



## Karen Annette Smith

November 17, 1964 - February 12, 2025

### KAREN'S JOURNEY

Karen Annette Marshall-Smith, a resident of Salisbury, Maryland, departed this life on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at her home. Born on November 17, 1964 in Arlington, Virginia, she was the daughter of the late Amy and Hosea Lynwood Marshall. In 1982, Karen graduated from Stephen Decatur High School in Berlin, Maryland.

It was there that she met Brian Smith, the love of her life in 1981. They started dating in 1982 and were later married on January 12, 1995.

She maintained employment at Hooper's Crab House, Elks Lodge, Berlin Nursing Home, and Walgreens. She was known for her sassy attitude and wouldn't hesitate to tell you like it is.

She was preceded in death by: her parents, Amy and Hosea Lynwood Marshall; her grandmother, Bessie Mae Marshall and grandfather, Pete Marshall; her Ladedra and Carmen; her uncles, Archie Lewis and Bruce; grandchild, Za'ryahhh Bond and cousin, Tyler Warren Lewis.

Karen leaves to mourn: her husband, Brian Smith; children, Ikea Smith, Kronta Marshall (Elva), Curtis Bond, Linda Bond and John Bond; grand and great-grand children, Novah, A'nyah, Olivia, Kairi, Tylandra, Sahmiyah, Jay'Ceon, Izier, Kristian, Khyle, Shemar, Kynasia, Kristen, Samir, Morgan, Elisha, Jermaine and Messiah; siblings, Milton, Lynette; nephews, Stephen Trader, Jr. (Avonda), Myron and Darryl; niece, Sheena Trader; her favorite aunt, Sheila; aunt, Mary Purnell; special cousins, Mark and Marlo Purnell;

cousins, James Lewis, Danielle, Chris and Mark Purnell, Jr.; brother-in-law, Stephen Trader; and a host of other relatives and friends.

SUBMITTED WITH LOVE,  
THE FAMILY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 1. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bennie Smith Life Celebration Center  
901 West Isabella Street  
Salisbury, MD 21801

## Funeral Service

MAR 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

**Bennie Smith Funeral Home** - February 28, 2025 at 06:27 PM



“ *Bennie Smith Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Karen Annette Smith*



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“ *Nikisha Deshields lit a candle in memory of Karen Annette Smith*



**Nikisha Deshields** - March 03, 2025 at 05:49 PM

CC

“ *Rest well Former member Karen, Family, we pray God's comfort, that only He can give, now and in the days ahead. Love you all. Calvary United Methodist Church.*

**Calvary United Methodist Church** - March 01, 2025 at 11:29 AM

MC

“ My condolences to the family.



Mariyland Counts - February 28, 2025 at 08:22 AM

LF

“ Les Smith and family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Annette Smith.

Les Smith and family. - February 26, 2025 at 09:31 PM

LF

“ Les Smith and family. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Karen Annette Smith.



Les Smith and family. - February 26, 2025 at 09:31 PM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss



Thomas Widgeon - February 25, 2025 at 07:34 AM

SP

“🎵 "When We All Get To Heaven" 🎵  
🎵 "I Pray We All Be Ready" 🎵

🙏🕊️ You have my sympathy in your Mother passing away. Our family need to communicate more with each other.

To her family I send my condolences, may GOD strengthen, comfort, and keep you during your loss of your Mother. I will truly miss Karen's presence. She had a good heart and spirit. Let us come closer together, and communicate more with each other. Our family have had good times together let's keep it going.

May God's Peace Be Upon you,  
Your Cousin,  
Sheila Palmer ❤️

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Sheila L Palmer - February 25, 2025 at 06:54 AM