



## Joan S. Dawkins

March 12, 1942 - May 13, 2025

JOAN SHERIDAN SMITH DAWKINS, was a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and woman of deep faith, departed this life peacefully on May 13, 2025, after a long battle with cancer. She was 83 years old. Born on March 12, 1942, in Princeton, West Virginia. Joan was the cherished daughter of the late Robert Smith and Hazel Claytor Smith. She was one of four children.

On April 8, 1958, Joan married the love of her life, the late Lewis C. Dawkins. Their union was blessed with seven children. Though their marriage ended in later years, their shared devotion to their children remained strong.

Joan dedicated her life to nurturing and guiding her family. She was a devoted homemaker and when needed, returned to the workforce to help support her children. She later retired from Sears in the late 1990s.

Known for her gentle spirit, wisdom, and kindness, Joan was the heart of her family. She was never too busy to listen, pray with you, or lend a helping hand.

Joan's legacy is one of love, faith, and service. She was a guiding light to many. Her presence was comforting, and her prayers powerful. While we grieve her absence, we celebrate a life beautifully lived and a soul now resting in eternal peace.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Hazel Smith; her husband, Lewis C. Dawkins; daughters, Cynthia and Margie Dawkins; grandson, Jamel Dawkins; siblings, Randolph Smith and Sylvia Dennard; brother-in-law, Jerry Dennard; and sister-in-law, Evelyn Smith.

She leaves to honor her memory: children, Eura Dawkins, Lewis Dawkins, Gerald Dawkins, Russell Dawkins, and Theresa Dawkins Turner (Ivan); brother, Frederick Roger Smith; twenty-six grandchildren and thirty-four great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Oaklawn Cemetary

7225 Eastern Ave  
Baltimore, MD 21224

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

MAY **29**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - East  
1101 E. North Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21202

## Wake

MAY **30**. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

MAY **30**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a Webcast for Funeral on Joan Dawkins in memory of Joan S. Dawkins*



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**March Funeral Homes** - May 30, 2025 at 12:12 PM



“ *Wonderful woman of God. Full of love. My condolences to the family.*

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**Laura Oxendine** - May 29, 2025 at 01:31 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Joan S. Dawkins.*



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May 29, 2025 at 11:11 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** - May 19, 2025 at 09:55 AM