

*In
Loving
Memory
of*

*Juanita
W.
Smith
"Wo Wo"*

Sunrise
February 16, 1927

Sunset
October 5, 2011

Thursday, October 13, 2011 - 10:00 a.m.

PHILEMON BAPTIST CHURCH
246 Shepard Avenue • Newark, NJ 07112

Obituary

Juanita Williams-Smith was born on February 16, 1927 in Flatonia, Texas to Lee Andrew Williams, Sr. and Eva Clark Williams. She was one of thirteen children. She departed this life with the angels, in the early morning of October 5, 2011 at 2:55 am.

Juanita's (Nita) family consisted of six brothers and five sisters, one sister who passed away as a baby. She is predeceased by her parents, Lee Andrew Williams, Sr. and Eva Clark Williams, four brothers, Irving Ernest, Lee Andrew Williams, Jr. and Oscar R. Williams, three sisters, one sister at child birth, Jamie Williams, Adele Trumble and Clara Byers of Texas. She is survived by one sister, Mary L. Armstrong (Rosco Sr.) of Texas; two brothers, Travis L. Williams (Elise) of Texas and Wilbert R. Williams (Lilly) of Arizona and Dolores Williams (sister-in-law) of Texas.

Juanita began school in a small town called, Muldoon, Texas (Soyd Switch). The family later moved to Temple, Texas where she attended the Dunbar Elementary and High School. She later graduated from Dunbar H.S. She briefly attended the St. Phillips College in located in Killeen, Texas for one year. She also attended St. Mary's College, one year.

Juanita while in Texas, began working as a civil service worker, on the Military base of Fort Hood, Killeen, Texas, as a Laundry assistant, and did voluntary work with the USO. She became an Eastern Star, under the leadership of her mother, Eva Williams. She belonged to the Church Missionary group in Texas and also a member of the Bible Study group in Temple, Texas. While working on the Military base of Fort Hood, (Killeen) Texas, she met and married her husband, who was stationed in the Army in Fort Hood. Sgt. Willie A. Smith (Smitty). They were married on April 27, 1947. They were married five years before having their first child: Deborah K. Smith in Fort Hood, Texas. She remained in Texas while her husband, Sgt. Willie A. Smith was shipped to Frankfurt, Germany, and then to Korea, to Participate in the Korean War.

Juanita moved to Frankfurt, Germany, where she and their first child lived till Sgt. Smith returned from the Korean War. Where they remained living for two and half years in Frankfurt, Germany. While stationed in Frankfurt, Germany, she had the pleasure of traveling the European countries. She especially enjoyed visiting Paris, France. She enjoyed shopping and sight-seeing the many European cities. In 1953, they returned back to the United States and resided in Fort Monmouth, NJ, where they had their second child, three years later a daughter, Janice D. Smith born October 7, 1956.

Juanita worked on the Army base of Fort Monmouth as a nursery school aide in the Army Nursery School, till Sgt. Smith was transferred back to Texas. Where they remained for two years and later returned back to Long Branch, NJ and lived there for another three years, before being shipped back to Austin, Texas. They lived there for another two and half years. In 1960, Juanita and Sgt. Smith happened to stop over in Newark enroute to going back to be stationed in Germany. Juanita and her two daughters remained in Newark with their father's mother, till their living quarters would be ready in Germany. In 1963, just before the Viet Nam War, began Sgt. Smith retired from the Army after twenty-five years of service and returned to the States where they began to make Newark, NJ their home, and have remained since 1963.

Juanita joined the Philemon Baptist Church with the now deceased Reverend William Coleman. She was a member of the Usher Board and a Bible Study Student. She sent her girls to Sunday School there also. Juanita later followed the late Reverend William Coleman to join him and others to the Gallilee Baptist Church located on 24 Lyons Avenue, Newark, NJ. There she was a member of the Usher Board and also worked on the Pastor's Aide.

Juanita was employed by the East Orange VA Hospital located in East Orange, NJ, where she retired in 1995. Juanita enjoyed her retirement traveling, going to plays and church activities. She loved to cook and entertain.

Juanita leaves to mourn her husband, US Army Retiree Sgt. First Class, Willie A. Smith (Smitty) of sixty-five years of marriage; two daughters, Deborah Smith-Brown-Muhammad, (Nadirah) and Janice D. Smith-Ziegler (Jamillah Ziegler); two sons-in-law, Howard Brown, Sr. (aka Rahim Muhammad) and Robert Ziegler; her closest friend and coworker, Blondie Wilson. Juanita was a grandmother of four grandchildren; one granddaughter, Nadirah N.M. Brown and three boys, Allan D. Johnson, Omar R.M. Brown and Travis E. Smith all of Newark. Juanita is also the great grandmother of six, three girls and three boys, Gabrielle, Angela Johnson, Amar R.M. Brown, Allen Smith, Jaylin Smith and Mia Brown. Juanita was blessed to have helped deliver three great grandchildren, Gabrielle, Amar and Allen. Her nickname "WOWO", was known by all of her grandchildren's friend's. She leaves to mourn a host of nieces, nephews, other relative, adoptive grandchildren and friends and godchildren.

Order of Service

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

II Timothy 4:6-8

Processional

Selection Choir

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer

Selection Choir

Reflections Grandchildren

Nadirah Brown, Gabrielle/Angela Johnson, Omar Brown, Travis Smith, brothers, Travis L. Williams and Wilbert R. Williams and nieces, Rosita Dockery, Angela D. Parkhill and Rhonda Harris

Obituary Sis. Zora Ingalls

Solo Lee Andrew Harris

Eulogy Bishop John A. Hardison

Recessional

Interment

Brigadier General William C. Doyle Cemetery
Arneytown, New Jersey

Repast will be held at
The Gallilee Baptist Church
24 Lyons Avenue, Newark, NJ



In The Garden Of Flowers

*In the garden of flowers grew with style and grace, I knew you were special
when God shined down on your face.*

*When it was time God came down and picked you with grace, and washed all
the pain away from your face.*

*Without a whimper or a sound You walked away strong and proud. We will
miss you this is true But now you must rest because your work is through. God
knows this and we know it too, For that is why He has chosen you.*

Pallbearers

Rahim Muhammad	Omar Muhammad Brown
Travis Smith	Rahman Shabazz
Rodney Ingalls	Timothy Ingalls

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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