



Mary Eleanor Smith

May 22, 1925 - March 14, 2019

Mary Eleanor Smith (born Mary Eleanor Robinson), daughter of the late James and Virginia Robinson, was born on May 22, 1925 in Eastover, South Carolina. At the age of 12 she and her parents moved from Eastover to Baltimore, MD where she would live the remainder of her life. When she first arrived to Baltimore some of her school mates would speak badly about the white hightop shoes that she had and would say that the shoes were country and that she needed a new pair. Mary E. took school seriously and viewed education as a bridge to a better life so she graduated from Frederick Douglass High School and then went on to obtain degrees from two historically black colleges, Storer College located in West Virginia and Morgan State University in Baltimore, MD.

Mary E. (as her friends would called her) married the love of her life Alvin L. Smith and remained married until his passing, and never remarried.

Mary Eleanor Smith started working at a young age and would clean the homes of some of Baltimore's well to do, and after college became a Baltimore school teacher, worked for the U.S. Post Office and then on to be a social worker at Crownsville Psychiatric Hospital where she became one of the, if not the first, black social worker to work in that hospital.

After retirement Mary E. spent her time volunteering for organizations like Meals On Wheels, mentoring the youth, dancing and performing with the Waxter Center's High Steppers, being a part of the U.S. Postal Alliance, traveling, spoiling her grandchildren and the list goes on. If Mary E. had a plan for retirement, a rocking chair wasn't part of it.

Mary E. was a woman who accomplished everything that she set out to accomplish. She traveled the world, purchased one of the homes that she used to clean as a young lady, lived her dream of being a teacher, paid her children's and grandchildren's way through school without loans, danced and performed on stage, and so on.

Mary E. was a pleasure to be around and it was impossible to converse with her for more than two minutes without smiling and laughing at her

clever jokes. When asked one day how it felt to live such a full life she looked the lady dead in the eye with a serious look and tilted her head slightly to the right and said, "Well I finally got those shoes".

Mary Eleanor Smith leaves behind to celebrate her life: her son, Wilbert A. Brown; her daughter, Lourie V. Smith; and her grandchildren, Sade R. Marable and Jermaine L. Smith.

Cemetery

Events

Woodlawn Cemetery

2130 Woodlawn Drive
Baltimore, MD, 21207

MAR **Viewing** 10:00AM - 07:00PM

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March Life Tribute Center, P.A. - Randallstown
5616 Old Court Road, Randallstown, MD, US, 21133

MAR **Wake** 11:30AM

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MAR **Service** 12:00PM

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Comments



“ The Kings Landing Women's Service Club, Inc. K LW wishes to express our condolences in the passing of one of our founders, Ms. Mary Eleanor Smith. As a K LW Charter Member (1964) she helped set the legacy of the Kings Landing Women Service Club in assisting hundreds of youth to attend Camp Mohawk and later the YMCA summer camp. We acknowledge her service, talents and support of the K LW and the citizens of Baltimore.

Linda Hursey
President

Rev. Domanic A. Smith
Chairman

Linda Hursey - March 20 at 04:51 PM



“ Ulie and Peter Gunst purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Eleanor Smith.



Ulie and Peter Gunst - March 20 at 12:23 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - March 17 at 11:34 AM