In Loving Memory of



Sunrise May 29, 1951 Sunset August 20, 2019

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff they comfort me." ~Psalm 23:4

> <u>Service</u> Thursday, August 29, 2019 - 11:00 am

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE 1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

<u>Obituary</u>

Minnie Jean Smith, 68, of Newark, New Jersey fell asleep and peacefully transitioned on August 20, 2019. Minnie was born in Dothan, Alabama to Flora Mae Catherine and James Coleman Smith on May 29, 1951 and was preceded in death by both parents.

Although born in the south, at the age of 6 Minnie and her family moved to Newark, New Jersey where she grew up. Minnie attended elementary and high school in Newark, NJ and graduated from Weequahic High School in 1969. After graduating Minnie went straight into the workforce; first volunteering as a Candy Striper at various hospitals in Newark, then working for Western Electric the huge manufacturing and supply arm for the American Telephones and Telegraphs Company. Minnie was also employed by General Motors of Linden, NJ, worked as a stenographer, and worked in retail for several years. For fun Minnie enjoyed a good game of bingo, bowling, watching her game shows, Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy, and Family Feud, and in her prime loved roller skating. Minnie loved to dance and would even dance on the skating floor when teaching her children how to skate. As a young girl Minnie was gifted a spinning wheel and learned how to knit and crochet; making hats and scarves for her family and friends.

Minnie was a woman full of life and loved to laugh and joke with her children and grandchildren. Minnie was described by her grandchildren as "Loveable, fun, cool, and always caring about everyone; making sure they're ok." In addition, Minnie had a heart of gold and demonstrated this by showing up and giving what she could. Minnie was the fourth of five children, preceded in death by her oldest brother James Coleman Smith, Jr., and oldest sister, Rutha Jean Scott, and leaves behind two sisters Sylvia Rosser of Franklin, NJ and Brenda Smith of Newark, NJ. Minnie also leaves behind three children, Shailah Smith, Kymeasi Smith, and Asia Smith to continue celebrating her life, four grandchildren, Andrea Smith, Tajir Taylor, Aliyah Langevine, and Kailah Langevine, and two great-grandchildren, Izaylah Smith, and Khalil Lytle.

<u>Order of Service</u>

Prayer of Comfort Reverend Mae Belin

Song Mrs. Sandra Lawrence

Scripture Readings Old Testament- Psalm 23 New Testament- John 14:1-6

> Dance Selection Amya Herbert

Obituary and Acknowledgement Tiffany Chavis

> Song Shameka Jones

Eulogy Reverend Mae Belin

Recessional

INTERMENT

Evergreen Cemetery Hillside, New Jersey

Family and friends are invited to the repast immediately following the interment. ILA Local 1233 19 Fenwick Street Newark, NJ 07114



Acknowledgement

The family of Minnie Jean Smith wishes to extend our sincere gratitude for all acts of kindness and sympathy shown to us at our time of bereavement. God bless you all for your thoughtfulness and concern.

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