

*Homegoing Celebration*  
*Rapheleita Hunter-Smith*



**Sunrise**  
**November 16, 1953**

**Sunset**  
**October 4, 2021**

**Saturday, October 23, 2021- 11:00 a.m.**

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**

130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey

*Officiating Pastor Patrick Thomas*

*Oasis Temple Pentecostal Church*

*1046 So Orange, Newark, NJ*

# Obituary

Rapheleita Hunter-Smith aka Dorothy was born on November 16, 1953 in a little district called Jubilee located in St Catherine, Jamaica. She was the baby of two girls for her mother Bernice Anderson and the second child of five children for her father Sylvester Hunter. Growing up she was considered spoiled, feisty and very stubborn. However she was loved by her many aunts, uncles and cousins. At a young age her parents relocated to Kingston, where they lived on Rose Lane and Dorothy attended the St Alban Primary School, where she met her lifetime friend Delan Bond(Shev) the Godfather of her 1st born Charles Byfield. After graduating Primary School, she went on to attend the Denham Town Secondary School where she completed her secondary education.

Throughout her school years she had many friends, some of whom she still keeps in touch with. Most of her friends considered her to be funny, kind and temperamental. As a young woman she worked as a machine operator at the Free Zone Factory and from there on as a CNA at the Kingston Public Hospital. She enjoyed being around her friends, families, she also enjoyed listening to music, going to parties, and going on beach outings even though she wouldn't go too far in the water.

Dorothy was a very good mother; she adored her children and also enjoyed playing jump rope and dandy shandy with her children. Even though she loves her children, she was a strict mom who believed you shouldn't, "spare the rod, spoil the child" so spanking and punishment was a way of disciplining her children.

In 1988 she married the love of her life Leon Augustus Smith (deceased) the father of her two last children Natesha Smith - Farrell and Alicia Smith (deceased) who she met in 1974. As a mother Dorothy wanted to be able to provide a better life for her children, so like many with the dream to create a better life for their family she migrated to the United State of America in January 1990 where she resides in Irvington, NJ.

Dorothy understood that for her to be able to be with her family, she needed to work hard so she could bring them to America. For the first four years she worked as a baby sister, took some classes, and completed her HHA and CNA Certification. After receiving her qualification she worked at the Cedar Grove Manor Nursing Home for many years, before venturing into private duties.

She was able to bring her family to America, including her first grand-child Apple, she also bought her dream home in Irvington where she resided until God called her home. She was very grateful to God for allowing her to achieve many of her dreams; she had a home, a good job, and her family so she gave her life to him. Dorothy leaves to mourn and cherish her memories, her children; Charles Byfield aka Shawn, her daughters Alison Page-Spence aka Marie and Natesha Smith-Farrell aka Keisha, Grand-children; Raphelita Spence aka Apple, Rohan Spence, Raphael Spence, Jay Smith-Palmer, Damu Farrell, Shemar Byfield, Julanni Byfield, Jada Byfield and Tishamoya Byfield, Sons-in-law Zayid Farrell and Clifton Spence, three sibling; Andrew Hunter, Delroy Hunter and Icyline Hunter three sisters-in-law, two nieces and two nephews; several grand nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.



# Order of Service

- Processional.....Organ Prelude
- Opening Hymn..... Organist
- On Silver Wings .....(Betty Robinson) Organist
- Scripture Reading.....Rohan Spence Grand-son  
Roman 8 vs 27 to end
- Song- God on the Mountain..... Dayonna Mcmillan (Family Friend)
- Poem.....Raphelita Spence (Grand-daughter)
- Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor P Thomas (Oasis Temple)
- Songs Jealous Of The Angels.....Dayonna Mcmillan (Family Friend)
- Reading of Eulogy..... Jacqueline Hunter-Falconer (Cousin)
- Acknowledgement/ Resolution 5 mins
- Scripture Reading.....Diana Wright (Ecclesiastes 3 vs 1 to 4)
- Service. ....Pastor P Thomas (Oasis Temple Pentecostal)

*Interment*  
Rosedale Cemetery  
Orange, NJ





## God on the Mountain

Life is easy, when you're  
up on the mountain  
And you've got peace of mind,  
like you've never known  
But things change,  
when you're down in the valley  
Don't lose faith, for your never alone  
For the God on the mountain,  
is still God in the valley  
When things go wrong,  
he'll make them right  
And the God of the good times,  
is still God in the bad times  
The God of the day, is still God in the night  
We talk of faith way up on the mountain  
But talk comes easy, when lifes at its best  
Now its down in the valleys, trials and temptations  
That's where your faith is really put to the test  
For the God on the mountain, is still God in the  
valley  
When things go wrong, he'll make them right  
And the God of the good times,  
is still God in the bad times  
The God of the day, is still God in the night  
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## Jealous Of The Angels

I didn't know today would be our last  
Or that I'd have to say goodbye to you so  
fast

I'm so numb, I can't feel anymore  
Prayin' you'd just walk back through that  
door

And tell me that I was only dreaming  
You're not really gone as long as I believe

There will be another angel  
Around the throne tonight  
Your love lives on inside of me  
And I will hold on tight  
It's not my place to question  
Only God knows why  
I'm just jealous of the angels  
Around the throne tonight

You always made my troubles feel so  
small  
And you were always there to catch me  
when I'd fall  
In a world where heroes come and go  
Well God just took the only one I know  
So I'll hold you as close as I can  
Longing for the day, when I see your face  
again  
But until then

God must need another angel  
Around the throne tonight  
Your love lives on inside of me  
And I will hold on tight  
It's not my place to question  
Only God knows why  
I'm just jealous of the angels  
Around the throne tonight

Singin' hallelujah  
Hallelujah  
Hallelujah  
I'm just jealous of the angels  
Around the throne tonight





# *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 him call  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks undone must stay that way.  
I found that peace at close of 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've savored 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 hearts and share with me  
God wanted me know:  
He set me free.

## **Pallbearers**

Charles Byfield	.....	Son
Zayid Farrell	.....	Son-in-Law
Clifton Spence	.....	Son-in-Law
Rohan Spence	.....	Grandson
Patrick Hunter	.....	Nephew
Wayne Aabsolam	.....	Good Friend

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of **Rapheleita Hunter-Smith** will remember and cherish your many expressions of love, sympathy and prayers so graciously extended. Thank you and may God Bless you.

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