

*Homegoing Celebration for
Deaconess Mary B. Smith*



Sunrise
February 21, 1917

Sunset
July 10, 2012

Thursday, July 19, 2012 – 10:00 am

Canaan Baptist Church

*535 Rev. Gadson L. Graham Way (East 22nd Street)
Paterson, New Jersey*

Rev. Dr. Gadson L. Graham, Pastor
Rev. Barry L. Graham, Asst. Pastor, Officiating



Psalm 23



The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house



of the Lord forever.



Reflections of Life

Mary B. Smith (nee Brooks) entered into eternal rest on the beautiful, sunny afternoon of Tuesday, July 10, 2012.

She was born February 21, 1917 in Lettsworth, LA to the late Lugenia (Caulfield) and Cleavon Brooks.

She accepted Christ at an early age and was a member of St. Mary Baptist Church (Lettsworth) until she moved to New Orleans, LA where she became a member of Greater Good Shepherd Baptist Church. She attended school in the Pointe Coupee Parish School system.

She was married to the late Rev. Herman L. Williams of which four children were born. She later married the late John W. Smith, Sr. of which one child was born.

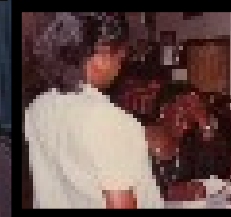
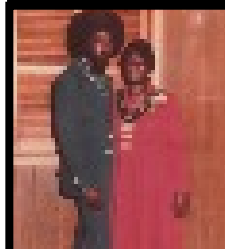
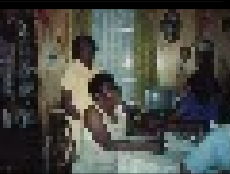
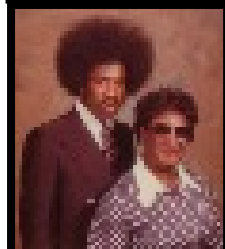
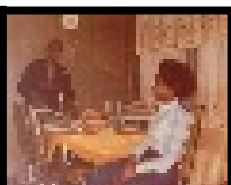
She moved to Tenafly, NJ where she worked as a domestic. Later she moved to Paterson, NJ where she worked at Berles Carton Company as a Quality Control Inspector until her retirement.

She joined Canaan Baptist Church in 1974 where she remained a member until 1983. During this time, she was a member of the Busy Bees, Nurse's Guild and Pastor's Aide. She moved to Baker, LA in 1983 where she joined Evening Star Baptist Church and served on the Board of Deaconess. She also volunteered with the local Meals on Wheels and AARP programs. She returned to Paterson in 2003 where she reinstated membership at Canaan Baptist Church and served on the Board of Deaconess.

Mary B. was preceded in death by her parents, Lugenia and Cleavon Brooks, her husbands, Rev. Herman L. Williams and John W. Smith, Sr., a daughter, Lugenia V. Phillips, two sons, John W. Smith, Jr. and James C. Williams, a daughter-in-law, Linda Williams, two sons-in-law, Rev. James E. Mallory, Jr. and Deacon Sidney Gather, three sisters, Bertha Ford, Anabel Brooks and Bernice Brooks, two brothers, Charles and (infant) Brooks, and three grandsons.

She was called "Mother" by many. She leaves to cherish her memories, two daughters, Lillie M. Gather of Baker, LA and Bernice Mallory of Paterson, NJ, a daughter-in-law, Thelma (James) Williams of Freehold, NJ, two "special" daughters, Annette Jackson and Shirley Holley, 16 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and 8 great-great grandchildren. She also leaves, "special" godchildren, Sandra Blair King, Richard and Doris Blair, Eugene Price, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and church family.

The Family would like to offer a special thanks to the staff of The Atrium at Wayne.



Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Hymn “Leaning On The Everlasting Arms”

Scripture

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements/ObituarySis. Annette Jackson

ReflectionsRev. H. Dean Mallory, family
Kelvin Mallory, grandchildren
Lisa C. Adams, great/great-great grandchildren

Words of Expression (2 minutes each)

SoloBro. Andre Jackson

Word of God ProclaimedRev. Dr. Gadson L. Graham, Pastor

Recessional

Interment

*Laurel Grove Cemetery
Totowa, New Jersey*

Pallbearers

Rev. H. Dean Mallory
Terrell Hunter
Marqus Hunter
Leroy Williams, Jr.
Rev. Olander Tuck
Kaheem Hunter

Honorary Pallbearers

Kelvin Mallory
Vincent Hunter
Tyron Mallory
Craig Mallory
Andre Jackson
Kevin Tynes

*"I have fought a good
fight. I have finished my
course, I have kept the
faith: Henceforth there is
laid up for me a crown of
righteousness, which the
Lord, the righteous judge,
shall give me at that day:"*
II Timothy 4:7, 8

Acknowledgements

The family of **Mother Mary B. Smith** acknowledges all acts of kindness extended during this bereavement hour. May God bless you.

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