

*Celebration of Life*



*Rose Marie Salley-Smith*

August 20, 1946 - August 5, 2021

Saturday, August 14, 2021 - 1:00 p.m.

**Friendly Apostolic Church**

115-03 Sutphin Blvd, Jamaica, NY 11434

# *Obituary*

OUR BELOVED **ROSE MARIE SMITH** WAS WELCOMED INTO THE WORLD ON AUGUST 20, 1946 AT QUEENS GENERAL HOSPITAL. SHE WAS BORN TO HER LOVING PARENTS; RUDOLPH AND MARY SALLEY AND TWO OLDER SIBLINGS, DORIS AND JAMES COATES. SHE GREW UP IN JAMAICA, QUEENS WHERE SHE GRADUATED FROM THOMAS EDISON HIGH SCHOOL.

ROSE WAS KNOWN TO LIGHT UP A ROOM AS SHE WALKED INTO IT. HER CHILDHOOD WAS FILLED WITH WONDERFUL MEMORIES FROM SPENDING SUMMERS WITH HER GRANDMOTHER, BIG MAMA TO PARTYING. SHE LOVED DANCING AND SINGING AROUND THE HOUSE SO MUCH THAT SHE AND A GROUP OF FRIENDS STARTED A SINGING GROUP CALLED THE TOYS.

AT THE AGE OF 17 ROSE MARIE MARRIED WILLIE JIM SMITH. ROSE MARIE AND WILLIE WENT ON TO CREATE A FAMILY OF FOUR. A FEW YEARS LATER, WILLIE PASSED AWAY LEAVING BEHIND ROSE MARIE AND THEIR FOUR CHILDREN. YEARS LATER MOMMA ROSE FELL IN LOVE WITH HER BEST FRIEND, JAMES WARFORD AND THEY HAD TWO MORE BEAUTIFUL CHILDREN.

THE LAST 17 YEARS OF HER LIFE SHE MADE SURE SHE DANCED AND LAUGHED HER WAY THROUGH LIFE; ENJOYING EVERY MOMENT LIKE IT WAS HER LAST WITH HER BABE, BENJAMIN MARTIN. IF YOU KNEW HER, YOU KNEW SHE WAS AS BEAUTIFUL AS HER NAME AND SHE LOVED EACH AND EVERY ONE OF HER CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN; FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

ROSE MARIE IS SURVIVED BY HER SIX CHILDREN; ISHA SMITH & SHAWN CRUZE (DECEASED), DENEEN SMITH, TRACEY SMITH, WILLIE SMITH & NADINE CLIFTON, JAMES SMITH & CLAUDINE, OCTAVIA SMITH AND STEPCHILD DARICE HANES; HER GRANDCHILDREN; LAKISHA & CEDRIC, TYRONE, MALIEK, DARRELL, SHANIYA, JOSHUA, AYANNI, EVON, XAVIER, MUSTUFA, SHAWNTASIA, SHAWNQUINN, DEVAUGHN, BRYANNA, QWASHAWN, TATIYANA, TRACEY, NASHAWN (DECEASED), RASHAD, SHAKIRA, JATAVIAN, LASAVIOR, ERIC, NAJIRE, JAMES, LAVIE; HER GREAT GRANDKIDS; JOSENYA, ZYANNA, TAHZIER, JAHYDA, TYRONE, MALAYSIA, SHANIYA, ZAYLARE, MYASIA, SARYHA, ZYHAIR, XAVIAN, CHASSIDY, JAZIYA, JANIYA, AMAYA, QUEEN, INDIGO, LONDON, ARIANNA, MADISON, ANEEYAH, ASSATA, CAIDEEN; HER NIECES AND NEPHEWS; ANTHONY, MARK, TERRIFIAL (DECEASED), KIM, JR AND LARRY; AND A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

# *Order of Service*

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PROCESSION OF THE FAMILY

OPENING SELECTION..... "TAKE ME TO THE KING"

OFFICIANT ..... RICHARD HOGAN

OLD TESTAMENT ..... CHARISSE KITT

NEW TESTAMENT.....CLAUDINE DAVIDSON

PRAYER OF COMFORT..... JOE WARFORD

SELECTION..... "AMAZING GRACE"

OBITUARY ..... LAKISHA SMITH

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE..... FAMILY & FRIENDS

EULOGY ..... JAMES SMITH

BENEDICTION.....RICHARD HOGAN

FINAL VIEWING..... EPHRAIM L. GEORGE

RECESSIONAL....."THE STORM IS OVER" - R KELLY

## *Final Disposition*

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All Souls Crematory, East Elmhurst, New York

# *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard his call,  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of the day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My Life's been full, I savoured much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.

## *Acknowledgement*

***The family of Rose Smith would like to express their profound and heartfelt gratitude for every act of love and kindness extended to them during these most difficult days. In the days ahead, we will need your continued prayers and support.***  
***The Family***

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