

CELEBRATING THE LIFE
OF



Louise M. Smith

Sunrise: November 5, 1936

Sunset: June 11, 2017

Service:

Saturday, June 17, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE
130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey

Obituary

Mrs. Louise Antoinette McManus Smith, 80, of West Orange, NJ, passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 11, 2017 at 7:41 am in St. Barnabas Hospital, Livingston, NJ with her loving husband at her side. Born on November 5, 1936 in Maxton, North Carolina, Louise is the daughter of the late James H. McManus and Lula Belle Taylor. She is preceded in death by her mother, Lula Belle and brother, James McManus.

Raised in North Carolina, Louise enjoyed growing up in the beautiful countryside. She attended the North Carolina public school system and early on realized she wanted to dedicate her life to teaching. After graduating from the North Carolina Public School System, Louise pursued her college degree in education from A & T College in North Carolina and was a well respected teacher for 42 years. On the campus of A & T, after a drama club rehearsal, she met her husband by cutting off a piece of his hair while he lay on a bench. They remained married until her death 60 years later.

Louise was a feisty and spirited woman who commanded attention and respect whenever she was in your presence. She was often seen in the front yard taking care of the bushes and flowers and loved to work in the garden as well. She also loved to watch game shows and cooking shows as she was an excellent cook. But she truly enjoyed baking. She would bake pies and cakes and give them to friends 'just because'.

Louise remained young at heart and would often burst into song and dance at a moment's notice (with her fancy footwork and operatic style). Her favorite pastime, however, was taking care of and loving her husband, children, and grandchildren. She would attend every dance and music recital, school plays and concerts, cheerleading events, and football and basketball games. But the thing that gave her the most joy was simply volunteering at her grandchildren's school to make ice cream, read a story, or make crafts. Louise had a heart of gold. She gave tirelessly and endlessly and loved everyone individually. She never complained and always maintained a can do attitude. She always made you feel like you could reach the moon. She will be sorely missed.

Louise leaves behind to cherish her memory her husband, June Alfred, of 60 years; four children - three sons, June II, Barry (Danette), and Shawn (Susan), one daughter, Tia, ten grandchildren, one great granddaughter, and a host of family and friends.

Order of Service

Greeting by Priest

Sprinkling of holy water

Obituary

1st Reading
Zachary Smith

Responsorial Psalm
Shawn Smith

2nd Reading
Imani Green

Praise Dance
Tia Green

Gospel

Homily

Lord's Prayer

Final Commendation

CREMATION

Rosedale Crematory
Orange, New Jersey

Pall Bearers (Grandsons)

Shawn Smith II	Scott Smith
Steve Smith	Zachary Smith
Nathan Smith	Julian Green
Kyle Green	Makhi Green

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid you see.
I took His hand when I heard him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee
God wanted me now; He set me free.

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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