

# <u>Obituary</u>

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord for henceforth: Yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labours, and their works do follow them."

Revelations 14:13

**Elease Beatrice Smith** was born January 30, 1936 in Darlington, SC. She was the beloved daughter of the late Albert and Carrie Smith, Sr.

Elease attended the public schools in Darlington County. She graduated from Rosenwald High School, Society Hill, SC in June 1954. After graduation, Elease moved to Bronx, NY where she would live for the remainder of her life.

Elease Smith faithfully served at Fellowship Covenant Church. During her time there, she served as a Church Trustee, and on the Women's Day Committee and Pastoral Anniversary Banquet Committee for several years.

Elease loved people. She retired in 2008 from Richmond Children's Center. She was also an active member of the board of directors at Jamie Towers; serving on the Finance, Rent and Resale, and Community Room Committees. She was always busy helping others, was an avid and accomplished seamstress, and loved to travel.

She was a loving and devoted aunt, friend and neighbor. Although she is no longer with us, her caring and kind spirit will forever live in the hearts and lives of all who loved and knew her.

She was preceded in death by her sister Ann Samuel, and brothers Albert Smith, Jr. and Robert Smith.

Those who will cherish fond and precious memories of Elease are her brother-in-law, Lonnie Samuel, Sr.; her step-sister, Lala Mae Douglas (Johnnie); and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and other loving relatives and dear friends, all of whom join the family in sharing the grief caused by her departure, but rejoice that she is now resting with the Lord.

# Order of Service

<u>Service</u> Friday, February 17, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.

#### FELLOWSHIP COVENANT CHURCH

720 Castle Hill Avenue Bronx, New York

ProcessionalPasto	r Kanyere Eaton, Deacon Board, and Family
Congregational Hymn	of Praise "Amazing Grace"
Prayer of Comfort	Deacon Declan LaHee
The Old Testament -	Psalm 23 - I Corinthians 15:51-58
The Obituary	(Read silently)
Selection	Fellowship Covenant Church Mass Choir
Reflections	Theresé Samuel Carter Deacon Naomi McCreath Diane Raikes
Resolution	Fellowship Covenant Church Board, Fellowship Covenant Church Trustee Board
Selection	Fellowship Covenant Church Mass Choir
The Eulogy	Pastor Kanyere Eaton
The Benediction	Pastor Kanyere Eaton

#### **Interment**

George Washington Memorial Park Cemetery Paramus, New Jersey

# 9'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free I'm following the path God laid for me I took his hand when I heard Him call I turned my back and left it all. I could not stay another day. To laugh, to love, to work or play. Tasks left undone must stay that way, I found that peace at the close of day. If my parting has left a void, Then fill it up with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Oh, yes these things I too will miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full, I savored much. Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch. Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now. He set me free!

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### <u> Acknowledgement</u>

The family wishes to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for your kindness during a time of sorrow.

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