

Celebrating The Life of



Deaconess Jean Ernestine Smith

Sunrise

November 11, 1927

Sunset

May 2, 2015

Thursday, May 7, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

745 Chancellor Avenue
Irvington, New Jersey 07111

Rev. Susan P. Warren, Officiating

Obituary

As written by Jean and, edited by her family

“Jean Ernestine Harrison Woodridge Smith quietly slipped away on May 2, 2015.”

Jean was born November 11, 1927 in Orange, New Jersey to Deacon Ernest Harrison and Sister Mary Harrison. She was a native of East Orange and a product of the East Orange School System and after graduating went on to Morgan State College, now Morgan State University in Baltimore.

Years later Jean worked for the East Orange School system and after twenty-nine years, she retired from her position as a secretary at Jackson Academy.

Jean Smith is well known to the Prince Hall Masonic Family and held the following posts during her tenure.

- Past Matron St. John Chapter No. 12 O.E.S.
- Past Matron Princess Tyre Chapter No. 52 O.E.S.
- Past Loyal Lady Ruler of Olive Branch Assembly No. 27 Order of the Golden Circle
- Past Commandress Golconda Court No. 16 Oasis of Newark Desert of New Jersey
- Past Imperial Deputy of the Desert of New Jersey Imperial Court Daughters of Isis, North and South America Inc. PHA
- Past Grand Trustee Emeritus of Oziel Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star (PHA) State of NJ. Inc.

“God wants us to cooperate. His plan needs our fulfilling. He does not ask us to be great, but only to be willing.”

Jean was a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, sister-in-law, aunt, and friend. She leaves behind: her dear husband, Clarence Smith; her brother, Nathaniel Harrison; sister-in-law, Joanne Harrison; daughter, Stephanie Jones Oliver; sons, Wilson Jr. and Kevin Woodridge; daughters-in-law, Vanessa and Vivian; granddaughter, Kenyetta; grandson-in-law, Hasson; grandchildren, Roy, Jamaal and granddaughter-in-law, Tania, and granddaughters, Brittany O., Brittany W., Mina and Morgan; great granddaughters, Adayjia, Sidney, Rhyan and Madison, and great grandsons, Tony and Legend; stepchildren, Douglas, Lamar, Eric, Fernando, Marianne, Phyllis and Nehru; caregiver, Lilly Williams; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude.....Organist

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Hymn of Comfort.....“Come Ye Disconsolate”Lauren Harrison

Prayer of Comfort.....Deacon Brenda Williams

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 27:1-5

New Testament - Revelations 21:1-7

Solo.....“He’s An On Time God”Marianne Jackson

Remarks.....Kevin Woodridge

Wilson Woodridge

Deacon Robert Graves

Acknowledgements and Resolutions.....Barbara Scott

Obituary.....Kevin Jamal Woodridge

Solo.....Tyrone Dunlap

Eulogy.....Rev. Susan P. Warren

Recessional.....Clergy and Family

Interment

Rosedale Cemetery

Orange, New Jersey

Repast

*Immediately following the Interment family and friends
are invited for a repast at the Church Fellowship Hall*

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

*The family of **Jean Ernestine Smith** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to our family during our time of bereavement.
May God Bless and Keep you.*

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