



## Mary F. Smith

August 30, 1936 - December 25, 2024

MARY FRANCIS (FOYE) SMITH was born August 30, 1936 in Goldsboro, North Carolina to the late Leslie R. Foye and Minnie Odell (Kornegay) Foye Jones. She was also the stepdaughter of the late Johnny Jones, Sr. She departed this life on December 25, 2024, at an assisted living facility after a long illness.

As a child, Mary had bright red hair and was lovingly called Redz by many family members and friends.

She was educated in the public schools of Goldsboro, North Carolina, graduating in the top ten of her class at Dillard High School in 1955. In 1957, she followed her sister, Julia, to Maryland and began working at Crownsville State Hospital, where she met and married the love of her life, the late Willie F. Smith, on December 25, 1958. From this union three children were born, Gerard, Gwendolyn, and Cassandra. Mary was a loving and caring wife, remaining dedicated to Willie Fred until his death in 1991 after a long illness.

In 1961, Mary graduated from the Licensed Practical Nursing School at Crownsville State Hospital as an LPN. Over the years she was employed as a nurse at Crownsville State Hospital, then as a private duty nurse and finally worked in the University of Maryland Medical

System. She retired from the University of Maryland in 1998 with 30 years of services as a psychiatric nurse.

Mary was baptized at an early age at Mt. Zion Disciples Church, Goldsboro, NC. In the early 70's, she became a member of Morning Star Baptist Church, Catonsville, MD where she served for many years on the Sr. Usher Board. She was a dedicated and faithful member of Morning Star until her health prevented her from participating.

Mary was a kind, generous and spirited soul who unselfishly poured love into her family and friends. She really did not make friends; she made family. Once you entered her orbit, you became family. Mary loved to cook, especially "big pot" cooking. Her holiday and special occasion spreads were famous. If you came to her house, you always left full in body and spirit. Her home was always filled with warmth, love, and of course food.

Mary was preceded in death by two sisters, Julia and Hilda, and four brothers, Leslie, Johnny, Sam and Larry.

She leaves to cherish her memory: one son, Gerard Smith (Lori); two daughters, Gwendolyn Cooper (Mark) and Cassandra Woods (Fred); three grandsons, Derek Cooper, Sean Cooper and Nathan Smith; four granddaughters Amber Woods Smyth (Barry), Jordan Smith (Kirstie), Jalen Woods and Jasmine Woods; great-granddaughter, Aoife Woods-Smyth; sister, Yolanda Wooten (Jimmy); two sisters-in-law, Patricia Hicks and Mabel Smith; long time sister-friend, Doris Lynch; dedicated care-giver, Kenyatta Brooks; nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

We give thanks to God, for her loving, fruitful life and for all she contributed. We celebrate her and are forever grateful for the countless

ways she enriched our lives

# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn Cemetery

2130 Woodlawn Drive  
Baltimore, MD 21207

# Previous Events

## Wake

JAN 2. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center - Randallstown  
5616 Old Court Rd  
Windsor Mill, MD 21244  
(410) 655-0110

## Funeral Service

JAN 2. 10:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Mary F. Smith*



**March Life Tribute Centers** - January 02, 2025 at 09:58 AM

AD

“ *Ann Smith Morrow & Anthony Davis purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mary F. Smith.*



**Ann Smith Morrow & Anthony Davis** - December 31, 2024 at 07:45 PM

JF

“ *Jeanine Smith McCall and Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary F. Smith.*



**Jeanine Smith McCall and Family** - December 31, 2024 at 10:01 AM

JH

“ Justin N. Hicks purchased the Simply Elegant Sp  
athiphyllum for the family of Mary F. Smith.



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**Justin N. Hicks** - December 30, 2024 at 04:06 PM

JH

“ Justin N. Hicks planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary F. Smith.

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**Justin N. Hicks** - December 30, 2024 at 04:06 PM

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“ Wilber, Dorothy , Vicki, Jackie & Sydney  
purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for  
the family of Mary F. Smith.



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**Wilber, Dorothy , Vicki, Jackie & Sydney** - December 30, 2024  
at 03:42 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of  
Mary F. Smith.



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December 30, 2024 at 12:08 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary F. Smith.

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December 30, 2024 at 12:08 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.

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**March Life Tribute Center (Randallstown)** - December 27, 2024 at 03:54 PM