



Marian Smith

July 25, 1940 - December 19, 2016

Marian “Sis” Prattis Dexter Smith, age 76 of Bridgeville, Delaware, died peacefully at her home on Monday, December 19, 2016, after a long struggle with cancer. Marian was born on Thursday, July 25, 1940 in Chester, Pennsylvania, the daughter of the late Lillie L. Prattis and William Russell Prattis. She was the loving sister to three siblings; the late Louise Smith, Mildred Weal and Charles Cephas.

In addition to her parents and siblings, she was preceded in death by her husband, Daniel Smith, Jr., whom she affectionately referred to as “Hun”. They were married for 23 years and separated by death, four days short of the one-year anniversary of Daniel’s passing.

Marian’s elementary education was obtained at Phillis Wheatley School in Bridgeville, Delaware. Marian attended school at William C. Jason Comprehensive High School, Georgetown, Delaware and completed the eleventh grade. She later went on to complete her education and graduated from Delaware Technical & Community College, Georgetown, Delaware.

Marian retired from Nanticoke Memorial Hospital in Seaford, Delaware.

Marian loved the Lord and was a dedicated member of Mt. Calvary United Methodist Church, Bridgeville, Delaware. She always had a praise in her

mouth, encouraging words for the youth and a testimony to share with all that would hear. She lived out her faith by opening the doors of her home to numerous foster children for more than 20 years, many of whom are here today to celebrate her life and the opportunities she provided them.

Marian enjoyed traveling and every time her children traveled, Marian somehow ended up in the car, plane or cruise ship. If you ever stopped by to visit her between 11:00 am - 1:30 pm you knew what you were in store for (The Price is Right & The Young & Restless) so you had to get to the point quickly. If you couldn't catch her at home, you would find her at the Seaford Walmart- always with a smile, a hug and a word of encouragement.

Marian leaves to cherish her memory, two daughters, Vera Smack of Bridgeville, Delaware and Millie Jones of Camden, Delaware; three sons, Louis Dexter, Jr. (Merlita) of Seaford, Delaware, Bryan Dexter (Jennifer) of Rockton, Illinois, Ty Dexter (Inez) of Havre de Grace, Maryland and one stepson, Lloyd Smith (Patricia) of Hurlock, Maryland. Marian also held a special place in her heart for her nephew, William (Billy) Allen. Marian served as a surrogate mother to several young women, two of whom were very special to her, Paula Wayman and Ellie Collins as well as a special young man, Curtis Hinds. Marian also leaves 23 grandchildren; Michael Smack, Vonda Smack-Dubose, Terrance Banks, Jabrea Banks, Raven Dexter, Christopher Cannon, Tremond Conway, Louis Dexter, III, Stephanie Dexter, Latrease Griffin, Latoya Harris (Darryn), Bryan Horsey, Dante' Howard, Vanessa McMullen, Tamara Robinson, Donald Neal, Emmanuel Neal, Antonio Smith, Richard Smith, and Sarah Whelan; 30 great grandchildren; three brothers-in-law, Joseph Smith (Pamela) of Durham, North Carolina, William Smith of Easton, Maryland, and Bruce Smith of Salisbury, Maryland; three sisters-in-law, Clara Jones (Jerry) of Federalsburg, Maryland, Mary Etta Smith and Mabel Smith of Easton, Maryland and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Sorrowfully submitted,
The Family

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“ Extending deepest sympathy to family and friends in this time of sorrow. Please find comfort in knowing that soon all those in the memorial tombs will hear Jesus' voice and come out. (John 5:28,29) Until that blessed day, may the GOD of all comfort grant you peace while many fond memories warm your hearts.

A. Wingfield - December 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ We wish to express our deepest condolences to you and your family at this time of sorrow. Please know that you and your family are surrounded by the love of many who care. Our prayers are with you. May God bless you and your family.

Gail and The Palmer Family - December 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Millie,I am at a loss for words during this sorrowful time. Please know That I am thinking of you and your family.May loving memories ease your loss and bring you and your family comfort.

shondale Clark (Murfreesboro Tennessee) - December 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ I would like to express my sincere condolences for the loss of your loved one. The Bible is a great source of encouragement during times like this. May the "God of all comfort" (2 Corinthians 1:3) comfort you.

K - December 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ Please accept my condolences for the loss of your loved one. It's at times like this that the support and love from family and friends is so important. May that be the case with all of you. Many also find much comfort and hope in what Almighty God promises us in his word, the Bible. Jesus said that the day would come when all those who have died will hear his voice and be brought back to life again (John 5:28, 29). What a wonderful hope ahead for mankind. God also tells us in his word that death is an enemy not only to mankind, but also to God (1 Corinthians 15:26). That is why he also says that one day soon all the pain, suffering, and even death we experience will be done away with by God forever (Revelation 21:3-5)! The result: obedient mankind will enjoy life and living the way God purposed it to be in the beginning when He created mankind. What comfort and a sure hope ahead! I hope you find that to be the case for you. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

George Ragusa - December 20, 2016 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

M Jones - December 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM