Salem and High Point and founder and director of Voices of God's Children. Survivors include: Shirley Horton (Sam), Lester Smith, Artis Smith (Emma), Michael Smith, Kempphas Smith of Winston-Salem, and Samuel Banger of Clarkesville TN; two devoted nieces, Davida Smith and Latoya Smith Horne; a special friend, Druscilla Morgan; and a host of other relatives and friends. A Memorial Celebration will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, June 27 at Grace Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Stevenson officiating. Family visitation and musical tribute will be held one hour prior to the Service. Memorials may be made to Grace Presbyterian Church at 3901 Carver Rd., Winston-Salem, NC 27105.

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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CERTIFICATE OF DEATH



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Registration District No. **03495** Local No. **044e**

1. James Daniel Smith				SEX 2. M	DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year) 3. June 22, 2011
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 4. 243-66-1529	AGE—Last Birthday (Years) 5. 67	UNDER 1 YEAR Months Days 6a.	UNDER 1 DAY Hours Minutes 6c.	DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year) 7. June 22, 1943	BIRTHPLACE (County and State or Foreign Country) 7. Forsyth Co., NC
WAS DECEDENT EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes or No) 8. NO		9a. PLACE OF DEATH (Check only one)			
FACILITY NAME (if not institution, give street and number) 9b. WFU Baptist Medical Center		CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION OF DEATH 9c. Winston-Salem		INSIDE CITY LIMITS? (Yes or No) 9d. Yes	COUNTY OF DEATH 9e. Forsyth
MARITAL STATUS—Married, Never Married, Widowed, Divorced (Specify) 10. Never Married	SURVIVING SPOUSE (if wife, give maiden name) 11.		DECEDENT'S USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life. Do not use retired.) 12a. Musician		KIND OF BUSINESS/INDUSTRY 12b. Music
RESIDENCE—STATE 13a. NC	COUNTY 13b. Forsyth	CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION 13c. Kernersville		STREET AND NUMBER 13d. 2718 W. Mountain St.	
INSIDE CITY LIMITS? (Yes or No) 18a. Yes	ZIP CODE 18b. 27284	Was Decedent of Hispanic Origin? (Specify Yes or No—If yes, specify Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (Specify) 14.		RACE—American Indian, Black, White, Etc. (Specify) 15. Black	DECEDENT'S EDUCATION (Specify only highest grade completed) Elementary/Secondary (0-12) College (13-17+) 16. 15

DECEDENT

PARENTS

INFORMANT

FATHER'S NAME (First, Middle, Last) 17. Lester Smith		MOTHER'S NAME (First, Middle, Maiden Surname) 18. Etta Cornell Terry	
INFORMANT'S NAME (Type/Print) 19a. Lester Smith		MAILING ADDRESS (Street and Number or Rural Route Number, City or Town, State, Zip Code) 19b. 761 Colton St., Winston-Salem, NC 27107	DATE AMENDED 19c.

CAUSE OF DEATH

Part I. Enter the diseases, injuries, or complications that caused the death. Do not enter the mode of dying, such as cardiac or respiratory arrest, shock or heart failure. If appropriate, enter tobacco, alcohol, or drug use. List only one cause on each line. (PRINT or TYPE)

IMMEDIATE CAUSE (Final disease or condition resulting in death) → **a. Myocardial infarction**
DUE TO (OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF):

Sequentially list conditions if any, leading to immediate cause. Enter UNDERLYING CAUSE (Disease or injury that initiated events resulting in death) LAST.
b. Hypertension
DUE TO (OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF):

c.
DUE TO (OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF):

d.

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Part II. Other significant conditions contributing to death but not resulting in the underlying cause given in Part I, such as tobacco, alcohol, or drug use; diabetes, etc.

20b. ALTOPSY? (Yes or No) 21a. NO	If yes, were findings considered in determining cause of death? 21b.	Was case referred to Medical Examiner? (Yes or No) 21c. NO	TIME OF DEATH 22. 07:11 M.
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NOTICE: STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT ALL DEATHS DUE TO TRAUMA, ACCIDENT, HOMICIDE, SUICIDE, OR UNDER SUSPICIOUS, UNUSUAL OR UNNATURAL CIRCUMSTANCES BE REPORTED TO, AND CERTIFIED BY A MEDICAL EXAMINER ON A MEDICAL EXAMINER'S CERTIFICATE OF DEATH. ANY DEATH FALLING INTO THESE CATEGORIES IS WITHIN THE MEDICAL EXAMINER'S JURISDICTION REGARDLESS OF THE LENGTH OF SURVIVAL FOLLOWING THE UNDERLYING INJURY.

CERTIFIER

SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF CERTIFIER 23a. [Signature] MD	DATE SIGNED (Month, Day, Year) 23b. 6/20/11
NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO COMPLETED CAUSE OF DEATH (ITEM 20) (Type or Print) 24. Sidd A. K. J. S. MD W.F.D.M.C.	

DISPOSITION

METHOD OF DISPOSITION <input type="checkbox"/> Burial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cremation <input type="checkbox"/> Removal 25a. [] Donation [] Other	PLACE OF DISPOSITION (Name of cemetery, crematory, or other place) 25b. Cremation Services, Inc.	LOCATION — City or Town, State, Zip Code 25c. Winston-Salem, NC 27106
NAME AND ADDRESS OF FUNERAL HOME 26a. N/A	NAME OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR 26b. Sue Blair	LICENSE NUMBER 26c. FSL 2386
REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE 27. [Signature]	DATE FILED (Month, Day, Year) 28. JUN 23 2011	NAME OF EMBALMER 26d. N/A
		LICENSE NUMBER 26e.

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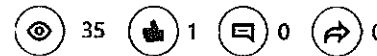


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Legacy of Late Choir Director "Lives on"Through Diverse Singing Group

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In my reflection of the Annual Birthday of Doctor Martin Luther King Jr. (90 years)

to be exact if he had lived}. There was a nice article that was written about a

former choir director, now deceased, who left a legacy of sacred, spiritual, and gospel.

music that has been left by our black ancestors. I am referring to the one and only

Mr. James Daniel Smith. His legacy is that he formed a diverse group of singers

to make up a choir called the "Voices of God's Children. The article that was in

the Winston-Salem Journal, in the Arts And Music Section, was about the Choir.

I am going to talk about the man behind the group that started it all! You see

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North Highland Avenue, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He came in like

A couple of my High School Band Directors, that I remember. You see,

I played in the band as a drummer. You see, because of him, I went from

"drumming" to singing in my various church choirs! He believed in

discipline to the highest degree! He made us sing our parts, I was

a "first Tenor" at that time. He drilled in us singing, expressions,

a reverence for doing all kinds of music, especially Negro Spirituals

and some Gospels! His forte was sacred music and anthems. He

believed to sing it like you mean it! Leave the audience wanting

for more after you got through! I really learned how to sing under

his leadership! He had me doing all types of solo work, singing

for weddings, productions, special situations, The best part of

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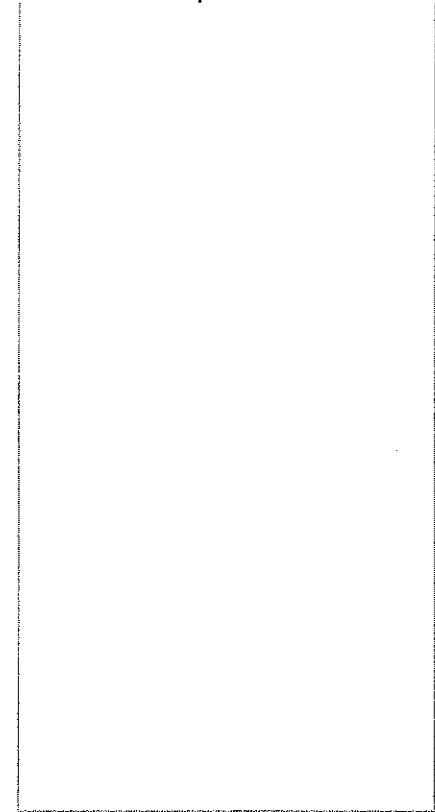


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life! I will never forget it! He formed a singing group of choir members from within my church called the " Shanta-Malia Chorale Ensemble." This was the pioneer group that would eventually lead to the "Voices of God's Children." When He got ready to form up the "Voices of God's Children Singing Group He talked to me about it. He said there was a "void" of good music not being sung in this town, or had been forgotten about. He said he was going to form up a group of like -minded singers of all races and creeds and bring it back! That is what he did! He did get a chance to see the "fruits of his labor" materialize before he died! When I read this article, on this past Sunday, I was glad and also Sad! A flood of



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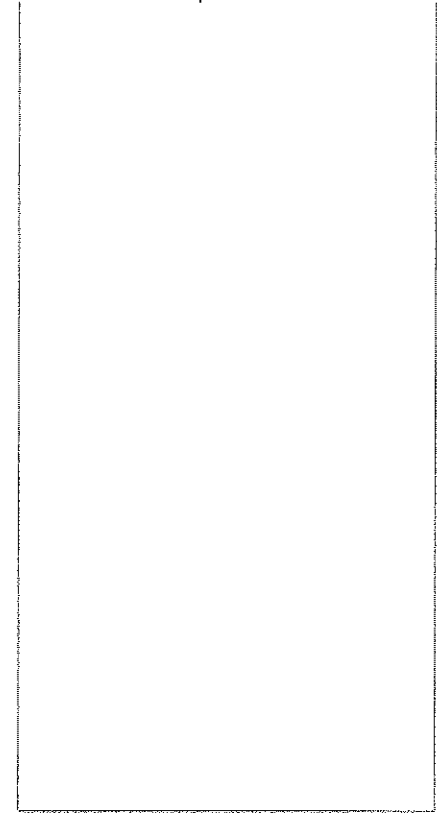
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because of work commitments, and transportation problems! He was the Choir Director at Hanes for 25 years! Which include Director for a least four choirs at one time! His legacy will stay with me forever as he was the musician at my "late mother's memorial service and shortly after that he passed away! This was ten years ago! I am glad to have known him, musically, I will never forget him because every time i sing or hear a song that we use to do!

I will remember him!



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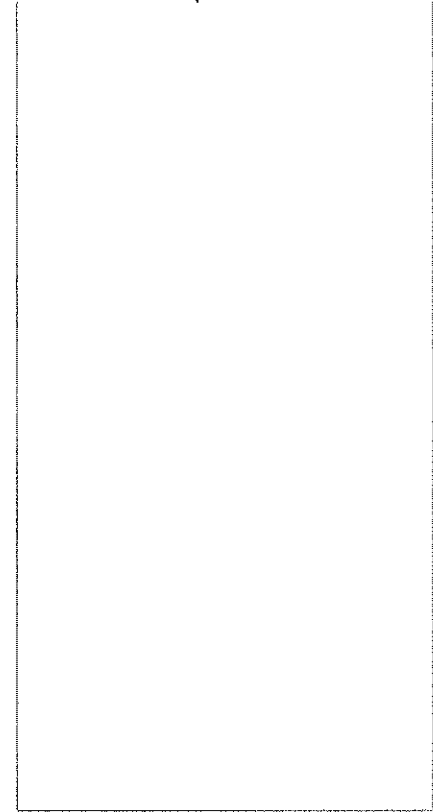
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