



A Celebration of Life for
Leila Ann Smith

Sunrise
August 28, 1949

Sunset
July 7, 2015

Saturday, July 11, 2015 - 3:00 p.m.

CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME

256 Rosa Parks Blvd.

Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Doris Carter, Officiating
Denzel Cohen, Organist

Reflections of Life

*Not how she died, but how she lived?
Not what she gained, but what she gave?
These are the measures of a Woman.*

Leila Ann “Lee” Wheeler Smith was born August 28, 1949 in Paterson, NJ to the late Clarence and Laura Jane Wheeler.

In her early years, she attended Paterson Public School number Six. She later worked at the National French Cleaners in Wyckoff, NJ for a number of years.

Lee was known for her humor. To know her was truly to love her. She was a master of cooking any dish you could imagine. She left the dishwashing for those who ate! She loved to shop for clothes and gold jewelry. She also loved plants, decorating her home and traveling. She would always have inspiring words about life and learned lessons. Anything that she touched turned to gold. She was a humble woman that did not mind opening her doors to anyone that needed somewhere to stay. She literally would give the shirt off her back to anyone in need.

Lee was God fearing, but if you did get on her bad side you would fear her. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, aunt and a loyal friend.

She was preceded in death by her son William “B” Wheeler, parents Clarence and Laura Jane Wheeler, sister Corein Whitaker.

On Tuesday, July 7, 2015, Leila Ann “Lee” Wheeler Smith quietly entered into eternal life.

Lee leaves to cherish wonderful memories; her husband of forty-six years, James Earl Smith Sr., two sons, Clarence Smith and James Smith Jr. (Arianne), three daughters, Yolanda Lee Moton, Ingrid Richardson (William), Toni Lynn Armstrong; brother Clarence Walker Wheeler; two sisters Patsy Marie Rogers (Ralph) and Najla “Linda” Aktab (Mabashir); sixteen grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren; a special friend Maggie Thompson; a host of other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Prelude
Denzel Cohen

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements & Remarks

Reflections of Life

Selection

Words of Comfort
Rev. Doris Carter
St. Paul Baptist Church, Passaic, NJ

Recessional

Final Disposition

Cedar Lawn Crematory
Paterson, New Jersey

Serenity Prayer

*GOD, grant me the Serenity
to accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can, and the
Wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time;
Enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardship as the pathway to peace.
Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is,
not as I would have it.
Trusting that He will make all things
right if I surrender to His Will;
That I may be reasonably happy in this life, and
supremely happy with Him forever in the next.
Amen*

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

*The family of the late **Leila Ann Smith** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.
May God Bless and Keep You!*

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