

*Celebrating The Life of*

*Sharon L. Smith*

Sunrise:  
June 29, 1955

Sunset:  
January 22, 2023



**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2023 - 12:30PM**

**WOODY HOME FOR SERVICES**

163 Oakwood Avenue • Orange, New Jersey 07050

Rev. Lorraine D. Harris, Officiating

# Obituary

Sharon Lila Smith was born on June 29th, 1955, at Montclair Community Hospital in Montclair, New Jersey to John H. Howell Jr. "Jack" and Eleanor Morton Howell. She was born a few minutes before her twin sister Shelly Howell. Sharon's middle name Lila was her father "Jack's" mother's first name. She was the oldest of three children between Jack and Eleanor Howell.

Sharon was raised in East Orange and attended Church of the Epiphany and Christ as a child in Orange, NJ. where she attended Sunday school classes and church services under the leadership of Father Plaskett. Sharon attended all her schooling in East Orange and graduated from East Orange High School in June 1973. Following her graduation; she attended the University of Wisconsin in Madison, WI. During her time in high school and at University of Wisconsin; Sharon was an avid basketball and tennis player. She was also a talented artist and piano musician.

During her time in college, she met her husband Craig Smith (Cranford, NJ), and they began dating. In 1978 she moved to Los Angeles, CA and began working in the banking industry. In 1981 Sharon and Craig moved to Orlando, FL and were married on Valentines Day 1982. In 1985 her only child; Shacrai Smith was born. Over the next five years, Sharon was a stay-at-home mom to take care of her only child that was born prematurely. During this time as a stay-at-home mom, she started her own art business with her husband Craig Smith which specialized in selling African art, jewelry and paintings.

In the early 1990's Sharon began her career at Sprint telecommunications in Orlando, FL as a data processor until her retirement in 2010. In 2010 Sharon moved to Bethlehem, PA to be closer to her family members, twin sister and to help take care of her mother until her death on January 22nd, 2023.

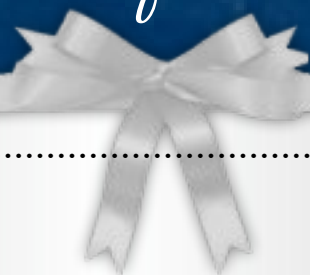
Sharon was a woman who was 100 percent dedicated as a mother, wife, family member and friend. She was known for her smile and laughter that would light up any room or person. Sharon was always laughing and joking with family members and friends. She was our rock and a delicate flower all at once. Sharon had a heart of gold.

Sharon is preceded in death by her father John H. Howell Jr. "Jack" . She is survived by her only child Shacrai Smith, mother Eleanor Howell, twin sister Shelly Howell, brother John Howell III "Jackie", niece Michelle Jones, nephew Christopher Howell and Aunt Florence Blackwell.





# Order of Service



Opening Hymn.....	Luther Vandross
Scripture Readings	
First Reading.....	Psalm 46 (Aunt Ruthie)
Psalm Reading .....	Psalm 23 (Lila Singleton)
Poem .....	(Maya Angelou: When Great Trees Fall) (Michelle Jones)
Hymn.....	Amazing Grace (Elliot Jackson)
Gospel Reading.....	John Chapter 5: V: 24-27 (Rev. Lorraine D. Harris)
Reflections.....	(time limit 2-3 minutes) Shelly Howell Eleanor Howell Geraldine Berry-Smith
Other individuals who want to speak.....	(time limit 2-3 minutes)
Obituary .....	Christopher Howell
Eulogy/Homily.....	Rev. Lorraine D. Harris (Church of the Epiphany and Christ Church, Orange, NJ)
Apostles Creed.....	Rev. Lorraine D. Harris
Procession to Glory Hymn.....	I Go To The Rock: Whitney Houston (Preacher's Wife Soundtrack)

## Interment

Fairmount Cemetery  
Newark, New Jersey

## Repast

After the interment family and friends are invited to  
Church of Epiphany and Christ Church, 105 Main St., Orange, NJ 07050 for the repast.



# *Strong Woman*

She is a hurricane.  
She is a ray of light.  
She blooms wild and shines bright.

She is a lightning bolt.  
She is crisp morning air.  
She is everything and everywhere.



## *Acknowledgement*

The family of **Sharon 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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