

A black and white portrait of a woman with dark hair styled in an updo with bangs. She is wearing a patterned top, a necklace of large white beads, and matching earrings. The background is dark and textured.

Rebecca E. (Burrress) Smith

Sunrise
November 28, 1919

Sunset
July 11, 2011

Service

Friday, July 15, 2011 - 11:00 a.m.

Christ Church United Methodist

644 East 27th Street

Paterson, New Jersey

Pastor Betty Horne, Officiating

Johnetta Burt, Organist

"For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of departure is at hand, I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4:6, 7

"Reflections of Life"

On Monday, July 11, 2011, Rebecca (Burrress) Smith went home to glory. She was born November 28, 1919, to the late William and Emma Burrress in South Mills, North Carolina. Their union resulted in two children. She spent her early years in South Mills, North Carolina, later relocating to Paterson, New Jersey.

On November 9, 1936, Rebecca Burrress was joined in Holy Matrimony to Chauncey Smith of New Bern, North Carolina. From this union four children were born: Shirley R. Jordan, James H. Smith, Rose L. Mitchell, and Carolyn J. Campbell.

Rebecca "Beck" accepted Christ at a young age. She was a member of McBride Baptist Church in South Mills, North Carolina and briefly attended Christ United Methodist Church, Paterson, New Jersey. She was educated up until the ninth grade, until unforeseen circumstances required her to work on the family farm. Rebecca "Beck" was a domestic worker for twenty-five years.

Her favorite hobbies were grocery shopping, gardening, and cooking. Rebecca "Beck" was an avid gardener and she loved "Junking" with her daughters. Beck always said, "I want to enjoy my flowers, while I can still smell them." Beck made the best collard greens and cakes on this side of heaven. She was a great cook!

She was preceded in death by her husband, Chauncey Smith, parents, William and Emma Burrress, a brother, David Burrress, sons-in-law, James F. Jordan and Johnny Campbell, daughter-in-law, Cora Smith, a grandson, Frederick "Fred" Jordan and one granddaughter, Lisa E. Smith.

She leaves to cherish precious memories: Her children: Shirley Jordan, Rose Mitchell, (James "Bernard" Thomas), Carolyn Campbell, and James Smith all of Paterson, New Jersey. Grandchildren: Wendy Smith (Oyster Bay, NY), Valerie Sowell (Greenville, North Carolina), Terrance Smith (Paterson), Angela Griffin (Rayfus) (Paterson), Yolanda McArthur (Rochester, NY), Natalie Jordan (Paterson), Leslie Williams (Keith) (Clifton), Tanya Norman (Emmett) (Somerset), and Montrise Jordan (Paterson). Great-Grandchildren: Corey Mitchell (Paterson), Randi Weeks (Paterson), Latisha Heggs (Jay) (Reading, PA), Ebonie Ealey (Tyrrell) (Rota, Spain), Aries Jordan (Oakland, California), Kierra McArthur (Rochester, NY), Savoy Smith (Lodi), Ollie McArthur (San Diego, California), Sparkle Garnett (Pierre) (San Diego, California), Sofia McArthur (Rochester, NY), Naomi Norman (Somerset), and Kennedy Brinson (Paterson). Great-Great-Grandchildren: Ameerah Weeks (Paterson), Jayla and Jordan Heggs, (Reading, PA), Jayden Turner (Rochester, NY) Chyanne Ealey (Rota, Spain), Lyric Garnett (San Diego, California); and a host of cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Presiding *Pastor Betty Horne*

Invocation

Reading of the Holy Scriptures

Old Testament *Psalm 121 - Latisha Heggs*
Great-Granddaughter

New Testament *John 14: 1-6 - Ebonie Ealey*
Great-Granddaughter

Selection *Sister Florence Daniels-Jackson*

Acknowledgements *Minister Deborah Simpkins*

Witness of Faith

Family and Friends may express their thankfulness to God for the life of Mother Rebecca (Buruss) Smith. Please limit remarks to 2 minutes.

Reflections of Life *Leslie Williams*
Granddaughter

Poem *Randi Weeks*
Great-Granddaughter

Message of Comfort *Pastor Betty Horne*

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Interment *Fair Lawn Cemetery, Fair Lawn, New Jersey*

Acknowledgments

For those who prayed for us, sent flowers, left messages, or other acts of kindness we want to thank you. Everything you did for Rebecca Smith and her family are greatly appreciated.

God bless you all.

The Smith Family

Poem

*Your gentle face and patient smile,
With sadness we recall,
You had a kindly word for each and died beloved by all.*

*The voice is mute and stilled the heart
That loved us well and true,
Ah, bitter was the trial to part
From one so good as you.*

*You are not forgotten loved one
Nor will you ever be
As long as life and memory last
We will remember thee.*

*We miss you now, our hearts are sore,
As time goes by, we miss you more,
Your loving smile, your gentle face,
no one can take your vacant place.*

Pallbearers

Family

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