

In Loving Memory of

Josephine Smith

Sunrise
April 20, 1943

Sunset
March 10, 2017



Service

Friday, March 17, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.

St. Luke A.M.E. Church

146-156 Clinton Avenue
Newark, New Jersey

Obituary



Josephine Smith was born on April 20, 1943 to the late Nim Hawkins and the late Aldara Hawkins in Newberry, South Carolina where she received her formal education in the Newberry Public Schools System. She later relocated with her family to Newark, NJ and graduated from Southside High School in 1961. Josephine went on to pursue her career in Nursing at Fairleigh Dickinson University and graduated in 1964. Josephine peacefully departed this life on March 10, 2017 at her home in Avenel, New Jersey.

Josephine married Eddie Smith on October 5th, 1968, whom she loved dearly and who she spent most of her time with. They renewed their marital vows on June 28th 2014, celebrating forty-six years of a strong and loving marriage, “a true love story” according to family and friends. Their union was blessed with three children.

Sister Smith accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and personal savior. She was Baptized and joined St. Luke A.M.E Church in Newark, NJ under the leadership of Reverend John G. Ragin, Reverend Howard L. Grant and Rev. Dr. James E. Deas. Josephine was also an active member of the NAACP.

Josephine was affectionately known as “Jo” by her family and close friends. Josephine was a fun, warm, loving woman who loved her family and friends. Josephine came from a large family of nine with seven brothers and sisters. Walter Hawkins, Lawrence Hawkins, Shelby Hawkins, Loretta Reeder (Deceased), Gloria Jackson (Deceased) and Lewis Hawkins (Deceased). Josephine enjoyed her life and she did things her way and she didn’t let anyone deter her from doing just that. She enjoyed playing Bingo, fishing, watching movies, especially werewolf and shark movies with her family and just spending time with them. She loved music and enjoyed listening to Marvin Gaye, The Staples and The Temptations.

Leaving to cherish precious memories of a rich and full life are her children, Tonya McGill (Kenneth), Tara Yeadon (Terrell), and Trevor Smith (Corrine); eight grandchildren, (Asia, Zionna, Nicholas, Treven, Justin, Joseph, Madison and Joshua); one Godchild/nephew, Ryan Sanders, 2 brothers, Walter Hawkins (Dolores), Lawrence Hawkins (Mildred), 1 sister, Shelby Hawkins (Keith), a special friend, Grace Cason, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins & close friends.

Order of Service

- Organ Prelude Timothy Rawls
- Processional Clergy and Family
- Hymn of Assurance.....Hymn #450 “Blessed Assurance”
- Prayer of Comfort
- Scripture Lessons Rev. Dr. Joseph A. Hooper
*Old Testament - Psalm 24: 1-10
* New Testament - John 17: 20-26
- Choir Selection St. Luke A.M.E. Mass Choir
- Acknowledgements/Resolutions Sis. Mildred Murphy
- Special Words of Comfort Rev. Dr. Joseph A. Hooper
- Obituary Read Silently
- Selection St. Luke A.M.E Mass Choir
- Eulogy Rev. Dr. Joseph A. Hooper
- Prayer of Consolation
- Resolution Clergy and Family “Going Up in Yonder”

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside New Jersey

The Magic of A Mother's Touch

*There's magic in mother's touch,
And sunshine in her smile
There's love in everything she does
To make our lives worthwhile
We can find both love and courage
Just by looking in her eyes
Her laughter is a source of joy,
Her words are warm and wise
There is a kindness
and compassion
To be found in her embrace
And we see the light of Heaven
Shining from a mother's face.*

-Author unknown



“Together Again”

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy that was shown to them during this time of bereavement.

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