

*Celebrating The Life of*



*Catherine M. Smith*

*Sunrise*  
*August 31, 1939*

*Sunset*  
*December 13, 2014*

**Service**

Saturday, December 20, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

**SACRED HEART ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
1253 Shakespeare Avenue • Bronx, NY 10452

## *Obituary*

**Catherine Monica Bradley Smith** was born in New York City, into the family of John George Bradley and Theodosia Dasent Bradley on August 31, 1939.

Her earliest ambition was to become a concert pianist. She studied music under Mrs. H. Ross of Juilliard School of Music. Catherine had other creative talents. She was a creative designer. Her nephew, John still treasures his blazers and sports jackets that she made. Catherine also had business skills. Early on she became the bookkeeper for the family business.

In college, Catherine majored in accounting and was awarded a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. Her skills did not go unnoticed, she was recruited by General Motors' Corporate Headquarters, and later became an Account Executive, the only female and person of color in their overseas division. After the decline of General Motors, Catherine became an Office Associate in Health and Hospital Corporation at Metropolitan Hospital until she retired. There she met two great friends, Carmen and Juanita, who she kept in touch with until her death.

Catherine became a widow early in life. At Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church she chaired the Parish Council, under Father Mark Cregan for several years. She was an active lecturer to the end, and could always be counted upon for deliverance with clarity and eloquence. She was often called upon to speak at special services at the Church and other religious institutions. And she was a special member of Sacred Heart Gospel Choir.

Catherine infused travel in her scheme of life. She traveled to every island in the Caribbean, then continued her travel to Africa, Europe, and China.

Catherine was never too busy to talk, to listen, to give advice, no matter the situation, Catherine's response was "no problem". She gave freely to her family, beloved church and friends. "La" was always there whenever and wherever needed. Catherine enjoyed life.

Catherine will be greatly missed by: her sisters, Faith and Joy; nephew, John and daughter, Hope; niece, Edith and family; brothers, Teodoro and George; cousins, Stedman, Fran, Marvin, Al and wife; relatives in St. Kitts and Nevis; and neighbors, Naomi and family, Carlos and family.

*The Lord giveth, the Lord taketh, blessed be the name of the Lord.*

# *Order of Service*

**Processional**

**Selection**

**Scripture Readings**

**Prayer**

**Selection**

**Acknowledgements**

**Remarks**

**Obituary**

**Selection**

**Eulogy**

**Committal**

**Recessional**

*Final Disposition*

Oxford Hills Crematory  
Chester, New York

# Psalm 91

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust." Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler And from the perilous pestilence. He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler. You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day, Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you. Only with your eyes shall you look, And see the reward of the wicked. Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place, No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways. In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone. You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot. "Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name. He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him, And show him My salvation."

## Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.*

*May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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