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Smith, William Raymond (1933-2003) was born in Bartow, Florida. He served as pastor of Fort Dade Baptist Church, Dade City, Northside Baptist Church, Dade City, Calvary Baptist Church, Dade City, Frist Baptist Church, Ridge Manor and Hyland Baptist Church, Orlando. Smith and his wife, Ruth Harry Smith had three children.

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SMITH, Rev. William Raymond, 70, of Lacoochee, Fla., formerly from Dade City, Fla., passed away Monday, May 19, 2003 at home under the care of Hernando-Pasco Hospice after a long illness from Lung Cancer. He was born February 27, 1933 in Bartow, Fla., and moved to Dade City in 1958. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Ruth Harry Smith; three children, Vicki Diane and Charles Cornaire, Callahan, Fla., Elizabeth Ann and Joe Pyles, Orlando, Fla., Dianne Lynn and Jesus Alfredo Granados, Lacoochee, Fla.; four grandchildren, Christina C. and Rev. Chris Drum, Baldwin, Fla., Casey C. and Jason Wilber, Callahan, Fla., Jonathan R. Brownell, Orlando, Fla., Michael A. Smith, Lacoochee, Fla.; four great grandchildren, Zachary, Micah, and Hannah Drum, and

through the mail from Stetson University. He received his Associate of Arts Degree and many Certificates in the Criminal Justice System from Pasco-Hernando Community College. He retired from the Pasco County Sheriff's Department in 1993 after serving 29 years in Law Enforcement. Rev. Smith was ordained by Community Baptist Church in Brooksville. He was well known in the Dade City area having served as former Pastor of Fort Dade Baptist Church, Dade City, Northside Baptist Church, Dade City, Calvary Baptist Church, Dade City, First Baptist Church, Ridge Manor, and Hyland Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Lacoochee, the Dade City Lodge # 48 F & AM, and the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge # 29. Friends may call Thursday (tomorrow) from 6-8 p.m. at Hodges Family Funeral Home in Dade City. Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Friday, May 23, 2003 at the First Baptist Church of Lacoochee with Rev.

Micah, and Hannah Drum, and Caroline Wilbur; two sisters, Vera L. Rhoden, Ft. Meade, Fla., Evelyn M. Attanasoff, Frederick, Md.; two brothers, Clarence Melburne and Maybelle Smith, Ft. Meade, Fla., and Robert Wayne Smith, Indiantown, Fla.; two sisters-in-law, Edith Smith, Winter Haven, Fla., and Gladys Smith, Tavares, Fla.; one uncle, Irvin Smith, Columbus, Ga.; one brother-in-law, Franklin and Lorraine Harry, Pompano Beach, Fla.; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by his parents, William L. Smith and Minnie Lee Martin Smith; two brothers, Clifford L. Smith and John Marvin Smith; and one sister, Vera Mae Smith. He served in the US Army with the 3rd Armored Division stationed in Germany and was discharged in 1958. In 1960 he was employed with the State of Florida Driver's License Division in Brooksville, then transferred to Department of Corrections in Belle Glade, later transferring as an employee with Hernando County Corrections Facility at which time he felt the call of God to Preach. He attended the Florida Baptist Institute and Seminary of Lakeland under the GI Bill and received many courses

Church of Lacoochee with Rev. Eldridge Parrish and Rev. Tom Langley officiating. Burial will follow at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Fla. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations in his name may be made to Hernando-Pasco Hospice c/o 7066 Ft. King Rd., Zephyrhills, FL 33541 or H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute c/o 12902 Magnolia Drive, Tampa, FL 33612.

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Church To Mark Homecoming

Fort Dade Baptist Church, off St. Joe Road west of Dade City with the Rev. W.R. Smith as pastor, will observe Sunday as "Homecoming Day."

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Service Schedule Remains

Fort Dade Baptist Church, located off St. Joe Road at Dade City and with the Rev. William R. Smith as pastor, is continuing its regular schedule through the summer months.