



Cynthia Antoinette Smith-Williams

January 4, 1950 - February 18, 2025

Cynthia Smith-Williams, a beloved mother, sister, and friend, was born on January 4, 1950, to the late Chester and Lillian Crawford of the District of Columbia. She departed this life on February 18, 2025, surrounded by loving family.

She received her diploma from McKinley High School, an undergraduate degree from St. Paul's College, Lawrenceville, VA, and graduate degrees from Virginia State University and Walden University.

Cynthia joined St. George's Episcopal Church in Washington, DC, at an early age. She later became a member of St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Richmond, VA.

Cynthia excelled as a student and volunteer, setting imprints on record events. While in high school, she was a Candy Striper, helping at DC hospitals. She represented the United States at the Girl Scouts of America at its New Zealand Jamboree. She presented flowers to Lady Bird Johnson at the annual Christmas Tree Lighting in Washington, DC. While attending St. Paul's, Cynthia was honored as a Winant Volunteer and traveled to Great Britain to aid impoverished children.

As a resolute Educational Administrator in Virginia, Cynthia was a high school

guidance counselor. Excelling forward, she became a middle school assistant principal and high school principal. Her love and dedication for her staff and students made a profound impact due to her clarity of thought, devotion, integrity, kindness, and thoughtfulness. Cynthia became a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. through the Richmond Alumnae Chapter.

After retiring in 2012, Cynthia continued her work with children, teaching vacation Bible school at St. Philips, being a student advisor with the nonprofit GRASP, and working with the AmeriCorps National Service Program, teaching reading to children in underserved communities. Cynthia was a resolute caregiver and educator whose loving spirit will always be felt.

Cynthia and her former spouse, Lee Lewis, Jr., had two children, Andre and Lee, who they adored. Although Cynthia and Lee went on to remarry, they remained in touch throughout their lives. Cynthia is also survived by a devoted sister, Yvonne; and her son-in-law, Kevin Hanger. She was preceded in death by her longtime partner, Kenneth Adkins. Cynthia leaves behind many family and friends, especially Pearl Morgan, Deneen Hampton, and Muriel "Mikki" Pleasants.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Cynthia Antoinette Smith-Williams*



March Funeral Homes - February 20, 2025 at 04:22 PM

CJ

“ *Lee and Andre - I'm so sorry that you've lost your mother. She was a beautiful, giving, intelligent and gifted lady. I loved working with her at VEC and seeing and hearing her loving stories about the two of you. May she rest in peace.*

Cheryl Jackson - February 28, 2025 at 10:09 PM

DF

“ *To Cynthia's family: Cynthia and I were roommates one year at St. Paul's College. She was such a calm, beautiful and kind friend. May God grant you peace as you grieve. 🙏🌸*
Doris Bland Farrar

Doris Bland Farrar - February 28, 2025 at 04:22 PM

JR

“ *Judy, Joe, and Rebecca Railson purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Cynthia Antoinette Smith-Williams.* ”



Judy, Joe, and Rebecca Railson - February 27, 2025 at 07:51 PM

EG

“ *Elon Greene lit a candle in memory of Cynthia Antoinette Smith-Williams* ”



Elon Greene - February 25, 2025 at 03:17 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Cynthia Antoinette Smith-Williams.* ”

February 25, 2025 at 12:40 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Cynthia Antoinette Smith-Williams.* ”



February 25, 2025 at 12:40 PM

MF

“ *McManus Family lit a candle in memory of Cynthia Antoinette Smith-Williams*



McManus Family - February 23, 2025 at 09:15 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 - February 20, 2025 at 03:34 PM