

*A Celebration of Life*

*Henrietta Smalls*

**Sunrise**

*February 4, 1923*

**Sunset**

*December 31, 2016*



*Friday, January 6, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.*

**Community Baptist Church of Englewood**

224 First Street

Englewood, NJ 07631

**Officiating: Rev. Dr. Lester W. Taylor, Jr.**

## Obituary

The life of **Mother Henrietta Smalls** began on February 4, 1923 in Lake City South Carolina; she was born to the union of Cephas & Irene Milford. She was the 5th sibling of 9 children, Hester, Ethel, Bertha, Samuel Milford “Son”, Daniel, Forest, and Stienny. June 1, 1937 Mo. Smalls married Walter Daniel Smalls in St. Steven South Carolina. Mother Smalls and Walter Smalls begot 7 children; pre-deceased Blondell, pre-deceased Sylverine, pre-deceased Emma Lee, pre-deceased Felicia, Walter Daniel Smalls, Rochelle Smalls, and Debra Smalls- Dudley. She has 17 Grandchildren, 18 Great-Grand Children, and 18 Great-Great Grandchildren along with a host of nieces and nephews that refer to her as Aunt Henny.

In 1955 Mother Smalls migrated up north to find work. She went to an agency and was hired as a maid by Mrs. Betty Thomas- Adams. She also became the caregiver of their children Paul & Judy, up until this day she is still regarded as part of their family and second mother.

In the late 1950’s early 60’s Mother Smalls traveled back and forth between New Jersey and South Carolina. The Thomas’s built Mother Smalls her own living quarters at their home in Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey which gave her the opportunity to bring her family to New Jersey. While Walter her husband began working for Mr. Thomas in Northvale, New Jersey they were able to acquire an apartment in Paterson, New Jersey where they lived until they purchased their first home in Englewood, New Jersey in 1967.

Mother Smalls was saved at a young age, she later attended the Bible Institute at Soul Saving Station in New York City, where she graduated with honors along with her longtime friend Sylvia Marshall. She attended victory temple where she met one of her closest friends Pastor Dorothy Neal. Later she joined Refuge Temple Church of God in Christ under the leadership of Elder Vincent Kitchings where she served as; Pastors Assistant, Prayer Warrior, Sunday School teacher, President of the Women’s Department, and President of the Northwestern District Mother’s Board.

She is and has been a faithful member of Refuge Temple for over 30 years. After the passing of Elder Vincent Kitchings she remained at Refuge Temple under the leadership of Pastor Dennis Peterson and current Pastor George Akins. Through her leadership qualities she taught many that the quality of a good leader is: timeliness, temperance, longsuffering and faithfulness.

Mother Smalls is well loved and has always shown herself friendly, hospitable, and kind. She is affectionately called “Mamma” by a host of friends, family and church affiliations.

# Order of Service

Friday, January 6, 2017, 11 o'clock in the Morning

## **Community Baptist Church of Englewood**

224 First Street, Englewood, NJ 07631

Reverend Dr. Lester W. Taylor Jr., Senior Pastor

Reverend Dr. George Akins Jr., Eulogist

*Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. John 14:27*

Organ Prelude

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Hymn of Comfort..... “Glorious Day” (Living He Loved Me)  
Pastor Henry Redmond

Invocation..... Pastor Dennis Peterson

Scripture Reading

Old Testament-Psalms 90: 1-12..... Mo. Selma Pilgrim

New Testament- Revelation 21: 1-7..... Minister Keith Barr

Hymn “I’m Saved “.....Reverend Dr. Lester W. Taylor, Jr.

Words of Expression.....Elder Roy Smith  
Dec. Matthew Yarrel  
Tamika Smith

Solo.....Sis. Hilda Drakeford

Acknowledgements and Obituary..... Carlise Smalls

Words of Expression .....Demetrius Jefferson & John Quashie  
Felicia & Reginald Lucas, Damon Smalls  
Pastor Dottie Neal

Resolution..... Evangelist Caryn Kitchings

Solo.....Bro. Tyrell Belle

Eulogy.....Reverend Dr. George Akins Jr.  
*Refuge Temple Church of God In Christ, Englewood, NJ*

Closing Benediction

Recessional Hymn

### **Interment**

Fairlawn Cemetery  
Fair Lawn, New Jersey

# *To Our Mother*

Words could never express our genuine feeling for you

Or say how we appreciate all that you used to do

Like those long days of hard work that never seem to end

Before one day was finished, it was time to start again.

We will always remember the way you taught us how to pray

To be grateful for the morning beginning,

and thankful for the closing day

You showed us how in God that we could put our

trust Your faith and dedication is an example for all of us

The only way we can attempt to repay what you have done

Is to be that same example for our daughters and sons

So thanks for all the sacrifices you made from day to day

Your demonstration of strength no matter what came your way

The way you faced life's challenges, courageously lead on

Will give us strength to keep the faith now that you are gone.

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family of*

***Mother Henrietta Smalls***

*Acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness*

*Extended to them during this bereavement hour.*

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