

Linda Faye - A Love That Fed Everybody

Some people leave memories, but you left a legacy, because caring for others, Grandma, was simply your specialty.

If someone was hungry, you made sure they were fed. If they needed clothes to wear, you'd dress them because your love was widespread.

You'd give the shirt right off your back, without a second thought, because giving love and helping others was something you were taught.

Your door stayed open, your kitchen stayed busy, there was always one more plate. You never let somebody go without that's what made you so great.

And Lord, you kept us laughing, with your dramatic, hilarious ways. A personality big enough for ten, we'll talk about for days.

When Linda Faye walked in a room, you knew that she was there. She loved out loud, she laughed out loud, and had so much love to share.

You gave so freely,

loved so deeply, and never kept a score. And I was blessed to call you Grandma but to me, you were so much more.

You were one of my favorite people, and that's what hurts today. How do you say goodbye to someone you wish could always stay?

So maybe we won't say goodbye. We'll carry you instead in every person that we clothe, and every soul you fed.

In every laugh, each crazy story, and every family day, there will always be a piece of our beautiful Linda Faye.

You spent your life caring for everyone, so Grandma, now you rest. You gave this world so much of you you truly gave your best.

And as long as we keep loving in that special Linda Faye way, you'll never really leave us. You'll be with us each and every day.

Forever loved.
Forever missed.
Forever our Linda Faye



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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HOMEGOING Service FOR



Linda Faye Smith

APRIL 21, 1956 – AUGUST 3, 2026

VIEWING: AUGUST 13, 2026

3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Cotton Funeral Service

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

Obituary

Linda Faye Smith, 70, of Newark, NJ, transitioned peacefully on August 3, 2026. Born on April 21, 1956, in Macon, GA, she was the daughter of Mattie Will Smith and the late Charles Smith. Linda moved to Newark with her family at a young age and attended Newark Public Schools. She worked at a community day care center and was known as a caring neighborhood caregiver who loved children.

Linda had a heart of gold and was always willing to help anyone in need. She was loved and cherished by many, especially for her warm sense of humor and the joy she brought to those around her. She treasured Sunday breakfasts and dinners with her family and enjoyed listening to her favorite oldies, especially The Delfonics.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Willie Charles Smith; her sisters, Mattie Ruth Smith-Mills and Deborah Ann Smith; and her brother, Ariel Orengo Rivera.

Cherished Memories

Linda Faye leaves to cherish her memory her mother, Mattie Will Smith; her children, Alnisa Smith, Antwan Smith, spouse Shalawn Smith, and Yasmine Smith; her siblings, Cassandra Bradford, Jessie Smith, Maria Smith, Marian Smith-Mayton, spouse Mac Mayton, Steven Smith, spouse Lena Smith, Stacey Thompson-Wright, spouse Omar Wright and Malisa Washington; her grandchildren, Bianca Robinson, spouse Abdeem Robinson, Keara Smith, Raquan Smith, and Ah'Niya Thomas-Smith; and her great-grandchildren, Ariana Robinson, Ava Robinson, and Harmony Smith.

She will also be lovingly remembered by her best friend, Pnaella Mickles, and by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Precious Memories



Order of Service

Processional

Clergy and Family

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament, Psalm 23

New Testament, Matthew 11:28

Obituary Reading

Yvette Smith-Harris

Song

Remarks

Two Minute

Eulogy

Bishop Vincent Rouse, Sr.

Benediction

Recessional

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey