

*Celebrating the Life  
of  
Beatrice Kituwa Smith*

Sunrise  
April 11, 1966

Sunset  
September 16, 2021



**Saturday, September 25, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.**

**Bridgeway Community Church**  
381 Haledon Avenue, Haledon, New Jersey  
*Rev. Richard Jones Pastor*  
*Pastor David Anderson, Officiating*

# *Obituary*

**Beatrice Kituva Smith**, a loving wife, mother, daughter, sister, and friend left this world for the next on Thursday, September 16th, 2021.

She was born April 11th, 1966, to Michael Kituva and Philomena Ndele in Nunguni, Makueni County, Kenya. Her siblings are Elizabeth Owayo, Josephine Kombo, Joseph Mutisya, Cosmus Kituva, Regina Daudi, Rose Kituva, and Vaati Kituva. She was raised in Nunguni and attended Nduu primary school and Nunguni primary school. She then went to Kilungu secondary school. While in secondary school she loved to dance and was a member of the running team. After finishing secondary school, she was hired by the Kenyan Postal Service, where she worked for 4 years before leaving Kenya for the United States of America.

Betty came to the United States in December of 1993 and in November of 1994 she had her son, Casey, together they would make up the entirety of each other's world. In 1999 she met her boss and close friend Shari whom she would work with for 22 years.

While in the United States she made many close friends and would travel all over the country. In 2005 she met her best friend, partner for life, and soulmate, Richard, they married in 2011. Nellie, her late mother's best friend and Betty's adopted mother, would give away Betty Nzilani Kituva to become Betty Kituva Smith as she was welcomed into the Smith family.

Betty was a star member of the church community. She loved attending the worship service at Bridgeway, here she found a passion for serving the Lord. She would truly find her home and many of her beloved friends and family at Somerset Miracle Center. Center. She served on the following ministries: SMC Executive Board, Women Leaders Committee, overseer of kitchen and couples ministry, a member of the Intercessory and Praise and Worship team. Betty also attended numerous events within the church community from KCFA Women's Breakfast to the International Church Alliance Conference. She had an inspiring love for connecting with God and others.

In the next world, she joins her sister Josephine and mother Philomena. She is survived by her husband Richard, her son, Casey, her father, siblings, and countless relatives and dear friends.

# *Order of Service*

Musical Prelude ..... Musician

Officiating ..... Pastor Philip N. Anderson/ Somerset Miracle  
Center/Plainfield, NJ

Opening Selection.....Blessed Assurance ..... SMC Praise Team

Scriptures Reading

Old Testament ..... Psalm 23 - Tunu Mtiro

New Testament..... John 14: 1-7 - Zandy and Tyler Goodman

Prayer of Comfort ..... Mike Mwangi

Selection..... SMC Praise Team

Words of Love..... Cosmus Ndisi Kituva ..... Betty's brother

Acknowledgments..... Paula Muindi

Reading of Life's Refection....Eulogy..... Casey Katana Chengo

Remarks and Reflections....Family and Friends...Chris Lampley, Lilian  
Kerongo, Jane Munge, Shari Leventhal, Njoki Mwangi, Nellie Nzisa

Selection..... Congregational Hymn It is Well, - SMC Praise Team

Message of Comfort..... Pastor Philip N. Anderson

Recessional

## *Interment*

Saturday, September 25, 2021 • 12:00 Noon  
Crest Haven Memorial Park  
750 Passaic Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey

I really don't know  
where to start...  
The day you left  
it broke my heart.

Not just a crack  
it broke in two...  
Filled with love  
just for you.

That love's not gone  
it's kept safe inside...  
But when you left  
part of me died.

I want to remember  
the bond we share...  
But the pain in my heart  
is so hard to bear.

I miss you so much  
and more, every day...  
And love you much more  
than words, could ever say.



## *Acknowledgment*

The family of **Beatrice Kituva Smith** wishes to express their deep appreciation and sincerely thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy.

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