



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

*Bishop
Neville Smith*

M.B.E., J.P.

OCTOBER 15, 1945 - AUGUST 30, 2025

*Heritage
Worship Centre*

59 DUNDONALD ST,
CITY OF HAMILTON, HM 10

FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 12, 2025
AT 12:00 PM

"All is well"

— BISHOP NEVILLE

Order of Service

Officiant's Welcome Bishop H. David R. Lambe,
New Testament Church of God Heritage Worship Centre

Praise & Worship Bishop Shannel Burrows and Praise Team & Dancers,
International Fellowship of Christian Churches

Intercessory Prayer Pastor Maybelle Denwiddie,
New Creation Worship Center

Loving Thoughts from the Family

Wallace Robinson, *Brother-in-Law*

Valerie Minors, *Sister*

Lauren Smith, *Son*

Ministry in Song Tricray Astwood,
Cornerstone Bible Fellowship

Scripture Reading: Psalm 34:1-10; 18-22 Sophie Katusabe-Smith,
Daughter-in-law

Words of Hope and Encouragement

Pastor Vincent Belboda, *Radnor Road Christian Fellowship*

Bishop Michael Leach, *Kingdom Life Church, USA*

Apostle Lloyd Jenkins, *The Way The Truth The Life Ministries, USA*

Bishop Vernon G. Lambe Sr., *First Church of God*

Ministry in Song Toni Robinson

Final Words LaMohn Smith, *Son*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Blessing

Scripture Reading

Psalms 34:1-10, 18-22

(New International Version)

¹ "I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. ² I will glory in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. ³ Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together. ⁴ I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. ⁵ Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame. ⁶ This poor man called, and the Lord heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles. ⁷ The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them. ⁸ Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him. ⁹ Fear the Lord, you his holy people, for those who fear him lack nothing. ¹⁰ The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing. ...

¹⁸ The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. ¹⁹ The righteous person may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all; ²⁰ he protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken. ²¹ Evil will slay the wicked; the foes of the righteous will be condemned. ²² The Lord will rescue his servants; no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned."





Obituary

BISHOP MAXWELL NEVILLE ALEXANDER SMITH, M.B.E, J.P.

OCTOBER 15, 1945 – AUGUST 30, 2025

Maxwell Neville Alexander Smith was the beloved son of the late Earl and Peggy Smith, devoted husband to the late Loretta Judith Smith, and cherished father to Lauren Eugene Neville Smith, LaMohn D'Lano Smith, and Tiffanie Lauree Raquel Smith. He was also a loving father-in-law to Sophie Katusabe-Smith, proud grandfather to Ilana and Avi Smith, and a treasured brother to Madrica Smith, Sharon Anderson, Valerie Minors (Robert), and Åmmuåakhu Sahnera (Ramut Meri Ankh).

His life's journey was marked by unwavering love, deep compassion, enduring patience, and steadfast faith in God. His passing has left a profound void in the hearts of his family, friends, church family, clergy and countless others whose lives he touched.

A LEGACY OF FAITH AND SERVICE

Neville will be remembered as the Founding Pastor of Radnor Road Christian Fellowship Church and for the countless souls he led to Christ. He lived his life with humility, patience, and kindness, exemplifying God's grace and redemption. He leaves behind a legacy of faith and love.

He was a gentle, generous man who always made time for others. His deeply rooted faith in God was unshakable, influencing all who crossed his path. An avid reader

of scripture, leadership books, and inspirational literature, his personal library was vast enough to fill a small library.

Neville was passionate about bowling, proudly owning his own bowling ball and often reminding his eldest son, Lauren about his defeats. He also enjoyed watching cricket and was a devoted Somerset supporter.

HUMBLE BEGINNINGS AND EARLY LIFE

Neville was raised in Middletown, "back of town," in a close-knit working-class neighborhood where everyone knew one another. He attended Central School (Victor Scott Primary), Prospect Secondary School for Boys, and the Bermuda Technical Institute.

As a teen, he worked part-time jobs, including selling newspapers for the Bermuda Recorder and repairing shoes at Sinclair Francis's shop on Court Street—memories he fondly recalled throughout his life.

EDUCATION AND CAREER

As a young adult, he attended Bermuda College, studying accounting and administration, and began working full-time at the Bermuda Book Store, later moving into sales.

His early spiritual journey began with the Salvation Army Hamilton Citadel Corps, where he joined the Boy Scouts, learned to play the trombone and became a member of the Salvation Army Band and Salvation Army Songsters. Passionate about music, he taught himself to play the piano by closely observing others.

In the late 1960s, Neville trained at the Salvation Army College in Toronto and later returned to Bermuda, serving as the Young People's Sergeant Major and leading the youth choir. In 1981, he was promoted to Corp. Sergeant Major and appointed pastor of the Salvation Army Shelly Bay Corps, serving until 1987.

A FAMILY ROOTED IN FAITH

In the mid-1960s, Neville met Loretta Judith Robinson - "Momsey" - at the Salvation Army Shelly Bay Corps. Their love blossomed into marriage in June 1969 at the Hamilton Citadel Corps, with a reception at the Church on Radnor Road. Together, in 1987, they founded the Radnor Road Christian Fellowship Church, which later moved to its current location on land formerly used as a horse racing track.

PUBLIC SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

In April 1977, Neville began his public service career as a Post Office Clerk and Dog Registrar. He later served as the Government Youth Employment Officer and Secretary for the Apprenticeship and Training Council. In the late 1980's Neville moved to the Department of Immigration as the Assistant Chief Immigration Officer and was eventually promoted to Chief Immigration Officer, a role he held until his retirement from Government service on May 31, 1996.

From then on, he served full-time as Pastor and later Bishop of Radnor Road Christian Fellowship Church, and was the Overseer of the International Fellowship of Christian Churches (IFCC).

Honors & Awards

Outstanding Bermuda Young Person Award, Bermuda Jaycees

Fellow, Chartered Management Institute UK – December 19, 1985

Licensed Marriage Officer – April 1992

Bermuda Hotel Award, for professionalism and guidance – June 29, 1996

Salvation Army Award, for service during his tenure as Chief Immigration Officer – June 29, 1996

Queen's Award MBE, Member of the British Empire – December 31, 1996

Ordained as Bishop, Cleveland, Ohio – April 1997

Justice of the Peace – November 28, 2002

Commander of the Royal Order of Kingdom Statesman (C.O.K.S.), World of Life Christian Fellowship & United Nations – October 2015

He also received many Christian Ministry and Church awards, including:

A Lott of Sister Love - ALSL Ministry

BJ Women's Ministry Award

Living Award, Christian Fellowship Church New Testament Church of God

A LIFE THAT TOUCHED THE WORLD

Neville was well-traveled and ministered in countries including:

Philippines, India, Nigeria, the Azores, Portugal, Austria, Germany, USA, Canada, Belgium, France, Switzerland, UK, and throughout the Caribbean.

One of his most cherished memories was receiving the **MBE at Buckingham Palace**

from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, accompanied by Loretta, Tiffanie, and his sister Sharon. (Lauren and LaMohn were attending university in Canada at the time.)

A FEW OF DAD'S FAVORITE THINGS

Favorite foods: Salmon, mixed vegetables, and curry chicken. Lemon meringue pie.

Favorite movies: Ben-Hur (1959), Annie (1982 & 2014)

ETERNAL HOPE

We rejoice that Neville is now in the presence of the Lord, whom he served faithfully throughout his life. Though we deeply mourn his loss, we are comforted by the hope of eternal life.

Thank You

Thank you for joining us in remembering and celebrating the life of our father, your Bishop, your brother, your friend—Maxwell Neville Alexander Smith.

He will be dearly missed and forever remembered.

Interment

Pastor Veronica Outerbridge, Interment Officiant

Pallbearers

Åmmuåakhu Sahnera • Kenji Bean • Troy Thomas
Wayne Bean • Tony Reid • Jelani Hodgson

Funeral Arrangements Entrusted to: DH Augustus & Sons Funeral Home

Programs designed by L. Anthony Richardson.