

In Loving Memory of
Mrs. Willie Mae Smith

Sunrise
March 22, 1920

Sunset
July 23, 2015



Service

Friday, July 31, 2015- 11:00 a.m.

PINEY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

2804 Holland Road • Virginia Beach, Virginia 23453

Obituary

Willie Mae Smith was born on March 22, 1920 in Chester County, South Carolina to the late Archie Melton Franklin, Jr. and Louise Howze Franklin. She was raised in a Christian household by her grand parents and attended the Saint Paul's Halsellville Church in Chester, at an early age she received the Lord as her Savior.

Willie Mae was educated in the Chester School System and graduated from Finley High School.

Willie Mae moved to Baltimore, Maryland, there she joined First Christian Community Baptist Church, she also worked at Patterson High School in the cafeteria. She was an avid traveler while living in Baltimore, she often took her three sons to New York, Detroit, Wildwood, New Jersey, Hershey Park and Philadelphia, Pa. Another move relocated her to New York with two of her sons; there she joined Convent Baptist Church, later she reunited with a childhood friend Grover Smith, whom she later married in 1969. With this union she gained two more sons and the daughter she always wanted. Willie Mae and Grover continued to travel places like Hawaii, Canada, New England and most of the southeast states. After her husband passed she picked up her sister, Nora Lee as her travel partner, together they traveled by bus cross country, several times. They cruised to Alaska, also traveled to Spain, Brussels, The Rock of Gibraltar and North Africa (Tangier, Morocco).

After retirement from the New York City Board of Education as a Cafeteria Manager, Willie Mae moved to Virginia Beach, joined Piney Grove Baptist Church. As a member of Piney Grove Baptist Church, Mother Smith was active with the following: The Nurses Ministry, Senior Missionary Ministry, Served on the Pulpit Committee that selected Todd C. Davidson as Pastor. Mother Smith was always available to share her wisdom, love and humor, she thoroughly enjoyed doing any kind of search puzzles having to-do with the Bible, she was a longtime member of the Women's Club under the leadership of Sister Margaret Davis, she was a Dedicated and Faithful member of Piney Grove for many, many years. Her travels continued to Israeli, and The Holy Land, numerous trips with her church and vacationing with her family.

After to moving to Connecticut she continued to travel to the Carolinas and Virginia until she became ill. She had a integral part in the O.Z.S.P.H. Cemetery Association, who purpose was to revitalize the Old Mount Zion Cemetery.

She loved her church and her family, she was instrumental in setting up the first Howze-Johnson family reunion.

Willie Mae is survived by her son, Lloyd Price; (Billie) Bridgeport, CT; daughter Eleanor Waymer (Kenneth) Westbury, NY; brother-in-law; Jake Price, Aunt Elizabeth Howze, nieces, Clarissa Williams, Battle Creek MI; Mary Merchant (Jimmy) VA; nephew, James Franklin (Lola) Winston Salem, NC). Daughters-in-laws; Brenda Brown-Price and Barbara Moody. Grandchildren Derek Price, Darien Price, Todd Waymer, Christopher Price, Jason Price, Timothy Price, Melissa Whitlach, Kim Jackson (Lawrence), Tod Brown (Yolanda), Andrea Wallace-McNeill (Gregory). Great-grandchildren Sean Myers, Vincent Jackson, Elliott Jackson, Madison Jackson, Chelsea Brown, Nicholas Brown, Janae Taylor and Jasmine McNeill, Great-great grand son; Chaz Gilmore. She also leaves a host of beloved relatives and friends: Maggie Coleman, Bill and Shirley Thompson, Harriet Kelly, Warren Howze, Taffey and Sandra Simpson, Rose Wilks, Rev. Karl and Betty Turner, Bernice Sellers, Penny Defour, Robert Price and the Price Family.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude.....Bryan Bonner-Minister of Music

Processional.....Ministers and Family

Hymn of Assurance.....Minister of Music

Scriptural Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 23Reverend Karl Turner

New Testament - 2 Timothy 4:6-8

Prayer of Consolation.....Reverend Cassandra Keys

Hymn.....“I’m Going Up Yonder”

Acknowledgements.....Sister Sandra Parrish

Expressions.....Lloyd Price

Warren Howze

(Please limit to 2 minutes)

Silent Reading of Obituary.....Soft Music

Sermonic Selection.....“I’ll Fly Away”

Piney Grove Church Choir

Message of Comfort.....Reverend Charles Winslow, M. Div

Recessional

Interment

Maple Grove Cemetery
Kew Gardens, New York

Repast

Following the service, family and friends will meet in the church’s multi-purpose room.

Pall Bearers

Darren Price
Todd Waymer
Jason Price
Tod Brown

Derek Price
Christopher Price
Timothy Price
Gregory McNeill

The Master Called

I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, Or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, 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 that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We thank you so much whatever the part.
The Family of Willie Mae Smith

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