



*In Loving  
Memory  
of*

*Johnnie Mae Smith*

Sunrise: August 24, 1937 - Sunset: January 6, 2014

*Service*

Friday, January 17, 2014 - 11:00 am

**Cotton Funeral Service**

1025 Bergen Street

Newark, New Jersey

**Officiating: Pastor Jonah Nixon**

**Emory Lee, Organist**

## Obituary

**Johnnie Mae Smith** was born to Mary Walker and John C. Brown on August 24, 1937 in the State of Alabama. She was raised in Essex County, New Jersey and educated in the Essex County Public School system. Johnnie Mae Smith was a long time resident of the City of Newark, New Jersey.

There is one word to describe Johnnie Mae Smith, "Survivor!" She was a loving, kind hearted mother who faced many hardships and challenges during her life. Despite the ups and downs, she managed to prevail and conquer these trials and tribulations. She loved music, especially the blues, and really enjoyed her son, Edwin Davis, Jr. (when he was twelve years old) playing the guitar, keeping her up late at night with the sound of the blues.

Johnnie Mae Smith was a mother of four children and mate to the late Ernest Smith. She also had a hand in raising her grandchildren and had great admiration for her sister, who did a remarkable job caring for Johnnie Mae and her children when she was unable to do so.

Johnnie Mae Smith leaves to cherish fond memories: her children, Edwin Davis, Jr. and Marion Davis; her grandchildren, Kenneth Davis, Curtis Hale, Michael Hale, Travis Davis, Emanuel Davis, Cheyenne Fitch, Tina Davis, Kareem Davis, Alex Davis, Tyrone Davis; and host of relatives and friends.

Johnnie Mae Smith left this earth on January 6, 2014 to join Ernest Smith and her daughters, Brenda Davis and Sharon Davis.

# Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Old Testament ..... Dr. Mark Boyd Ph.D

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort ..... Dr. Mark Boyd Ph.D

Selection

Acknowledgements

Opening Remarks ..... Family and Friends

Poem ..... "I'm Free"

Obituary ..... Emanuel Davis

Selection

Eulogy.....Pastor Jonah Nixon  
Trinity Baptist Church

Viewing

Recessional

**Interment**

Rosedale Cemetery  
Linden, New Jersey

# *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day.  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much.  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

*-author unknown*

## *Acknowledgement*

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.  
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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