

# AfterGlow

I'd like the memory of me  
To be a happy one,  
I'd like to leave an afterglow  
Of smiles when day is done.  
I'd like to leave an echo  
Whispering softly down the ways,  
Of happy times and laughing times  
And bright and sunny days.  
I'd like the tears of those who grieve  
To dry before the sun  
Of happy memories that I leave behind,  
When the day is done.

## Passbearers

*Michael Whittaker*

*Akeem Whittaker*

*Lionel Lewis*

*Lloyd McFarlane*

## **Acknowledgements**

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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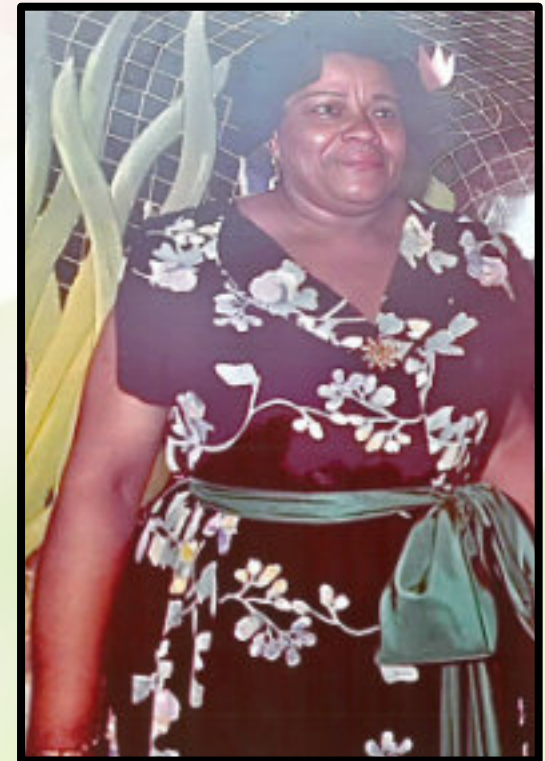
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# *A Celebration of Life* *Lena M. Smalling*

*January 16, 1930 - August 26, 2022*



**Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 10:00 AM**

**Butler Memorial United Methodist Church**

**3920 Paulding Avenue**

**Bronx, New York 10466**

**Rev. Dr. Allen Pinckney, Pastor**



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*"When We All Get To Heaven"*

1 Sing the wondrous love of Jesus,  
Sing His mercy and His grace;  
In the mansions bright and blessed  
He'll prepare for us a place.

Refrain:

When we all get to heaven,  
what a day of rejoicing that will be!  
When we all see Jesus,  
we'll sing and shout the victory!

2 While we walk the pilgrim pathway  
Clouds will overspread the sky;  
But when trav'ling days are over  
Not a shadow, not a sigh. [Refrain]

3 Let us then be true and faithful,  
Trusting, serving ev'ry day;  
Just one glimpse of Him in glory  
Will the toils of life repay. [Refrain]

4 Onward to the prize before us!  
Soon His beauty we'll behold;  
Soon the pearly gates will open—  
We shall tread the streets of gold. [Refrain]





*"To God be the Glory"*

To God be the glory, great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the people rejoice!

2 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,  
but purer and higher and greater will be  
our joy and our wonder, when Jesus we see. [Refrain]

*"Blessed Assurance"*

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

2 Perfect communion, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight.  
Angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest.  
I in my Savior am happy and bless'd,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. [Refrain]

Prelude

Opening Hymn..... When We All Get To Heaven

Prayer of Comfort ..... Rev. Dr. Allen Pinckney

Old Testament - Psalm 116:1-7 ..... by Akilah Whittaker, granddaughter

Music Ministry..... What A Friend We Have In Jesus by Ms Jaril Simon

New Testament- Revelation 21:1-7 ..... by Nadine Lewis-McCook, cousin

Words Of Remembrance

1. Mr. Conrad Lewis, Nephew

2. Ms. Keesha Senior, granddaughter

3. Mr. Michael Whittaker, son

Reading of the Obituary ..... Ms. Maxine Smalling, niece

Hymn ..... To God be the Glory

Message of Comfort and Hope ..... Rev. Dr. Allen Pinckney, Pastor

Music Ministry..... Amazing Grace by Ms. Jaril Simon

Affirmation of Faith

Commendation ..... Rev. Dr. Allen Pinckney, Pastor

The Lord's Prayer

Announcement of Interment

The Dismissal with Blessing

Recessional Hymn ..... Blessed Assurance! Jesus is Mine

**Entombment**

The Woodlawn Cemetery  
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**Lena Melvina Smalling** was born on January 16, 1930 in Hopewell District, Westmoreland, Jamaica. She was born to William and Amanda Smalling. As a child, she attended Holly Hill Primary School, where she excelled, passing first-, second-, and third-year examinations.

In today's world it would be equivalent to a Bachelor's degree. She boasted that she was her teacher's favorite. She worked as an Assistant Pupil Teacher, equivalent to a Teacher's Assistant, for a short while.

She decided to migrate to Great Britain in the early 1950s, where she worked for the Postal Department for eight years. She later migrated to the United States and worked for Empire Careers before eventually successfully securing employment at New York Telephone Company. She worked there for 25 years until retirement.

She enjoyed traveling, gardening, sewing, cooking for family and friends, reading the newspaper and Reader's Digest, and completing crossword puzzles. She did her best to provide for her children to give them a better life than what she had.

She is survived by her daughter Beverly, son Michael, son-in-law George, daughter-in-law Carol, grandchildren Keesha, Akilah, and Akeem, and great-granddaughter Zuri, as well as cousins, nieces, nephews, and a host of other relatives. She will be sadly missed.

May her soul rest in peace and light abundantly shine upon her!!