

Celebration Of Life
For
Octavia Smith

Sunrise: January 13, 1996 - Sunset: April 13, 2022



Service
Saturday, April 23, 2022 -3:00 P.M.

HERBERT T. MCCALL FUNERAL HOME

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Reverend Roderick McArthur, Officiating

Reverend Roger Hambrick, Organist

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Invocation

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Acknowledgements

Selection

Reflections..... 1 minute please

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Benediction

Recessional

Final Disposition
Woodlawn Crematory
Bronx, New York

Obituary

On January 13th, 1996 **Octavia Annette Smith** was born to parents Shaniqua Smith and Kim Jones, Jr. at Bronx Lebanon Hospital in the Bronx, NY. Octavia had so many childhood highlights. She completed all of her general education requirements and soon settled down and moved into a place with friends and people she acknowledged as her second family.

From the words of her second family, here is a piece of her life.

Octavia, was a force! She was always ready to see what she could get out of any interaction, a natural born hustler. She had a plan for everything. She learned how to travel on public transportation while at the program, an accomplishment she was proud of. While she never fully did it on her own, she was proud of her ability to do it. (COVID stopped her from traveling alone on the train). She developed meaningful relationships with her friends. They had their moments, but she would crack jokes or say something so off the wall that they had no choice but to laugh.

She completed a twelve-week training program at CVS and was learning more skills so she could earn a paycheck. She wanted to work and she was willing to learn what it took to work. She enjoyed cooking and was a good friend. She always wanted to check on Marques and wanted to make sure everyone was okay, even during COVID she insisted that they visit each other, even if it meant standing outside the house and waving. Ms. Lopez stated, she would dare to say she was a social butterfly.... She was always ready for a good time. Oh, how she loved a big party. Halloween at Metro was the big event of the fall along with Christmas and Thanksgiving, she loved all of it.

Octavia volunteered a great deal and was always willing to help. She volunteered at St. James Church, SWALE, Gods Love We Deliver and the Relief Bus. She was learning how to code and play video games at Microsoft.

Oh, how she loved her Stephanie and David. I think she considered them her family because if someone said something at the place she lived, she made sure to check with David and Stephanie according to Carmen Lopez her mentor. She was always thankful for Carmen as well. The finer moments of her life to cherish.

Octavia is preceded in death by her father, Kim DeShawn Jones, Jr.; great-grandmother, Evelyn Pryor; and great grandfather, Thomas Cross.

She leaves to cherish her memories mother, Shaniqua Smith; maternal siblings, Anastasia Smith, Ozzielee (Ah-zalee) Smith, Ny'ghere (Nah-jia) Smith, Qumain Smith, Latrell Smith, Mar'ek Holmes, and Kar'ek Holmes; paternal siblings, Kamira Jones, and Kaliah Jones; grandmother's, Tammie Smith and Angela Cross; grandfather, Kim Jones Sr.; great-grandmother's, Mary Smith and Annette Jones; Godmother, Annette Dowe; Godfather, Charles Willis; best friend, Shana who was like her sister; aunts, Latoya Smith and Brandi Ervin; uncles, Ricky Smith and Troy Campbell; great-aunts, Boo-Boo and Sheila; great-uncles, Darren Cross, Derrick Wright, Erick Cross, Jones Donte, Quentin, Terrance, Dahjae', Jason, Larry and Thomas Troy Campbell; nieces and nephews, Amari, Nation, Nova, Amilia, and Ricky Jr.; Kimberly, Antoinette, Jennifer, Janay, Jasmine and Kaniesha Jones; cousins, Tyquoa, Saniya, Zelinda, Steven Dechabert, Aubre Dechabert, Tamisha, Arki, Tamara, Tamia, Tori, Kareem and Davon, and a host of other uncles, aunts, cousins, friends and other family members too many to name, and she loved every one of them.

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now; I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
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've now 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,
Ah 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, and 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 heart and share with me,
God wanted me now and He set me free.*

Acknowledgements

The family of Octavia Smith wishes to express their sincere gratitude for the support, prayers, expressions of sympathy and acts of love and kindness during their time of bereavement.

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