



## Melody Davis Smith

October 31, 1953 - October 9, 2017

Melody Davis Smith passed peacefully from this life the morning of October 9, 2017 after a long fought battle with Lupus. She was surrounded and supported by her loving family and friends during the last days of her life. Melody Smith was born October 31, 1953 in Norfolk, Virginia to the late Rosa Davis and William Davis.

She graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in 1971 and attended college at Virginia State University, where she met and married Emmett E. Smith Jr. She furthered her education and later graduated from Virginia State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology. After graduation, Melody began her professional career working at Norfolk Redevelopment Housing Authority. Years later the couple moved to Richmond, Virginia where Melody continued her career at Virginia Housing Development Authority. In the Spring of 2014, she retired after working 30 years of dedicated service.

She was a beautiful woman of God, a devoted wife, mother, and a blessing to her friends. She was a living example of love and patience. Her interests included family, going to concerts, going to the movies, as well as vacations to various tropical islands. She devoted much of her time and energy to being a great mother to her two children and being a loyal confidante as well as friend to her husband. Her wit and charm were two of her most captivating traits and a smile that brightened any given moment.

Melody spent her recent few remaining years in the company of both her friends and beloved family.

Melody Smith is survived by her husband, Emmett E. Smith, Jr.; daughter, Jenell D. Smith; son, Kenton E. Smith; mother-in-law, Emma Smith; sister-in-law, Barbara Smith; a host of other relatives and caring friends.

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God;  
I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with  
my righteous right hand ... For I, the LORD your God,  
hold your right hand; it is I who say to you,  
“Fear not, I am the one who helps you.” Isaiah 41:10, 13

# Cemetery Details

## Roosevelt Memorial Park

1101 Campostella Road  
Chesapeake, VA 23320

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

OCT **12.** 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Wake

OCT **12.** 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

OCT **14.** 1:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church  
418 E. Bute Street  
Norfolk, VA 23510



# Tribute Wall



“ *Melody Davis Smith*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *To the Family:*

*I am deeply saddened by the passing of my classmate from Ruffner Jr. High and Booker T. Washington High School. Melody was always sweet and kind and I cannot ever remember her not having a smile on her face. I was happy to see her again during the reunion events that brought our BTW class of 1971 together again. My prayers and condolences to the Smith family. May God comfort you with the precious memories of your loved one.*

*Frances Dowell Dukes*

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**Frances Dowell Dukes** - October 14, 2017 at 09:14 AM



“ *To Emmett and Family:*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of bereavement. May your many memories sustain you during this time and for years to come.*

*Janice L. Pierce*

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**Janice Pierce** - October 13, 2017 at 08:47 PM

QB

“ To the Smith/Davis Family,

*My heartfelt condolences, may God grant you the strength to get through this time of sorrow. Know that Melody is in a better place now, but will live on in your hearts. BTW class of 71.*

Queen Benson - October 13, 2017 at 04:26 PM

TF

“ To the Smith Family: Praying that you'll find comfort in your memories of your loved and our family is keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers. May God continue to bless you and strengthen you. May His light continue to shine upon you and give you peace.

The Johnson and Lancaster Family - October 12, 2017 at 03:00 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melody Davis Smith.



October 12, 2017 at 12:00 PM



“ We are sorry to learn of your loss and offer our deepest sympathy. May you find comfort in knowing that your heavenly father knows your pain and is able to heal it. (Ps. 34:18)

Harris Family - October 11, 2017 at 09:22 PM

DB

“ *Dennis and Ervette Broadnax purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Melody Davis Smith.*



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**Dennis and Ervette Broadnax** - October 11, 2017 at 02:30 PM

GB

“ *Gretta Nellum Broadnax purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Melody Davis Smith.*



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**Gretta Nellum Broadnax** - October 11, 2017 at 01:51 PM

BS

“ *To the Davis and Smith Family. Our prayers are with you all during these moments. We will always remember the sweet smile and loving demeanor of Melody. Throughout the tenure of her marriage to my nephew Emmett Smith Jr. she was always devoted to attending our family occasions along with him and the family. We shall forever cherish her memory. May God continue to Bless and Keep you All under the Loving Arms of His Divine Protection. With Sincere Love, Bishop Samuel A. Smith, Emmett Jr. uncle and his Loving Grandmother, Mrs. Captora J. Smith (Grandma Cap) age 99 yrs. old in Plymouth, North Carolina.*

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**Bishop Samuel A. Smith** - October 11, 2017 at 01:25 PM

CJ

“ To the Davis/Smith Families,

*May you be comforted by this scripture found at 2 Thessalonians 2:16, 17- "May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and gave everlasting comfort and good hope by means of undeserved kindness, comfort your hearts and make you firm in every good deed and word." Melody will be missed and fondly remembered by everyone who knew her. You are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.*

*Cynthia Hamler-Johnson*



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**Cynthia Johnson** - October 11, 2017 at 01:02 PM

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“ To Melody's Family and Many Friends:

*We have experienced no other friend or love one face this life and it's many challenges with the courage and love of family as that demonstrated daily by Melody. She leaves a never ending memory and legacy of never giving up and striving forward under whatever circumstances she encountered. God made her a very special person. May God Our Father hold her now in the divine devotion of his love, as only he can, as he continues to care for and comfort her family as she would have done.*

*Dennis and Ervette Broadnax*

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**Dennis & Ervette Broadnax** - October 11, 2017 at 12:58 PM

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“ We send our most heartfelt sympathy to the Smith family during your time of loss. May God surround you with comfort and peace as you cherish the memories that will never be forgotten. Know that your family is there for you always.

*Love you, Sheila Stinnett Norfus & family*

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**Sheila Stinnett Norfus** - October 11, 2017 at 12:40 PM

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“ To the Davis and Smith family may God give you the strength and courage you need at this difficult time

*Sandra Bray Overton.*

*BTW Class of '71*

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**S bray overton** - October 11, 2017 at 07:19 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** - October 10, 2017 at 12:53 PM