

In Loving Memory of

Sgt. Fernethia Sherry Smith

Sunrise
September 15, 1958

Sunset
October 17, 2010

Obituary

Sgt. Fernethia Sherry Smith was born to Robert and Gloria Forté on September 15, 1958 in Newark, New Jersey. She departed this world on October 17, 2010. "Fern" as she was called in her days was the first of five children. She was our second mother growing up, always making sure we stayed together on the side walk as we traveled to Madison Avenue School then to Seventh Avenue. In 1976, she graduated from West Side High and ventured off to Morristown College in Tennessee where she received her Associates of Arts Degree in 1979. After college, Sherry enlisted in the Army where she met and married, William Perez. This union created two children, James and Fernethia Sarah. As her career in the Army blessed her with the opportunity to travel all over the world and the United States, she decided to take one last tour and settled down in Columbia, South Carolina in 1997 and later retired from the service in 2000.

Fern was preceded in death by her two younger siblings sister, Denice M. Dejae and brother, James L. Smith.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her son, James and daughter, Fernethia Sarah; beloved parents, Robert and Gloria Forté; sisters, Gloria McLean and Janet Drakeford; two special nieces, Melissa and Dayna; nephews, Stanley, Jamaal, Branden, Lawrence and Joshua; her grandmother, Fernethia Henry; cousins, Stevonne and Allegra; aunts, Sally and Diane; two special friends, Ricky Folk and William Watkins; along with a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and other family and friends in New Jersey, Connecticut and Moncks Corner, South Carolina.

Sherry you will truly be missed. She closed her eyes and didn't say Good bye.

We love you and we know that you are in a better place now.

The Lord's loved ones are precious to him; it grieves him when they die.

Services

Monday, October 25, 2010 - 10:00 a.m.

WHITE ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH

727 S. 14th Street
Newark, New Jersey

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer

Remarks

Obituary

Solo

Eulogy

Viewing

Recessional



Interment

*New Jersey Veterans Cemetery
Arneytown, New Jersey*

*Miss
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But
Let
Me
Go*

*When I come to the end of the
road and the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little-but not too long,
and not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me-but let me go.
For this is a journey that we all must take,
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know.
Laugh at the things we use to do
Miss me-but let me go.*

-author unknown

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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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