

Celebrating The Life of
Bessie L. Smaw



Sunrise
July 9, 1928

Sunset
June 19, 2017

Tuesday, June 27, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.

CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME

256 Rosa Parks Blvd.

Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. David Holder, Officiating

Reflections of Life

The Life of Bessie L. Smaw

Bessie Lillian Smaw, was born on July 9th, 1928 to her parents Daisy (Harris) Marshall and Henry Marshall in Camden, South Carolina.

She received her early education in Camden, SC. After graduating high school, she relocated to Paterson, New Jersey, to attend Nursing School in the early 1950's. It was in Paterson where she met Jesse B. Smaw. They later married on January 1st, 1955. This union was blessed with three children. She was employed by New Jersey Bell (Verizon) for over 25 years before retiring in 1989.

She was predeceased by her husband Jesse Smaw, her parents Henry and Daisy Marshall, brothers Henry C. Marshall, Curtis Marshall, and Nick Marshall and sisters Blanche Cornish, Charlotte Miller, and Marie Daniels.

Bessie leaves to cherish wonderful memories: three children, Lecia Minor-Williamson, Eerick Smaw, and Inga Reeves, in addition, she is survived by her two sons-in-law, Phillip Williamson, and Kevin Reeves. She also leaves five grandchildren, Justin Minor, Jalisa Minor, Terrence Smaw, Kendall Reeves, and Dana Reeves and her great grand-daughter Aaliyah Smaw; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, dear friends and neighbors.

Order of Service

Prelude

Selection

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - John 11:25-26

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements & Remarks

Reflections of Life

Selection

Eulogy

Rev. David Holder, Sr.

Recessional

Interment

Fairlawn Cemetery
22-21 Maple Avenue
Fair Lawn, New Jersey

Our Family Chain:

We little knew that morning,
That God would call your Name,
In life we love you dearly;
In death we do the same.
It broke our hearts to love you,
But you did not go alone,
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.
You left us beautiful memories,
Your love is still our guide,
And though we cannot see you,
You are always by our side.
Our family chain is broken,
And nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one,
The chain will link again.

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Bessie L. Smaw** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.
May God Bless and Keep You!

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