

A portrait of an elderly woman with short, straight, light-colored hair and bangs. She is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. The background of the portrait is a soft, out-of-focus light color.

Celebration of

Life for

Loretta E. Smith

Sunrise: March 12, 1948

Sunset: August 14, 2024

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2024 - 11:00 AM

Cotton Funeral Service

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

Obituary

On August 14, 2024, Loretta E. Smith, born March 12, 1948, in Orange, NJ, to Joan and Richard Bennert (deceased), was called home to be with the Lord. Loretta's life was a testament to her faith and dedication.

While growing up in Orange, NJ Loretta met and married the love of her life, Rev. Moses Smith Jr. Together, they raised four children: Renee L. Smith, Carl R. Smith (deceased), Tracy Green (deceased), and Cher A. Smith Acevedo. Her deep faith was ignited by watching The 700 Club, and she became a devoted warrior for Christ.

Throughout her ministry, Loretta ran the Essex County Prison Ministry, the Homeless Ministry, and the Dorcas Women's Ministry out of Camden, NJ. Despite her extensive ministry work, her primary focus was always her home and her beloved family, neighbors, and friends. Loretta's home was a sanctuary for youth worship, Bible studies, choir rehearsals, and church family cookouts. Her passion for singing, witnessing, and leading souls to Christ defined her life's work.

Her powerful spirit remains an inspiration to many.

Evangelist Loretta E. Smith is preceded in death by her husband, Moses Smith Jr.; her son, Carl R. Smith; her daughter, Tracy L. Green; and her grandson, Shelton Green Jr. Her two beloved daughters survive her, Renee L. Smith and Cher A. Smith Acevedo; her sisters, Donna Cavanaugh and Joan Bennert; her brothers, Jeff Bennert and Richard Bennert; as well as her 18 grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

We will always love and remember you, rest in peace.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

Interment

Restland Memorial Park
East Hanover, New Jersey

Repast

Disabled American Veterans Belleville Hall
612 Mill Street
Belleville, NJ 07109

Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
Of smiles when day is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve
To dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave behind,
When the day is done.
-Helen Lowrie Marshall



Acknowledgement

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