



## Mary Edith Smith (Dennis)

September 13, 1929 - June 19, 2018

Mary E. Smith, the daughter of the late Willie L. Dennis, Sr., and Mary Mumford, departed this life on Tuesday, June 19, 2018, at her home in Bridgeville, Delaware. Mary was born in Reids Grove, Maryland, on Friday, September 13, 1929. She was 88 years old.

Mary, who was affectionately known as "Mom Murky", was educated in Dorchester County Maryland Public Schools. Later she met and married Clemon L. Smith, Sr.

"Mom Murky" worked hard in various capacities such as babysitting, domestic work, Oak Grove Tomato Plant and Delaney's Company, which is now known as, Delagra Corporation in Bridgeville, Delaware.

Mary gave her heart to the Lord and began attending Refuge Temple Revival Center in Seaford, Delaware for a great number of years, under the leadership of Pastors Ethel and Leon Williams. Prior to her death, she attended Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Bridgeville, Delaware, where Bishop A. Dean Evans is the pastor. "Mom Murky" was known as the mother of Mt. Olive Baptist Church and she sang in various choirs including the Mt. Olive Specials and the Mixed Choir. Mom Murky was also the church pianist.

During her spare time, she loved family gatherings, where she prepared

dinner and made her famous sweet potato pies and dumplings. Her heart was happy to see her family come home and have bar-b-ques with all the grandchildren and great grandchildren. She loved going to the Golden Corral Restaurant after church, shopping at the Goodwill, playing the keyboard, singing with the family and friends, riding out with Latasia and her children and playing dodgeball and baseball.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Clemon L. Smith, Sr., to whom she was married for 67 years; her mother and father, Mary Mumford and Willie L. Dennis, Sr., two sons, Michael and Howard Smith; two, grandsons, Shawnpa Sampson and Charles E. Smith, Jr.; one great grandson, Tayvion "Tigger" Sykes; brother, Willie L. Dennis, Jr.; sister, Betty L. Pittman; father-in-law, Moses Smith and mother-in-law, Lillie Smith.

Mom Murky leaves to cherish her loving memories, Clemon L. Smith, Jr. and James L. (Viola) Smith, Sr., all of Bridgeville, Delaware; Marvin A. (Gloria) Smith, Sr., of Greenwood, Delaware; Charles E. (Alberta) Smith, Sr.; Eugene D. Smith and Brenda L Smith, and Darnell (Evette) Smith all of Bridgeville, Delaware; two sisters, Cassie Mae Butler of Preston, Maryland and Gloria Cook of New York; two, brothers, James L. Dennis, Sr., (Janet) of Greenwood, Delaware and Sammy Dennis of Salisbury, Maryland; 42 grand children; 167 great-grand children; seven sisters-in-law; two brothers-in-law; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

She had close friends whom she loved dearly such as: Sis. Sarah Williams, Sis. Lillian Taylor, Sis. Betty Carter, Sis. Tillie Bell Faulk, Mother Lina Mae Horne and the late Sis. Mary L. Speight. "Mom Murky" was a babysitter for many of the children in Bridgeville and she loved each one of them in a special way.

Lovingly Submitted,  
The Family

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# Tribute Wall

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** - June 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ My dear wife and I would like to extend our condolences for the loss of your loved one. All of us have experienced the pain of death in some way sad to say. And, so, at difficult times like this we are confronted with the stark reality of how precious and fragile life can surely be (James 4:14). So, my wife and I send this condolence to you with the hope that we can in some small way comfort you as it has comforted us with what the Bible reveals to us about GOOD NEWS from Almighty God. Please be assured that we are in no way trying to impose our faith on you; but we sincerely just want to extend comfort to you during your grief (Proverbs 17:17).

As recorded in the Bible, God's only-begotten son, Jesus promises that one day he is personally going to bring back to life all those who have died, just as he did when he was on earth as a man (John 5:28, 29; 11:43, 44). Just as death is an enemy to us, it is also an enemy to God (1 Corinthians 15:26). For that reason, as well as others, He 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). What a glorious and almost unbelievable day that will be! It's a reality and a sure hope we can rely on because it is absolutely impossible for God to lie (Titus 1:2; Isaiah 55:10, 11).

It is our hope that you NOT take our word for what has been written in this condolence; but we encourage you to please take a moment to read and meditate on all these referenced scriptures in your own Bible (1 Timothy 4:15, 16). My wife and I are confident you will be encouraged and comforted by the marvelous hope God has in store for us (Psalm 1:1-3; John 17:3). Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

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George & Christine Ragusa - June 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Sorry for the passing of your love one. Read Psalms 34:18 for words of comfort and peace.*

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**Irene** - June 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Sorry For Your Loss  
Jesus Loves Me  
You Are Special*

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**Thomas & Libby Widgeon** - June 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM