

Homegoing Service for



Helen Smith

Sunrise
March 20, 1941

Sunset
March 31, 2021

Service:
Monday, April 12, 2021 11:30am

MCCALL'S BRONXWOOD FUNERAL HOME

4035 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, New York 10466

Rev. Sheldon Williams, Officiating

Kevin Wade, Organist

Obituary

Helen “Bonnie” Smith began her life journey of 80 years and eleven days on Thursday, March 20, 1941. She was born in Jersey City, New Jersey to Adele Smith and was the oldest sister to Herman (deceased) and Sheila. She was raised in Harlem, New York where she attended Central Commercial High. Helen spent the majority of her adult years living in the Marble Hill community in Bronx, New York. She retired from The MTA after 30 years of dedicated service.

She went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, March 31, 2021, peacefully in her sleep.

Helen was the biological mother of Ellington “Tookie” Townsend (deceased), Sharon Townsend, and Curtis Townsend, but a motherly figure to countless others. She opened her home to many in her neighborhood and provided a welcoming space. Ms. Smith was known for her generosity, willingness to help others as she could, and her toughness in discipline.

Helen Smith held strong morals and values which she exemplified through her actions and the way she treated others. She ‘walked the walk’ and was true to her word and to herself. She passed these values on to her children, grandchildren and everyone she encountered. She spoke of being responsible for your actions.

In her spare time she enjoyed cooking, sewing, traveling, shopping and watching her stories on television. She would clean, filet and fry fresh-caught fish brought to her by friends. When her grandchildren visited there were always waffles, made with love, for breakfast. The appliances in her kitchen show her love for both cooking and shopping. She always had the newest air fryer, toaster oven, and whatever else was being sold on HSN or QVC. Helen thoroughly enjoyed traveling with family and friends.

She truly adored her Grandchildren, Shannelle Tyree Townsend. Patrice Britany Ashe, Toreya Nicole Townsend and Jamal Michael Townsend along with her great grandchildren Joshua Temani Evans and Jordyn Rose Hargrove, all of whom are left to continue her legacy. Helen cherished the time she spent with them and all the memories that were made.

Helen is survived by her sister, Sheila Lyles; Daughter, Sharon Townsend; Son, Curtis Townsend; Nieces, Sherisse Lyles, Leah Smith; Aja Brown; Michelle Townsend; Nephews, Russell Smith; Ronnie Townsend II (Cheryl).

Order of Service

Music Prelude

The Processional..... Rev. Sheldon Williams
Family

Music Selection..... “Amazing Grace”

Prayer.....Mr. Reginald B. Waye

Scripture Reading

Old Testament- Proverbs 3:5-6

New Testament- Romans 8:28

Music Selection..... “Blessed Assurance”

Reflections

Tribute Carolyn Fields

Obituary..... Rev. Sheldon Williams

Message..... Rev. Sheldon Williams

Eulogy.....Ms. Carolyn Fields

Benediction..... Rev. Sheldon Williams

Recessional

Interment

Kensico Cemetery
Valhalla, New York

You Can Shed Tears that She is Gone

**You can shed tears that she is gone
Or you can smile because she has lived**

**You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back
Or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left**

**Your heart can be empty because you can't see her
Or you can be full of the love that you shared**

**You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday**

**You can remember her and only that she is gone
Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on**

**You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back
Or you can do what she would want: smile, open your eyes, love
and go on.**

Acknowledgments

**The Family is forever grateful and appreciative to each of you
For your flowers, act of kindness and the service you stopped
by to render during our times of bereavement.
Your love, support, and prayers have been our strength
through this moment.
May God continue to shine His light upon us All!**

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