

In Loving Memory of



Lauretta H. Smith

December 6, 1922 - October 12, 2014

Service

Sunday, October 19, 2014 - 1:00 p.m.

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Obituary

Lauretta H. Smith was born December 6, 1922 to the late John Halback and Catherine Prioleau in Pineville, SC. She was the third and the youngest, she had two brothers, Moses (deceased) and Saul (deceased) and two sisters-in-law (deceased). She grew up in Russellville, SC where she attended J.K. Gourdin High School. She met and married the late Will Takeall of St. Stephen, SC. From that union four children were born, Nancy, Flora Mae (deceased), Judia and Franklin. She had two other children, Benjamin Halback (deceased) and Genevieve Smith (deceased).

She moved to New York City in the early 60's and worked at National Cleaning Company, then later joined New York City Board of Education as a cook at P.S. 9 Elementary School in Manhattan. Returning to the south in the late 70's, she worked as a cook at La Petite Day Care Center, Moncks Corner, SC.

She enjoyed cooking for family and friends. She loved fishing with her friends. Sometimes her catch were bigger than she was. She also loved gardening and quilting. She also loved cats and dogs. She especially looked out for strays. She raised farm grown chickens. She loved to travel. Although she didn't drive, she was good at giving driving directions. She loved children and raised her granddaughter, Taquana Smith. Her home was always open to family and friends.

She leaves to mourn: her children, Nancy Prioleau of Chicago, IL, Judia Grant of New York City, and Franklin Takeall and wife, Karen Takeall of Barnegat, NJ; fifteen grandchildren, Loretta Smith, Ingrid Byrd, Patrick Prioleau, Rodney Johnson, Omar Johnson, Malik Johnson, Darryl Grant, Renee Grant, Kobie Grant, Aren Takeall, Raymond Takeall, Russell Takeall, Kara Takeall, Ryan Takeall, and Taquana Smith; twenty great-grandchildren; eight great-great grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, other family members, and close friends.

She had an interest in spiritual things. She attended Rock Hill Baptist Church in Moncks Corner, SC, and in her later years, she attended the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses with her daughter, Judia Grant and her granddaughter, Renee Grant, and she enjoyed things from the Bible she was learning there. Although she was not one of Jehovah's Witnesses, on her own free will, she refused things that she felt were objectionable for a godly person. She trusted the Bible, and in her own words she said, "If it's in the Bible, it must be true because God can't lie."

She lived with her daughter, Judia Grant, and granddaughter, Renee Grant, in New York City for two and a half years before her three year stay at The Greater Harlem Nursing Home and MJHS for her medical care.

We would like to thank all of our family and friends for their comfort and support, The Greater Harlem Nursing Home, MJHS staff, and St. Lukes Hospital, who assisted in her care as well as family and friends from Moncks Corner, St. Stephen, and Charleston, SC, and New York, for the care and loving kindness they showed our mom.

Order of Service

Musical Interlude - Song 14 “All Things Made New” - (Revelation 21:1-5)

Opening Song.....Song 111 - “He Will Call”
(Job 14:13-15)

ObituaryBrother Joel Miller

Discourse.....Brother Joel Miller

Closing Song.....Song 134 - “See Yourself When All Is New”
(Revelation 21:1-5)

Prayer.....Brother George Williams



Final Disposition

Oxford Hills Crematory
Chester, New York

Revelation 21:4

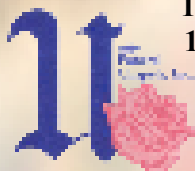
“And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away.”



Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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