

*Celebrating the Life
of*

Mary Elizabeth Smith

*Sunrise
May 6, 1944*

*Sunset
May 21, 2022*

Service

Tuesday, May 31, 2022 ~ 11:00 am

St. Luke's African Methodist Episcopal Church

146-156 Clinton Avenue

Newark, NJ 07108

Reverend Dr. Joseph A. Hooper – Pastor and Eulogist

Life Reflections

Mary Elizabeth Smith, 78, of Edison, NJ, entered eternal rest on May 21, 2022, with family by her side. Born May 6, 1944, in Cranford, NJ she was the daughter of the late Alex and Jean White of Cranford, NJ. Mary graduated from Edison High School in 1962. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Kean University in 1967 and was a beloved teacher in the Roselle school system for 36 years before she retired in 2006.

Mary White married her husband Henry A. Smith on July 19, 1969, and their union led to the birth of their two beloved sons, "Chip and Alan". Mary had a love for gardening and became a Master Gardener in 2015.

Mary attended St. Luke AME Church in Newark where she was very active in the women's missionary society and many other church activities, including participating in the church's food pantry. She was also a New Believers instructor at St. Luke.

Mary is survived by her loving husband of 52 years, Henry A. Smith, and their two sons Henry A. Smith Jr. and Hillery Alan Smith both of Edison, NJ and one granddaughter, Dakota Hammonds of Union, NJ.

She is also survived by eight siblings: her brother Alex and his wife Loraine of Ft. Myers, FL and seven sisters; Gloria Bogier of Baltimore, MD, Pearl Woods of Woodbridge, NJ, Barbara Davenport of Rahway, NJ, Frances Tucker of Rahway, NJ, Linda Walden and her husband Tommy of Yardville, NJ, Patricia Myhand of Rahway, NJ and Jill White of Jersey City, NJ.

Her death will leave a void in the lives of her uncle Arthur Williams of Linden, NJ and her many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, former students, and fellow church parishioners as well as her sisters-in-laws, who thought of her as a sister, Melvyn Madison of Philadelphia, PA, Arnetta Banks of Columbus, OH, Freda Madison of Martinsville, VA, Myrtle Miller of Atlanta, GA and Reva Jackson of Martinsville, VA.

Mary's peaceful demeanor, helpfulness, caring, and love touched the lives of so many. She will be sorely missed and fondly remembered.

**Lovingly Submitted,
The Smith Family**

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional

Hymn of Comfort

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine”

Scriptures

Old Testament: Psalm 121 ~ New Testament: John 14:1-6

Solo

Prayer of Comfort

Reflections and Remembrances (2-3 minutes)

Congregational Hymn

Poem Reading

Acknowledgements and Obituary Reading

Solo

Eulogist

Rev. Dr. Joseph A. Hooper

St. Luke's African Methodist Episcopal Church, Newark, New Jersey

Benediction

Committal

Recessional

Cremation

Rosehill Crematory
Linden, New Jersey

Pallbearers
Family and Friends of **Mary Elizabeth Smith**

We Never Walk Alone

The time comes when those whom we have loved the longest and the best will travel far ahead into a place of joy and rest...

And we must walk a lonely path through shadows for a while without a certain kindred voice, a dear, familiar smile

Yet each day brings us nearer to horizons yet unknown and even when the way is dark, we never walk alone,

For memories travel with us toward the happy destination where we will join our loved ones in eternal celebration.

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 that any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all; just thought of us that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts,

We thank you so much whatever the part.

The Smith Family

Services Entrusted To:

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