

*In Loving  
Memory of*

A portrait of Almeda Brunson Smith, a woman with short dark hair and glasses, wearing a dark top and a necklace. She is smiling slightly. The portrait is set against a background of large, soft-focus flowers, including white roses and brown daisies. The entire image is framed by a gold ribbon-like border that curves around the sides.

*Almeda Brunson Smith*

*Sunrise: February 25, 1935*

*Sunset: June 5, 2017*

Service

*Saturday, June 10, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.*

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## Obituary

**Almeda Brunson Smith** transitioned into her heavenly home on June 5, 2017. She was born in Sumpter, South Carolina on February 25, 1935 to the late Addie Isaac. With the passing of Almeda's mother when she was only eleven months old, her dear grandparents, the late Essie Isaac Brunson and Marion Brunson raised their beautiful granddaughter until they passed away. Then Almeda's great aunt, Addie Gallshaw, continued with her upbringing in Florence, South Carolina. Neet, as she was affectionately known, eventually relocated to New York City in 1949 to unite with her twin sisters, Essie and Clara. She attended the New York City Public School System and later married the late Tony Smith.

Almeda was proud to be employed by Verizon as an Operator, Clerk and Frame Assistant until her retirement in 1993. She was honored with a perfect attendance award for her many years of dedicated service. Almeda was one of the hardest working women and never wanted to miss a day of work except to travel on her wonderful vacations to St. Thomas and Bermuda. In prior years, Almeda also had an extraordinary ability for remembering telephone numbers without writing them down.

Neet was truly blessed to be one of the most giving individuals you would ever encounter. She also possessed the signature Smith family smile, but was also known for her stern demeanor. Loving and caring for her family was her utmost priority and she had a remarkable relationship with her grandson, Terron. He nobly reciprocated her love and kindness by accepting the role as Neet's principal caregiver when his mother, Stephanie recently relocated to Georgia. Her favorite pastime was watching TV, especially the New York Knicks.

Almeda was predeceased by her husband, Tony Smith, mother, Addie Isaac, son, Gregory Smith, and sister, Essie Godfrey. She left precious memories to be cherished by: her daughters, Toni Smith and Stephanie Smith-Bullock (Michael); grandchildren, Aniqua Finch (Kevin), DeSean Pigatt (DeAshia), Terron Stafford (Khayesha) and Harmeen Smith; sister, Clara Goodson; niece, Catherine Goodson; nephew, Edward Godfrey; her great grandchildren; cousin, Delphine White from Florence, SC; sister friend, Gertrude James; Shelton Murray (Mekiya) and Paul Holt; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

# *Order of Service*

*Processional*

*Selection*

*Scripture Readings*

*Prayer*

*Selection*

*Acknowledgements*

*Poetry Reading*

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*Obituary*

*Selection*

*Eulogy*

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*Viewing*

*Recessional*

*Interment*

*Rose Hills Memorial Park  
Putnam Valley, New York*

# *Miss Me, But Let Me Go*

*When I come to the end of the  
road and the 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.*

*-author unknown*

## *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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