

*Celebrating The Life of
Mother Gloria Smith*

Alpha
June 2, 1940

Omega
April 13, 2023



Service

Friday, April 28, 2023

Viewing: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Service: 10:00 a.m.

House of David Worship Center

747-749 Hendrix Street • Brooklyn, NY 11207

Reverend Edith Cook, Pastor

Obituary

Gloria Smith was born to the late John Henry and Ruth Cook on June 2, 1940, and departed this life on April 13, 2023, at Methodist Hospital in Brooklyn, New York.

In transition, the family moved from Miley, South Carolina to New York in 1946 where Gloria received her education throughout the New York city Public School system, she also attended Needle-Trade High School, now known as Fashion Industry.

In 1959, Gloria Smith met and later married her late husband, Lester Smith. From that union, God blessed them with four children: Andre, Robin, Yvette and Kevin. Gloria worked at Cascade laundry Co. along with other various Jobs until her retirement in May 1991. While raising her own children, grandchildren, and great grands, she also found time to babysit other children in the community. In 2010, she returned and worked temporarily at the Red Hook MICCIO-NYCHA as a mentor and food service helper until her sickness.

In 1984, Gloria gave her life to Christ and joined the House of David Pentecostal Apostolic Inc, under the leadership of the late Bishop William M. Graham, late Bishop Charles E. Cook, Pastor Carrie Mae Storey and Pastor Edith Cook. There she was an active member where she served faithfully and diligently in many capacities and just to name a few: Gospel Chorus, Kitchen chef, Missionary board, Mother's board and the food pantry etc. Gloria was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and did not mind shouting for the Lord. I can hear her saying "Thank you Lord, thank you Lord" over and over.

Glo, Grandma, Ms. Glo, Gramps and Granny as she was affectionately called by her children and so many others. She was a prominent figure in the community where she lived, well-loved and well respected. She was blessed beyond measure, and she was the epitome of what a woman and mother should be in every aspect. She exemplified love, she loved God and adored her family.

In her days, she was known as a "fox", Gloria had a sense of style, loved to dress, very sophisticated and her signature walk was second to none. She was real and never enjoyed mess, as she would say in a heartbeat "Don't come here with that mess, nobody wanna hear that".

Preceding her in death: Edward, John H, Bernice, Irma, Cynthia and Renee Cook. Gloria leaves to cherish her memory; four children: Andre Douglas Smith (Sharon Smith of Ellenwood, GA), Robin Smith Jean-Francois (Claude Jean-Francois), Yvette Smith, Kevin Smith. Nine grandchildren: Andre, Nicole, Alanson (Startisha Jackson of Caney, Texas), Naquawri, Atoyri, Kevin Jr (Baltimore, Md), Imani, Kiara and Nia. Seven great grands: Nesean, Nirahji, Peyton, Amir, Legend, Nori, A'Kyng, and a bonus daughter Lisa Folks Thomas. Siblings: Margaret Rivera (Ralph Rivera), Lessie Terry Womack, Laverne (Pam) Cook. Brothers: Willie James Cook, Ray Cook (Jeanette Cook), Randy Cook (April cook of Baltimore, MD.) and sister-in-law Pastor Edith Cook. Godchildren: Kevin Cook, Chris Terry, Shawn Cook, Darren (Hobo), Wakai Bruce and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Gloria was well loved, a mother-figure to many. She will be truly missed. Take your wings grandma – we love you but God loves you best. PRAISE GOD!

Order of Service

PreludeDarryl Neely & Eddy Fann Jr.

Processional

Prayer of Comfort Pastor Nathaniel Braswell
Key to Heaven Tabernacle Church

Scriptura Readings

Old Testament Scripture – Psalm 23 Ev. Marie Brathwaite
HOD Worship Center

New Testament Scripture – John 14:1-6..... Pastor James D. Tucker
St. Paul Tabernacle COLM

Selection.....House of David Choir

Praise Dance..... Nirahji Smith Knowles & Ava Cook

Obituary Roxanne Cook

Special Remarks..... Pastors

Poem Imani Smith

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Selection.....House of David Choir

Church Resolution Ev. Julia Gilford

Sermonic Solo..... Sharon Smith (Ellenwood, GA)

Eulogy Elder Claude Jean-Francois (KTH Church)

Interment
Rosehill Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey

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.*

-Helen Lowrie Marshall

Acknowledgements

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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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