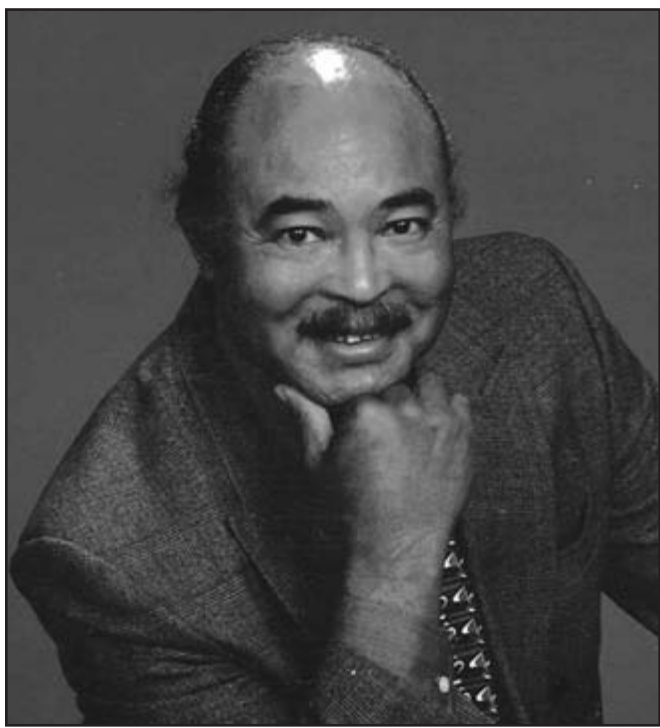


SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

David Smart, Jr. Passes Away



David Smart, Jr.

David Edward Smart, Jr., "Junior" passed away peacefully in Loma Linda, California on January 21, 2010. He was born July 25, 1934 in Savannah, Georgia and was the son of the late David E. Smart, Sr. and Alberta Patrick Smart. David attended Florence Street School, Haven Home School and Beach High School in Savannah. He later moved to Los Angeles, California where he graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School. After High School he joined the U.S. Air Force he married the late Jean Orr of Savannah. He later moved to New York City to pursue a career in Interior Design.

Upon completion of his degree, he returned to Savannah and was hired as the first black interior design salesperson for Buck's Furniture Store. While in Savannah, Smart worked in the family motel/restaurant businesses and was owner/operator of Safari Restaurant on west 52nd Street. He later married Delores Johnson. The couple eventually migrated to Los Angeles, California where they had two children David Smart III and Samara (Smart) Herard.

Surviving family and friends: Children: Valetta S. Johnson, (Ed) David Smart III, Samara S. Herard (Carl);

Grandchildren: Gavin, Raymond, Bryson, and Cameron. Sister: Irene Smart Booker, Sister-In-Law Cheryl Johnson, Nephews: Xavier Booker (Evangeline), Andre Booker (Dana) Grace Smart Jeffrey, Aunt: Irving Jones. Cousins: Bertha J. Pinkney, Vaughnette Goode-Walker, Elizabeth Ladson, Robert Patrick, Jr., Norma J. Daniels (Edward), Paulette Patrick, Nathaniel E. Stewart (Eleanor), Eugene B. Mulford, Lorine Davis, Theodore Roberson, Jerry Roberson, Loree Hucks, Rosemary Atkins, and the Wilson and Shepard family of Savannah. His extended family: Georgia and Willie Jennings (Tops Diamonds, Kia and Patricia).

He also had a host of grand nephews, grand nieces and cousins. Friends: Patricia Templeton and Diana Batiste, Ginger Hayes, of California; Anderson Macklin of Savannah and Mrs. Helen Alfred.

Special thanks to the Loma Linda staff, doctors, and nurses.

The funeral will be held Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at 11am at the Juniper Avenue Seventh Day Adventist Church, 7347 Juniper Avenue, Fontana, California. Remembrances can be sent to the care of his sister Irene Booker, 703 West 52nd Street, Savannah, GA, 31405. 912-856-8412..

Savannah Philharmonic To Donate Proceeds to Benefit Local Charities

The Savannah Philharmonic Chorus & Orchestra will present four checks to local charities at a special presentation on February 4, 2010 at 12:30 p.m.

Members of the media are encouraged to attend the check presentation at Savannah Philharmonic's office located at 30 W. Broughton Street, Suite 205. The presentation will benefit four area charities by donating a portion of the proceeds from their latest concert, "Carols in the Cathedral," which took place this past December at The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist.

"Our purpose at Savannah Philharmonic is not only to foster the appreciation of music in the Savannah area, but to commit ourselves to the betterment of our community by helping other organizations that contribute in their own ways to making this a better place to live," said Peter Shannon, conductor and Artistic Director for the Philharmonic.

Half of the proceeds from the \$100 ticket sales will be presented to the following charities: All Walks of Life (AWOL), Big Brothers Big Sisters, The Social Apostolate, and Alzheimer's Association of the Coastal Empire.

"It is unusual for a seemingly unrelated charitable organization to donate back to other charitable

organizations," said Shannon, "but we are proud to say that this is the Savannah Philharmonic's second donation to help others within the past six months, and we are planning for another benefit concert in April."

The Savannah Philharmonic Corporation, formed in August 2008 by local music enthusiasts, serves as the parent company for the chorus and orchestra. Widely known for its range in music, from a capella Baroque to rock and pop

standards, The Savannah Philharmonic relies heavily on ticket sales, member dues, and the generosity of patrons and sponsors to further their pursuit of music in an environment where orchestras are struggling to survive. As a 501(c)3, all contributions to the Philharmonic are tax-deductible.

For more information, please contact Mary Catherine Mousourakis at 912.660.2654 or mousourakis@thesavphilharmonic.org.



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