



In Loving Memory of
Gertrude Smith

November 16, 1927 - February 14, 2015



Service

Saturday, February 21, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Rev. Dr. Edward R. Culvert, Officiating

LaTasha Jordan, Soloist



Obituary

Gertrude Smith, one of God's true angels on earth. Everyone she came in contact with were touched by her strong, supportive, encouraging spirit. A spirit that enabled so many of us to find deep in ourselves abilities and gifts we didn't know we had.

Gertrude was a devoted, loyal, loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt, co-worker, friend and affectionately called our "Cupcake". She was truly blessed and her mission in life was to spread the love that God wants us all to receive. Her life was one of service in which she gave so much to those around her, whether it was giving everything to keep her family together and safe. You would find her working tirelessly for her union as a delegate or working the election polls. As well as the many years spent working at Legal Aid prior to her retirement. She created so many lifelong friendships and memories from all the people she touched. She became Mother Gertrude for so many because of her warm and embracing heart and soul for her children and grandchildren, know there was a reason why she would tell us stories our whole lives. She knew her purpose, to instill the same values in us. We have the tools to go forward and to spread the same unconditional love throughout, that she continually showed us. February 14th is known as Valentine's Day, or a day of love, the day the sun set on Gertrude's life here on earth. So fitting for a woman who embodied love in everything she did, said and believed in. She is walking hand in hand with Jesus now and the angels are singing joyously that our angel on earth is home.

Gertrude was predeceased by her husband, Jesse Smith, and brother, Kenneth Johnstone. She leaves to cherish her memory: her children, Leonard, Robert, Jesstina and Belinda; grandchildren, Rasheem, Yadira, Nefertiti, Lakeya, Harszang and Robert, Jr.; great grands, Sean, Rasheem, Prophet, Lourianna, Zecharia, Serenity and Daniel; nieces and nephews, Kenny, Keith, Darlene, Kevin, Valerie and Dewit; daughters-in-law; son-in-law; and a host of other family members, friends and co-workers.



Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Entombment

Trinity Mausoleum
New York, New York

I Am 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

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

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