

**CELEBRATING THE LIFE
OF**

Francine Smith

Sunrise: August 17, 1954 - Sunset: February 22, 2017



**Service:
Monday, March 6, 2017 - 11:00 A.M.**

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE
1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey
Minister Marquise Aquil-Lewis, Officiating
Joshua Nelson, Organist

Obituary

On Wednesday, February 22, 2017, Almighty God in His mighty wisdom sent his ministering angels to embrace the soul of **Francine Smith** at McKeesport Medical Center in Pittsburgh, PA and deliver her tenderly to his heavenly home. Francine Smith was the daughter of late Harvey and Mary Smith. She was born on August 17, 1954 in Newark, New Jersey.

Francine grew up in Newark, New Jersey, where she was educated by -The Newark Public School System. She took a nursing aide class, where she became a certified nursing aide.

Francine was a loving and devoted mother and grandmother who lived for her family. She has touched everyone in her family as well as those whom she became acquainted with by extending her arms and opening her heart. Her “Pride & Joy” were her grandchildren. Francine was the type of person that spoke her mind and said what was ever on her mind. She was so happy that she was able to share her birthday with her favorite niece “LaShonda Davis”. She had a love for elephants of any sort...she would tell us it brings her good luck. She was known for her famous spaghetti and her pork chops smothered with gravy. Before she would hang up talking on the phone, her favorite saying would be: “I LOVE YOU ONCE...I LOVE YOU TWICE...I LOVE YOU MORE THAN BEANS AND RICE”.

Francine was married to the late Robert Smith who predeceased her in death as well as two brothers Ronald and Harold Smith, and one sister Sandra Smith-Brown.

She leaves to cherish in her memory; one son Darryl Smith of Jacksonville, FL; two sons who predeceased her in death Michael and Christopher Stacey Smith; two daughter-in-laws Katina Brown (Pittsburgh, PA) and Shay Smith (Jacksonville, FL); Seven grandchildren Vanesha Brown (Leroy Gaines), Zaire and Rahquan Smith, Tyler Starr Perry, Taneja Brown, Kai and Dillon Smith; two great-grandchildren Leonna Gaines and Leroy Gaines Jr; one brother Harvey Smith of Orange, NJ; two sister Cynthia Baker and Sheryl Davis of Newark, NJ; four god-children Wali and Nisa Richardson, Ahmad and Rasheed Smith; best friend Yolanda “Tiny” Stokes, A host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

With Love submitted by the family

Order of Service

Processional.....Family

Prayer of Comfort.....Minister Marquise Aquil-Lewis

Scripture Reading.....April Taylor

Old Testament.....Psalm 23:1-6

New Testament.....John 14:1-6

Solo.....Alayjah Smith- Johnson

Obituary.....Alecia “Asiya” Wade

Solo Joshua Nelson

Acknowledgements/Remarks.....(2-3 minutes)

Alecia” Asiya” Wade

Lashonda Davis

Zaire Smith

Rahquan Smith

Yolanda Stokes

Solo.....Alayjah Smith-Johnson

Eulogy.....Minister Marquise Aquil-Lewis

Closing Prayer.....Minister Marquise Aquil-Lewis

Recessional..... Joshua Nelson

INTERMENT

Evergreen Cemetery

Hillside, New Jersey

Immediately following the interment, you are invited to fellowship with the family. Please join us at 42 Kenmore Ave. Newark, NJ.

Miss Me, But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road
and sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little-but not too long,
and not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me-but let me go?
For this is a journey that we all must take,
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know.
Laugh at the things we use to do
Miss me- but let me go.

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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