

*In Loving Memory of*



*Christine A. Smith Lovings*

*Sunrise: August 7, 1935*  
*Sunset: December 13, 2017*

# Obituary

**Christine Amy Smith Lovings** (aka "Smitty"), was born on August 7th, 1935, in New York City to parents, Ned and Christine Smith. Being the fourth born out of six you'd think a person as small as her would be forgotten from time to time. But her personality, spirit, and overall great energy made her the "it" girl in any circle.

Born and raised in New York City, Christine credits her early education to the New York City public school system. After graduating from JHS 81, Christine felt she had the tools to make it in this big world, so she buckled down and went straight into the workforce where she retired after forty years of service from Bellevue Hospital.

As a child anyone who knew Christine would say she was the life of the party. As a young adult anyone who knew Christine would say she was the life of the party. And even in her senior years anyone who knew Christine would say she was the life of the party. Moral of the story: "she was always the life of the party", from her witty comments, to her smooth dance moves. Christine's spirit was the only light you needed during a blackout. We knew this by the way she showed care to the youth of her family and their friends. Her door was always open for anyone who needed it. From Special Needs to Celebrities, her knowledge, empathy and willingness to help transcended pass race, age, educational background, and even political status. Her life lessons gave her a unique perspective on how to live and she was never shy to share. (Except when it came to bacon.)

Christine wore many titles, but I believe the ones she was most proud of was that of wife, mother, grandmother, great mother and the name she shared with her great grandson, Maxwell, "Bright Eyes".

She was an avid music lover, always dancing to everything with a beat. From Hip Hop to Jazz, she loved it all. During her quiet times she loved reading and tending to her plants (one of her favorite plants being the one named after her Christine.)

Christine's talents and hobbies were as wide spread as her taste in music. She was a seamstress and a Knicks fan. She loved to travel and watch movies. (You could always catch her dosing off with the remote.) But never mind all that! (As she would say.)

Following her mother's footsteps, she joined the Eastern Star and continued her acts of service throughout her younger years. During the year of 1960, she met and fell in love with a dapper young man fresh from Florida name Forest Lovings. A man who she would later marry on December 5, 1970. Six years after giving birth to their bundle of joy, (Sharon Lovings) and Christine would remain by his side until he was called to the Lord on September 13, 2010.

Always known for her work ethic she instilled those values in her daughter and later carried those same lessons on to her grandkids. Always pushing her family to continue and finish their education, but never forgetting where they came from or their street smarts. Speaking of street smarts on any given-day you could catch her walking up and down 1st Avenue with her sidekick, Bobby. He was her road dog all the way till the end, they were inseparable. Other pets came in, as it was her nature to nurture, but only Bobby was considered family.

Christine leaves behind: one daughter, Sharon; three grandkids, Shaniya, Shenelle and in-law, Jeremy; two great grandkids, Maxwell and Marli; her biological brother and sisters-in-law, Frank (King) his wife, Jackie, Teresa, Sharon, Angie, Donna and Ruth; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and associates. Also lets not forget some of her favorites, her nephew, Victor and his kids, Greg and Nicole. No one could tell her that Victor wasn't her son or his kids weren't her grandkids.

In conclusion life is about wins and lessons. You open your heart knowing that there's a chance it may be broken one day and in opening your heart, you experience a love and joy that you never dreamed possible. You find that being vulnerable is the only way to allow your heart to feel true pleasure that's so real it scares you. You find strength in knowing you have a true friend and possibly a soul mate who will remain loyal to the end. This type of love makes life seem completely different, exciting and worthwhile. My hopes and prayers for each of you is that you learn from Christine's examples and live life without a second thought, have conversations without second guessing, and live like it's your last seconds on earth. Because life is too short and the only job you're given when you're born is to live this one life to the fullest.

That she did!

Service

Tuesday, December 19, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.

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Order of Service

*Processional*

*Selection*

LeCora Okeagu AKA Ms. CoCo  
"Goin Up Yonder"

*Scripture Readings*

*Prayer*

*Selection*

LeCora Okeagu AKA Ms. CoCo  
"A Change is Going To Come"

*Acknowledgements*

*Remarks*

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Jeremy Smith (Grandson-in-law)

*Selection*

*Eulogy*

*Committal*

*Viewing*

*Recessional*

Interment

Calverton National Cemetery  
Calverton, New York

# Come To Me

*God saw she was getting tired  
And a cure was not to be  
So He gently closed those loving eyes  
And whispered "Come to me"  
The days of toil and nights of pain  
The weary hours have passed  
The patient gentle worn out frame  
Has found sweet rest at last.  
Day and night we stood by her  
And saw her in pain,  
Anxiously awaiting her cure  
But our waiting was in vain.  
God who knoweth all things best  
Eased her suffering, gave her rest  
She is gone but not forgotten,  
Never will our memories fade  
Sweetest thoughts of her will ever linger  
Round the place where she rests.*

*-Author unknown*

## Acknowledgement

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May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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