



Mary L. Smith

May 30, 1925 - March 23, 2016

Mary Ellen Smith, daughter of the late Lambert and Gladys Roberts, was born on May 30, 1925 in Centreville, MD. She departed this life on March 23, 2016 in Centreville, MD at the age of 90.

Mary Ellen graduated from Kennard High School receiving her diploma. She later pursued higher education in Business Administration from Chesapeake College. In addition to furthering her knowledge, she also took sewing classes there as well. She was a member of the Homemakers Club because she loved making crafts.

Mary Ellen has served her community greatly while touching the lives of many. She was instrumental in orchestrating the First African American Kindergarten in Queen Anne's County and she stayed faithful to its inception until the State eventually became fully involved and took over.

She played a very important role during World War II as she worked for the County/Civil Engineer Service as a "Plane Spotter." Her code name was "Popular Quillar Nine Zero Red".

Mary Ellen was always very dedicated and committed to any work that she was appointed, asked or she genuinely chose to do. She also loved to travel but absolutely loved to cook or bake and just "feed people". She appeared on two segments of Maryland's PBS TV program as she instructed her audience how to prepare "Mary Ellen's fried chicken" and "Maryland Beaten biscuits". She has recipes that were published in the "Queen Anne Goes to Kitchen" Cookbook.

Mary Ellen truly loved God and that was made evident through her effectual fervent prayers in the Intercessory Prayer Group, songs of praise as she ministered in music as a member of several church choral groups, daily devotion as she read her Bible faithfully, worship as she talked to the her Heavenly Father and her love for life and people. She was a Greeter at her church and she enjoyed serving others which really was her life's mission. While Mary Ellen will be greatly missed, we will remember her for the many loving, kind, caring and compassionate and even humorous things she has left her footprint on the hearts of our lives. She will be ever so fondly remembered as a devoted mother, sister, aunt and friend with a compassionate heart.

Mary Ellen was preceded in death by her late husband, Lewis G. E. Smith, Sr. and late sister, Gladys Carter.

She leaves to cherish her memory two sons, Lewis Smith, Jr. of Pittsburg, PA and Ronald Smith of Centreville, MD; two daughters, Ida Mae Jeffers (Kevin) of Elgin, TX and Sydney "Pumkin" Doehler of Centreville, MD; four grandchildren, Shannon Morgan (Nigel) of Smyrna, DE, Yolanda Kennard of Baltimore, MD, Latoya Veeney (Nathaniel) of Centreville, MD and Launa Ross (Steven) of Pittsburg, PA; six great-grandchildren, Mitchell Stanley, Jr. of Smyrna, DE, Brianna Veeney of Centreville, MD, Auriana Green of Pittsburg, PA, Eunique Green of Pittsburg, PA, Steven Ross, Jr. of Pittsburg, PA and Anna'lei Ross of Pittsburg, PA; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

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AW

“ Extending deepest sympathy to family and friends in this time of sorrow. Please take 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 (2 Cor. 1:3,4) while many fond memories of Mary warm your hearts.

A. Wingfield - March 26, 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 - March 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Dear Smith Family,
I am so sorry for your loss, please accept my sincere condolences at this time. Something that I have found to be a great source of comfort are the promises found in the Bible at John 5:28,29 and Revelation 21:4. These scriptures along others show that in the very near future God is going to not only bring our loved ones back to life but he is going to eliminate all of the causes for why we deal with sorrow, pain and even death itself. It is my sincere hope that these promises bring your family comfort at this time. Once again I am so sorry for your loss.

Sarah - March 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM