



## Eleanora E. Smith

March 7, 1923 - August 15, 2013

ELEANORA ESTHER HOWELL was born through the union of Horace James Howell and Agnes Ambush in Washington, D.C. on March 7, 1923. She was the youngest of eight children and affectionately known to them as “Tootsie.” According to Eleanora’s sisters, her parents doted on her, especially their mother, Agnes.

Born and raised in Washington, D.C., she acquired her education and spent her early years there. However, after losing both parents by the age of fourteen, Eleanora followed her eldest sister, Dorothy Scruggs to Baltimore, Maryland. While in Maryland, she held a number of domestic positions. Later, Eleanora met Earl Randolph Smith Sr. and married him on October 6, 1946. Eleanora and Earl settled in Baltimore, Maryland. From this union, Earl and Eleanora had children. She later transitioned to a career as a silk presser and then moved into the health care field as a nursing assistant, a profession from which she retired in 1985. Eleanora and Earl were married for twenty-four years until his death in 1970.

In the early 1950s, Eleanora began studying the Bible with Jehovah’s Witnesses. She embraced the teachings of the Bible wholeheartedly, and by June of 1952, was baptized as one of Jehovah’s Witnesses. She loved Jehovah and spent the rest of her life advocating the Kingdom of God as mankind’s only hope to end sickness, pain and death. Eleanora did so for the

last sixty years of her life. She was known in the congregation as a kind and no nonsense person. She was faithful and regular at the meetings until her health limited her mobility and ability to attend meetings in person. Eleanora was a spirited and independent woman who loved life, travel with her late sisters Dorothy and Gertrude, close girlfriends and children. She was spry and very active well into her 80s. She was fondly called "Granny" by her grandchildren. At the age of ninety, Eleanora Esther Smith passed away suddenly at Good Samaritan Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland, on Thursday, August 15, 2013.

Eleanora was the last surviving member of the Howell family. All seven of her siblings preceded her in death. However, Eleanora had a large family and is survived by five children: Dorothy Gonsalves (husband Edward deceased), Earl Smith Jr. (wife Helen), Deborah Moore (husband Cedric), Wanda McIntosh (husband Rickey) and Darrell Smith (wife Arnita). Eleanora also had a son, Michael Smith, who preceded her in death in 1993.

She is also survived by: eighteen grandchildren, Tonya Mitchell (husband Teforie), Edward Gonsalves Jr. (wife Kathleen), Derrick Gonsalves (wife Tuyet), Gina Gonsalves (husband Ron Graham), Dia Gonsalves, Christa Gonsalves, Rosa Smith, Karen Tenkorang (husband Nana), Earl Smith III, Cedric Moore Jr. (wife Tawanda), Eric Moore (wife Vanessa), Keith Ford (wife Christy), Michael Smith, Rickey McIntosh Jr., Waneka McIntosh, Darrell Smith Jr. (wife Samone), Ian Smith (wife Leah) and Kandace Kent (husband Jason); along with a host of nieces and nephews.

# Cemetery Details

## Baltimore National Cemetery

5501 Frederick Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21228

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

AUG **22**. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore  
1101 East North Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21202  
(410) 727-3300  
info@marchfh.com

## Wake

AUG **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Service

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AUG **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Eleanora E. Smith*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *My prayers are with the entire family at this time. Keith ford's mother.  
Angela Ford*

**Angela Ford** - August 22, 2013 at 07:59 AM



“ *Aunt Tootsie your love and wisdom will be missed but never forgotten. You love will live thru and in us forever..... Your niece Kisha.*

**KISHA** - August 22, 2013 at 07:13 AM



“ *My dear Aunt Tootsie.....Her laughter could fill a room and was contagious. I loved visiting her and my grandmother (r.i.p. grandma) on Aiken Street especially when I was old enough to go on my own. I got special hugs, and treats. Nobody could call me "Shelly Baby" like she could...I love you dearly..... Your niece Shelly*



**Shelly** - August 20, 2013 at 11:50 AM

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“ Please accept my deepest condolences on the death of your dear Elenora. The loss of a loved one can be very painful, even if their years were many. May you draw much comfort from the wonderful promises found in Gods' Word The Bible. Our Heavenly Father tells us of a resurrection of those now lost to death. John 5:28,29 reads in part, "Do not marvel at this, the hour is coming when all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out.....". We will then welcome back our loved ones to a restored paradise earth (Psalms 37:9-11, Revelation 21:3,4, Acts 24:15, and Isaiah 33:24). Then all mankind can have permanent peace, happiness, perfect heath and endless life. Death most importantly, will be a thing of the past (1 Corinthians 15:26). As you read these texts along with your own Bible, may you be strengthened, and have a real hope, for the very near future. Sincerely, Mrs. D. Ward, Michigan More Bible-based comfort can be found on the website [www.jw.org](http://www.jw.org)

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**Mrs. D. Ward** - August 17, 2013 at 09:08 AM



“ 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.

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**March Funeral Homes** - August 16, 2013 at 01:47 PM

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*To family and friends of Eleanora E. Smith:*

*I am very sorry to hear of your loss, please accept my deepest sympathy. May you find comfort in family and friends at this difficult time. The Bible also offers words of comfort and speaks of a time when death, pain and suffering will be no more at Revelation 21:4. Again, I am very sorry for your loss, and I hope this message brings you much comfort.*

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**Scyntilla Lewis** - August 17, 2013 at 06:51 AM