

*In Loving Memory of
Homegoing Celebration*

Theresa Smith

Sunrise
January 15, 1944

Sunset
May 13, 2020



Thursday, May 21, 2020

3:00 p.m.

Macon T. Cotton, Jr. Funeral Home

130 Main Street
Orange, NJ 07112

Order of Service

Processional

Opening Hymn

Yesterday

Invocation/Prayer of Comfort

Deacon Tamalyn Smith

Scripture Reading

Old Testament – Psalm 23
1 Corinthians 15: 51-58

Rev. Alvin F. Smith, Jr.
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Acknowledgements &
Obituary

Reflections/Words of Comfort
(2 minutes please)

Music Selection/Solo

Take Me to the King

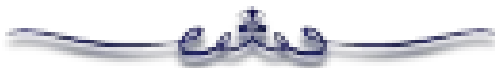
Eulogy

Pastor Joseph Hooper
St. Luke African Methodist Episcopal
Newark, NJ

Benediction

Pastor Joseph Hooper

Recessional



Interment

Hollywood Memorial Park & Cemetery
1500 Stuyvesant Ave,
Union, NJ 07083

Obituary

Theresa Smith's Life Journey

Theresa Smith was born into the union of two loving and Christian parents; William and Elizabeth Higdon on January 15, 1944 in Philadelphia Pennsylvania. Theresa graduated from high school in 1962. She later met and married Rudolph Bryant, Sr. To this union two children were born, Rudolph (Rudy) and Shonda Bryant. Theresa worked for 7 years for the City of Newark Municipal Courts. She then started a long and distinguished 28 year career for the Essex County Department of Welfare. She enjoyed church, listening to music and spending time with her family. She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Elizabeth Higdon, sister, Thalissette Murphy.

She is survived by her loving husband Alvin F. Smith Sr, her son Rudolph (Rudy) Bryant, Jr. and daughter Shonda Bryant, stepchildren, Juanita Smith and Alvin Smith, Jr. (Tamalyn). Her grandchildren Jazzmine, Jared, Jenna, Julian Joy, step grandchildren, Patrice and Marcus Smith. Sister, Sedra Washington and dedicated cousins, Laray and Tanya Brown, Bonita Crawford and Donnalear Robinson, along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends that loved and will miss her.

Favorite Scripture: Psalms 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness;

Come before Him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and not we ourselves;

We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

And his courts with praise;

Give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;

His faithfulness continues through all generations.

New International Version

Lovingly Submitted, the Family



Tributes

A Tribute to Mom

We thought of you with love today,
But that is nothing new.
We thought about you yesterday.
And days before that too.
We think of you in silence
We often speak your name.
Now all we have is memories.
And your picture in a frame.
Your memory is our keepsake.
With which we'll never part.
God has you in His keeping.
We have you in our heart.

-Author Unknown

Love, Rudy and Shonda

Nana

Nana, you were a blessing
Thoughtfulness and love.
You were the finest and most precious gift,
Sent from our Father above,
You were always there,
Whether skies be blue or gray.
You were always there to lend a helping hand.
Each selfless thing is about her,
is a special recall.
Nana was a blessing, the most precious one of all.
Love, Jazzmine, Jenna, Julian, Joy and Jared





Pallbearers & Flower Bearers
Family & Friends

"A Mother's Love"

If she could change the world for you,
without a doubt she would.
If she could move all stumbling blocks and
sometimes she thinks she could.
But that's just a Mom's opinion, sometimes a
Mom gets blind, so she builds her own little
perfect world with only you in mind.
She knows the dark clouds are coming, she
hears the thunder roar, that's why she shields
you in her arms, fearful to let go.
But that's just the way a mother is, I guess
they will always shield their children through a
tinted glass of what they want them to be.
Thank you for your love Mom!

Shahidah & Mesij, Author

"Mother's Love"

You rocked me to sleep and wiped my tears,
You love me sweetly throughout the years.
You listened to my stories and shared your own.
You made me laugh and helped me grow.
Your love means more than you will ever know
We love you.

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude
to all those who have supported us during this loss

Services Entrusted To

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