

*In Loving
Memory
of*

Merrin May Smith

May 13, 1943 - October 29, 2021

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2021 - 10:00 A.M.

Cotton Funeral Service

130 Main Street • Orange, NJ 07050

Obituary

Though there aren't enough words to describe the celebration of life for Merrin Smith, the aim is to choose a few that may paint a portrait of the earth angel she was. Merrin May Smith to which most call "Mommy" because she literally raised everyone as her own children, was a caring, loving, wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. She passed on October 29th, 2021.

She was born on May 13, 1943, in Clarendon, Jamaica. When she was 19 years old, she attended a commercial school and worked part time as a teacher for school aged kids. Merrin worked at a government office in her younger days, and then transitioned to a major industrialized factory in Kingston Jamaica. She worked hard to provide for her children, grandchildren and loved ones. She owned her own homes and after retirement lived a very comfortable life travelling and catering to her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. Merrin had 2 children; Charmaine and Maxine to which she was extremely close with. She was survived by her daughter Charmaine, grandchildren: Nicholas, Christela, Bianca, Bradley, Marquis, Monique, grandnephew Shane, and her great grandchildren, Isaiah, Joshua, and Nicholas.

Merrin loved spending time in the kitchen creating authentic Jamaican dishes for her family and friends. She took pride in her garden as she had a variety of plants in her home. Merrin was also an animal lover as she always had a mixture of dogs and cats in her home. She was pro-life, as everything she touched blossomed. She enjoyed reggae music, comedy shows, family time and a good laugh. She loved to tell funny stories to obtain a jovial reaction out of her audience. She loved to see others enjoy her time as the caring person she was. Merrin was that person that would give you the clothes off her back if you asked without hesitation. Her home and arms were as open as her heart, always making herself available, willing, and able, no matter the time or situation.

Merrin consistently dedicated her life's work to the happiness of others ... Sunrise to Sunset. She will be dearly missed but remain forever in our hearts.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever – Psalms 23 1:6

Order of Service

OPENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

Christela Alexandre

Phyllis Smith

SELECTION (Poem)

Charmaine McLeod

READING OF THE OBITUARY

Nicholas Harrison

PRAYER OF COMFORT

TRIBUTE

SELECTION (Song)

Bianca Kadison

CLOSING PRAYER

BENEDICTION COMMITTAL

Bishop Melvin Shaw

FINAL VIEWING

RECESSIONAL

Interment
Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.
Amen.*

Heaven Has Gained An Angel

*As you complete this temporary journey you have embraced our hearts
Yes we mourn but realize this is where your life truly starts your smile
sparkled greater than silver and gold We're willing to let go of your hand
so that God can grab hold . We will always love you as you have
continued to love us all we ask now is that you look down while you are
above us we are grateful that God put us in the midst of your presence we
breathe with your memory and walk with your essence. The Lord is our
Shepherd He tends to us as sheep and mends the hearts that are weak
until one day we can shake his hand and sit at his feet we don't think of
you as a loss to our family that remains We cherish you as a beautiful
angel that heaven has gained!*

Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

Professional Services Provided By

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE

130 Main Street
Orange, NJ
973-675-6400

1025 Bergen Street
Newark, NJ
973-926-6400

COTTON-PARKER FUNERAL HOME

37 Clinton Avenue
Jersey City, NJ
201-433-1000

