

## Dr. Clyde Ellis Smith

September 28, 2022

Dr. Clyde Ellis Smith, resident of New Orleans, La., departed this life on September 28, 2022 at the age of 77. He leaves to mourn Geraldine Jones Smith, his loving and devoted wife of 51 years; brothers Claude Smith, Jr., Vernell Smith and his sister Lillian Smith Bealer. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Lee, Forrest, Rochelle Sr., Sidney Sr., Willard and Roderick Smith and sister Gloria Smith Williams.

Dr. Smith was educated in the New Orleans public schools system graduating from Joseph S. Clark High School in 1962 where he was elected and served as the Senior Class President. After high school he attended Dillard University, earning with honors a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1966. Immediately after graduation, he left New Orleans for Howard University in Washington, D.C. to study Chemistry. In 1970 at age 26, he earned a PHD., in Physical Chemistry from Howard.

After graduating from Howard, he returned to New Orleans and became chair of the Department of Chemistry at Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO). His tenure at SUNO lasted for more than 2 decades. He expanded his professional career by returning to his beloved alma mater, Dillard University as Interim Dean of Science for 10 years.

Funeral service for Dr. Smith will be held on Saturday, October 8, 2022 at

Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave, New Orleans, La. 70125.  
Viewing will be at noon followed by the funeral service at 1:00 o'clock p.m.  
(face mask are required to be worn). Interment will immediately follow the  
funeral service at Providence Memorial Park at 8200 Airline Drive, Metairie,  
La. 70003. To view the service via live stream, go to: [www.facebook.com/D.W.  
RhodesFuneralHome/live](https://www.facebook.com/D.W.RhodesFuneralHome/live).

Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave. New  
Orleans, LA 70125. Please visit [www.rhodesfuneral.com](http://www.rhodesfuneral.com) to sign the online  
guestbook.

# Cemetery Details

## Providence Park Cemetery

8200 Airline Dr.  
Metairie, LA 70003

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 8. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Rhodes Funeral Home - Washington Avenue  
3933 Washington Avenue  
New Orleans, LA 70125  
(504) 822-7162  
<https://www.rhodesfuneral.com>

## Funeral

OCT 8. 1:00 PM (CT)

Rhodes Funeral Home - Washington Avenue  
3933 Washington Avenue  
New Orleans, LA 70125  
(504) 822-7162  
<https://www.rhodesfuneral.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Dr. Clyde Ellis Smith.*



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October 08, 2022 at 04:28 PM



“ *What a blessing to be one of Dr. Clyde Smith's chemistry students at SUNO, He conspired with us to make chemistry the most exciting subject in the world, inspiring the love of physics and biology in the process. I think of you, Dr. Smith, when I hear Bluegrass music because you mentioned wanting to go to Kentucky to experience that genre of music. Thank you for being a part of my life. I know you will peacefully communicate from the spiritual realm for now your light energy has been released to do so much more.*

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**Elouise Joseph** - October 08, 2022 at 03:24 PM



“ *Tony and Tasha Felton purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Dr. Clyde Ellis Smith.*



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**Tony and Tasha Felton** - October 08, 2022 at 10:42 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Clyde Ellis Smith.*



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October 07, 2022 at 06:31 PM



“ *To the Smith Family,*

*May the LORD strengthen and comfort you during this difficult time. There are no words that can ease the pain of losing a loved one. Let memories of your loved one live forever in your hearts and minds. GOD Bless you.*

*Tyronne James*

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**Tyronne James** - October 07, 2022 at 04:27 PM

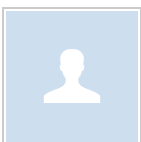


“ *Claude Jr, Vernell and Lillian purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of Dr. Clyde Ellis Smith.*



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**Claude Jr, Vernell and Lillian** - October 06, 2022 at 11:30 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Clyde Ellis Smith.*



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October 06, 2022 at 02:08 PM

SD

“ Shirley Williams and Hazel Douglas purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Dr. Clyde Ellis Smith.



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**Shirley Williams and Hazel Douglas** - October 06, 2022 at 01:39 PM

RS

“ Rosilind Wilson Scott purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Dr. Clyde Ellis Smith.



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**Rosilind Wilson Scott** - October 06, 2022 at 12:22 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Clyde Ellis Smith.



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October 04, 2022 at 05:13 PM