

*In Loving Memory of*  
*Annette Smith*



*Sunrise*  
*March 6, 1954*

*Sunset*  
*August 2, 2015*

**Service**

*Monday, August 10, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.*

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

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## Obituary

*Annette Smith began her journey on March 6, 1954. Annette was born in Harlem to the late AnnaBell Johnson and Abraham Ruffin.*

*Annette went on to produce four children of her own, Steven, Jenette, Tanya and Lawrence.*

*She was educated in the New York City Public School system. She attended Booker T. Washington High School, where she earned her High School Diploma. She later went on to educate herself in the medical field. While pursuing her dream in the medical field, she met and married her late husband, John Smith. After the death of her husband, she later met her husband, Larry Alston who she shared the rest of her life with.*

*Annette spent her early childhood years in Harlem, she resided at St. Nicholas Housing. Although her love was for New York City, Annette took the challenge of relocating her family to Portsmouth, Virginia. While living in Virginia, Annette realized she was a born New Yorker, and she later moved back to her old stomping grounds (St. Nicholas Houses). She began a career at Federal Express, a job in which she loved and was employed for many years.*

*As a child, Annette attended church regularly with her parents and brother. She accepted the Christ as her Lord and Savior. She maintained her relationship with Him until she was called home to be with her Holy Father on August 2, 2015.*

*Annette was loved by many. At any given time you could get a kind word and a meal from her.*

*Annette leaves to mourn: three children, Steven Johnson, Tanya Johnson (Keith Tolbert) and Lawrence Johnson; husband, Larry Alston; step children, Sean, Gerard and Stephanie; one brother, Anthony Johnson (Debbie); four granddaughters, Tyrina, Nakyla, Ayana and Tyanna; two great grands, Keymani and Tyla; three nephews, Lamont, Andre and Jamal Johnson; two nieces, Amaris Grant and Armani Eady; special family members, Debbie (Savannah, GA), Vernell Johnson (Charleston, CA), Cynthia Goodwin (New York, NY), Rose White (New York, NY), Elizabeth Hertzog (Savannah, GA), Pebbles - Mary and Julian; her Smith family (Alice Smith); niece and road dogs, Joanna, Michael, Melvin, Earl, Tiffany, Corey, Markita and Devon; her late sister, Dolores; Chong children, Sam, Jessica (Adrian), Brandy and Bruce; special friends, Cythica, Vida, Connie, Lawella, Maxine, Lilian, Judy and Althea; adopted children, Sedeak, S., Rico, Reg, Calvin, Kevin (B), Kevin (G), Brian, Syeed; and a host of other family and friends.*

# *Order of Service*

*Processional*

*Selection*

*Scripture Readings*

*Prayer*

*Selection*

*Acknowledgements*

*Poems*

*Remarks*

*Obituary*

*Selection*

*Eulogy*

*Committal*

*Viewing*

*Recessional*

*Interment*

*George Washington Memorial Park  
Paramus, 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!*

## *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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