



Barbara Jean Stovall-Smith

June 10, 1937 - April 25, 2017

Obituary

Our beloved Barbara Jean Stovall-Smith was born on June 10, 1937 to the late Johnny and Retha Walker in Mullens, South Carolina. She went home to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Tuesday, April 25, 2017, at the home of her eldest daughter. She was preceded in death by her siblings Howard, Wiley, LeVoid and John Walker, and Delores Frazier; husband, Harry L. Smith; son-in-law, Preston A. Clark; a great-granddaughter, Breyah C. Edwards, and best friend, Irma Jones.

Barbara Jean (affectionally called “Ma-Mas” or “BJ”) accepted Christ as her Savior at an early age and was a faithful and dedicated member of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church until her illness. While there, she served as President and member of the E.H. Bouey Memorial Usher Board, a devoted member of the church’s Sunday School, Catechism class, and a volunteer for RITA on Tuesdays. In the early 60’s, Barbara was employed with M & B Head Wear on Main Street, where she was a seamstress. In October of 1973, she was employed by the United States Postal Service as a Postal Clerk for 23 years of dedicated service.

Barbara Stovall was united in holy matrimony with Harry L. Smith on January 1, 1991 in Portsmouth, Virginia.

In her leisure, she enjoyed traveling, shopping, fishing, bowling, and watching her beloved Young and the Restless and Washington Redskins on Sunday.

Barbara leaves to cherish her memory two daughters; one devoted, Diane E. Clark and Karen Epps (Carroll); three grandchildren, one devoted, Tanya and Tonya Edwards, and Brandon Epps; two great-grandsons, Justin and Jaylen Hatten; eleven nieces and nephews, one favorite cousin Trussie (Blue) Jacobs, Sr.; and a host of other relatives and friends.

A Tribute

to

Barbara Jean Stovall-Smith

Even in her illness that robbed her ability to communicate and to give of her time and many talents, her deep and unwavering faith in her Lord and Savior shone through. We celebrate the accomplished life of Barbara Jean Stovall-Smith. She was our mother, our grandmother, our teacher, our wise guide through the up and downs of life. What a blessing it was to have known her. The lessons she taught all of us are instilled in our family for generations to come. Rest now our love, your work is done, good and faithful servant.

The Family

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane
Richmond, VA 23222

Previous Events

viewing

APR **29**. 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

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APR **30**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

APR **30**. 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Service

MAY 1. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Mount Calvary Baptist Church
4401 Hobbs Lane
Richmond, VA 23231

Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Jean Stovall-Smith*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Losing a love one in death is not what God wanted for mankind. One day death will be done away with. The scripture that comforts me the most is Isaiah 26:19, "Your dead will live. My corpses will rise up. Awake and shout joyfully, You residents in the dust! For your dew is as the dew of the morning, And the earth will let those powerless in death come to life". I hope these words will comfort your family as well.*

tammy green - April 30, 2017 at 03:34 PM



“ *To Diane and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of sorrow. Please know that your mother is at peace. She is resting in the arms of God where there is no more pain or suffering. your cousin Cynthia H. Crenshaw and the Holman family*

Cynthia H. Crenshaw - April 28, 2017 at 08:44 AM



“ *With my deepest condolences to the family of Barbara Stovall-Smith. May the Almighty, the God of tender mercies and of all comfort, who comforts us in all our trials (2Corinthians1:3,4), comfort you and your family in this time of need.*

Barnes - April 27, 2017 at 01:06 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 - April 27, 2017 at 12:46 PM

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To Diane and family. My thoughts are with you in your hour of grief. I know your mom is at peace and that she really appreciate all your care and help during her illness. My God bless and care for your family.

Joyce Knight

joyce knight - April 30, 2017 at 06:39 AM