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## ABOUT THE COMPOSER

**Claude T. Smith** was born in Monroe City, Missouri on March 14, 1932. He began his undergraduate degree at Central Methodist College in Fayette, Missouri, eventually enlisting in 1952 and serving in the 371st U.S. Army Band during the Korean War. After his service, he completed his Bachelor of Music Education degree at the University of Kansas in Lawrence.

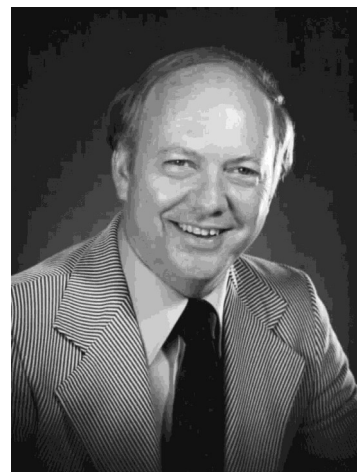
Smith composed over 200 works for band, orchestra, choir, solos, small ensembles as well as three method books for band and orchestra. His compositions have been commissioned and performed by leading musical organizations throughout the world including the U.S. Air Force Band, the "President's Own" U.S. Marine Band, the U.S. Navy Band, and the U.S. Army Field Band. His solos were written for noted artists such as "Doc" Severinsen, Dale Underwood, Brian Bowman, Warren Covington, Gary Foster, Rich Matteson, and Steve Seward.

Sacred choral music was a deep passion of Smith as he directed church choirs for five years in Cozad (NE), 10 years in Chillicothe (MO), and 10 years in Raytown (MO). Many of his choral anthems were written for his church choirs and for Missouri and Nebraska All-State Choirs, Bands, and Orchestras.

Smith was active as a clinician and guest conductor throughout the United States, Australia, Canada, and Europe. He received many awards for his contributions to music education and for his work in composition including numerous ASCAP Composers Award. Following his death, he was awarded the National Band Association Academy of Wind and Percussion Arts (AWAPA) Award (1987), honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Central Methodist College (1988), Missouri Bandmasters Association Hall of Fame (1988), Kappa Kappa Psi Distinguished Service to Music Medal (1988), Missouri Music Educators Association Hall of Fame (1992), and named School Director of the Year from the Christian Instrumental Directors Association (1994).

Smith was a member of the Music Educators National Conference (now NAfME), Missouri Bandmasters Association, National Band Association, American Bandmasters Association, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia and served as past president of the Missouri Music Educators Association.

Claude T. Smith passed away on December 13, 1987 in Kansas City, Missouri having completed a Christmas concert at church with his choir and orchestra. His wife, Maureen Faye Smith and his daughter, Pam Smith Kelly, along with Pam's husband, Jim, founded Claude T. Smith Publications, Inc. in 1993. C.L. Barnhouse Co. became the exclusive distributor for his instrumental works in 2016 with Claude T. Smith Publications, publishing his choral works, biography and recordings. Claude T. Smith Publications is dedicated to keeping the music of Claude T. Smith and many composers and arrangers available and in the hearts of musicians worldwide.



## NOTES FROM THE COMPOSER'S DAUGHTER

My father's arrangement of *God of Our Fathers* is my favorite composition. The original arrangement was commissioned by the Henderson (NE) Community Schools for their Brass Choir, Rod Drews, conductor. It premiered in Bethesda Mennonite Church in Henderson in 1973. In 1974, dad wrote the choral octavo that we used often in church services, since he was the choir director of the First Presbyterian Church of Chillicothe (MO). Dad's faith was strong, and he used music to glorify God in his music.

At the end of 1974, dad composed the arrangement of the band version of *God of Our Fathers* which the Chillicothe High School Band performed at the 1975 Missouri Music Educators Association convention, with dad conducting. I had the honor of performing the bassoon solo, a memory which I will cherish. In 1976, my parents moved to Springfield (MO) where dad conducted the Southwest Missouri State University Symphony Orchestra. He arranged the orchestra version during the summer of 1976 and it premiered on October 25, 1976 at SMSU (now Missouri State University).

Both the band and orchestra arrangements are in the same key and may be performed together. They can also include the choral arrangement which may be performed by a choral ensemble with the band and/or orchestra arrangements with the audience singing in the final verse. This anthem may be performed with the handbell arrangements by Linda Boatright, which are available at Claude T. Smith Publications.

*Pam Smith Kelly*

# God Of Our Fathers

SATB and Organ

Words by  
Daniel C. Roberts

Music by  
Claude T. Smith, ASCAP  
Tune by George Warren

**Lento Rubato**

*p*

3

5

TB *p* 9

From war's a -

larms and pes - ti - lence, Be Thy strong arm our

10

3

14

ev - er sure de - fense; Thy true re - li - gion in our

18

hearts in - crease, Thy boun - teous good - ness

22

nour - ish us in peace.

27

**Allegretto** ♩ = 76-80

*mf*

Thy love di - vine hath led us in the past.

35

In this free land by Thee our lot is cast.

39

Be Thou our rul - er, guard - i - an, guide, and stay. -

No Breath

43

Thy word our law, Thy paths our cho - sen

46

Allegro ♩ = 128

way.

Allegro ♩ = 128

*mf**p*

51

*molto rit.**cresc.*

58

Maestoso

8va - - -

*f*

56

60

SA *mf*

God of our fa - thers, whose al - mighty hand

TB *mf**mf* accompaniment optional

Play

64

Leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band

68

Of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,

72

Our grate - ful songs be - fore Thy throne a - rise.

*rit.*

*rit.*

*Play*

*Play*

*8*

*8*

7

76

Piu maestoso ♩ = 76

*f* with dignity

Re - fresh Thy

*f* with dignity

Piu maestoso ♩ = 76

Play *ff*

*f*

3

78

peo - ple on their toil - some

80

way. \_\_\_\_\_ Lead us from

3

3



82

night to nev - er end - ing

84

day; Fill all our

85

86

lives with love and grace di -

Sample - Not For Performance

88

vine. And glo - ry,

3

3

90

laud, and praise be ev - er Thine.

*molto rit.* *ff*

*molto rit.* *ff*

3

93

A - men. A - men.

*S div.*

*T div.*

*heavily accented to end*

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