



**Sunrise**  
*June 23, 1937*

**Sunset**  
*June 9, 2010*

*Home-Going Celebration for*  
***Alberta Marie Smith***

Monday, June 14, 2010 - 11:00 a.m.

***Cotton Funeral Service***

130 Main Street • Orange, NJ 07050

**Rev. James Johnson, Officiating**  
**Emory Lee, Organist**

## Obituary

Alberta Marie Smith was born on June 23, 1937 in Mississippi and as an infant moved with her parents, the late Vercie B. Alsobrook and Robert Floyd Smith to Memphis, Tennessee. At the age of nine, she relocated with her parents to New Jersey.

Alberta was educated in the Newark Public Schools and graduated from West Side High School. Later, she attended Upsala College in East Orange.

Alberta joined the North Clinton Baptist Church in East Orange, New Jersey (which later became Messiah Baptist Church) where she sang in the Young Adult Choir.

While in high school, Alberta became employed at New Jersey Bell Telephone and remained with the company after it became Verizon. During her tenure she rose to the management level.

After retirement from Verizon, Alberta worked part-time at the New Jersey State Unemployment Bureau.

Alberta was a great lover of pets and was always seen in the neighborhood walking her dog, Mariah. She was devastated after Mariah died suddenly, but because of her failing health she refrained from getting another pet.

She was an avid reader, which is evidenced by the collection of novels she owned.

Alberta leaves to cherish her memory: three aunts, Janie M. Drane (Early C.), Bernice Jackson and Molly Jones (James) all of Memphis; one aunt, Earnestine Smith of East Orange, NJ; an uncle, James Smith (Dorothy) of Chicago, Illinois; in addition to cousins, friends and neighbors.

She joins her mother and father, Vercie B. Alsobrook and Robert F. Smith, who preceded her in death.

# *Order of Service*

Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn

Invocation

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Rev. James Johnson

Remarks

Closing Hymn

Benediction

Recessional



Interment  
Graceland Memorial Park  
Kenilworth, New Jersey



## *Crossing The Bar*

Sunset and evening star  
And one clear call for me!  
And may there be no moaning of the bar  
When I put out to Sea.

Twilight and evening bell  
And after that the Dark!  
And may there be no sadness of farewell  
When I, when I embark.

### *Acknowledgments*

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