



## Elsie Loretta "Bunny" Crenshaw (Smalls)

April 20, 1940 - May 24, 2017

Elsie Loretta Smalls Crenshaw, affectionately known as "Bunny", was born on April 20, 1940 in Brooklyn, New York, to the proud parents, Walter and Alice Smalls.

Growing up as a youth, Elsie attended Cornerstone Baptist Church, where she sang in the youth choir and participated in the Baptist Training Union. Bunny's love of music led to becoming President of Velour Queens Fan Club. Elsie won numerous Latin dance competitions at the famous Palladium Ballroom in New York City.

At an early age, Bunny showed a passion for the caring of the ill, which later led to her entering Homemaking High School in pursuing her education in the nursing field. She attended New York Community College, where she obtained her degree in nursing with further certifications and passing of the state boards. She received the honorable credentials as a Registered Nurse (RN), working for the Health Hospital Corporation of New York City. She was employed by numerous hospitals. Her advancement culminated with her becoming head nurse at Woodhull Hospital. Bunny initiated and advocated the first HIV/AIDS clinical in New York. In 2000, she retired with 39 years of distinguished and honorable service. Bunny's hobbies included gourmet cooking, reading mystery and drama novels, and viewing vintage movies.

Elsie's son, Anthony, preceded her in death in 2009. Elsie leaves to mourn, her Father, Walter L. Smalls, Sr.; Granddaughters, Charmaine, Parris, and Mia; Siblings, Walter, Jr., Brenda, Robert, and Deborah; Brother-in-law Larry; Aunt Minnie Trials; six nephews, one niece, two nieces-in-law, seven great nephews, five great nieces, and a host of cousins.

Lovingly Submitted,  
The Family

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Elsie Loretta "Bunny" Crenshaw (Smalls), please visit our Heartfelt Sympathies Store.

# Tribute Wall

LC

“ To the Crenshaw family. I am so sorry for your loss. The Bible says at Psalms 18:2 That Jehovah can rescue you in your time of need.  
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**Lynn B. Conley** - June 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ My deepest condolence to your family in the loss of your loved one

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**Bentley** - May 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ I am sorry for your loss, please accept my sincere condolences. I hope the family will find some comfort and strength in Jesus promise of the earthly resurrection(Acts 24:15)and the renewed Paradise earth, where death will be no more and no family will mourn the death of a loved one.-Revelation 21:3,4;John 5:28,29;Luke 23:43. may GOD(Psalms 83:18)grant you peace and comfort now, during this grievous time.-Matthew 5:4.

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**M Jones** - May 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ My dear wife and I would like to extend our condolences for the loss of your loved one (Proverbs 17:17). At difficult times like this we realize how precious and fragile life can surely be (James 4:14). As your family and friends comfort one another, as a neighbor please also be comforted by the sure hope the Bible gives us for all those who have died (2 Corinthians 1:3, 4). As recorded in the Bible, Jesus promised that one day he was going to bring back to life all those who have died (John 5:28, 29). That is why he encourages all of us to exercise faith in that promise, the life that Jesus gave in our behalf, and be blessed as we see that promise fulfilled (John 11:25; 3:16; 6:40; James 2:17). The Bible makes it clear that death is an "enemy" not only to mankind, but also to Almighty God (1 Corinthians 15:26). That is also why God promises to remove forever all the pain, suffering, wickedness, and death that mankind has had to endure for thousands of years (Revelation 21:3-5; Psalm 37:10,11,29). At that time soon, as the Bible indicates, both the living and the dead who are brought back to life will enjoy life, everlasting life, as God originally purposed for this earth thousands of years ago in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 1:28; Jeremiah 29:11). What a glorious day that will be for mankind who are doing what God asks of us, namely that we simply do His Will, not our own (1 John 2:17; 5:3; Proverbs 3:5,6). Please read and meditate on all these scriptures in your Bible and be comforted and blessed (Psalm 1:1-3; John 17:3). Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

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**George & Chris Ragusa** - May 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ My deepest condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. While nothing will completely take away your grief by meditating on Gods promises found in the Bible you can find real hope and the strength to keep going. My family and I have found the scripture at Isaiah 25:8 to be especially comforting. Here it promises that God "will swallow up death forever and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."

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**H. Fields** - May 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one. Death is an enemy to us all. It hurts to lose someone you love. Words cannot express the pain and suffering one experiences to lose someone in death. The bible gives us comfort and hope of being reunited with our loved ones again at Acts 24:15. It says that the dead will be resurrected. Please look forward to that time. Until then may the God of comfort grant your entire family peace.

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**Doretha Sampson** - May 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM