

A Service Of Memory Celebrating The Life Of



Dobie Smith

Sunrise

September 10, 1922

Sunset

October 28, 2019

Friday, November 8, 2019 - 12:00 Noon

Calvary Baptist Church

66 South Grove Street, East Orange, NJ 07017

Reverend Fred Sullivan, Pastor

Elder Alexis Smith, Officiating

Rev. Bobby L. Smith, Eulogist

Obituary

Dobie Smith daughter of the late Sweet Magnaline Murphy Bess and the late Dudley Bess was born September 10, 1922 in Glenwood, GA and passed from labor to reward on October 28, 2019. She was the baby of a family of seventeen children who all preceded her in death.

Dobie was given the nickname, Shine, by her father. Somehow he knew she would become a star among women. A bright shining light in the heart and mind of everyone who knew her. She was affectionately called Shine by close friends and relatives and Aunt Shine by most of her nieces and nephews.

Dobie married the only love of her life, Willie Smith, Sr. From that union they became the loving parents of six sons, and four daughters. Their sons Willie, Jr., Jonathan, and daughter Sonja Arrington preceded them in death.

They moved from GA to NJ, and purchased a home in East Orange where they lived and worshipped at Wells Cathedral, Newark until Willie retired. They returned to GA and purchased a home next to their son, Rev. Bobby Smith in Warner Robins, GA, where they lived and worshipped at Union Grove Baptist Church until his death on August 29, 1985. Their union was ordained by God. Dobie was the perfect partner for Willie. She worked lovingly by his side to reach their goals. With God's help, they raised their ten children. With Dobie's capacity to love intrinsically and unconditionally she assisted in rearing their grandchildren, and through her babysitting service helped to raise many children in the area and those of the neighborhood. She was a support, friend, and confidant to children and adults. Dobie and Willie took in a teenage young man from an unstable environment and made him their eleventh child. Many family members migrated from the south and turned to them for a place to live and a new start.

Dobie had a great sense of humor, was loving, a great cook, everyone's favorite was her biscuits and syrup. Her life was loving the Lord, and being a Wife and Mom who was loved and adored by all.

She leaves to cherish her memory: four sons, Rev. Bobby L. of Columbia, SC, Samuel of Linden, NJ, Michael and Tony of East Orange, NJ; three daughters, Bertha Roe, and Mickey Sutton of East Orange, NJ and Shirley Sullivan of Toms River, NJ; three daughters-in-law, Carol of Columbia, SC, Vanessa and Yolanda of East Orange, NJ; over ninety grandchildren, and a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Processional Clergy and Family
Officiating Elder Alexis Smith
Opening Hymn “The Lord’ Prayer” - Alacie Bennett
Prayer of Comfort Rev. Malcolm Smith
Solo Sis. Candice Reaves
Scripture
Old Testament Bro. Gary Smith
New Testament Sis. Ascension Perez
Solo The Cousins
Words of Comfort Dr. Samone Brown
Deacon Bertrand Roe
Resolutions & Acknowledgements Deaconess Fran Bradman
Obituary Sis. Bertara Ray
Solo Sis. Antonique Smith
Eulogy Rev. Bobby L. Smith, Sr., Pastor
Zion Canaan Baptist Church, Columbia, SC
Recessional

Interment
Fairmount Cemetery
Newark, New Jersey

Repast served after interment at Calvary Baptist Church.

My Last Words

A message to all my children
I want you all to hear
Gather around and listen well
For I know the end is near
These words are coming from my heart
I need you all to know
“I love my children”
Trust God when it’s time for me to go
I clearly stated “Mama I’m tired”
The steps are no longer strong
My faith now flows through all of you
Help each other to sing your song
God blessed me with ten children
One more made it eleven
Stay together, support each other
“It’s time to go to heaven”
Though on the other side of Jordan
You’ll always feel my Shine
My strength, my will, my faith in God
Forever will be thine

~R. Flowers-Jackson

Acknowledgement

The family of **Dobie Smith** wishes to thank everyone for the prayers, love, & sympathy shown to us during our time of sorrow. May the Peace of God which passes all understanding abide with you all.
We love you and God’s Blessings Always!!!

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