



## Rochella Allmon Smith

September 3, 1948 - July 28, 2013

### Remembering Rochella

“Onto thine hand I commit my spirit; thou has redeemed me O Lord God of truth”-Psalms 31:5

Mrs. Rochella Allmon Smith was born to Hazel and Olivia Hill Allmon on September 3, 1948 in Laurinburg, NC, in 1951, her parents relocated to Richmond, VA. At an early age she joined Shiloh Baptist Church and served as a youth usher and sung in the children’s choir. As a faithful steward of God, Rochella continued to serve diligently in the Adult Gospel choir and on the Trustee board, among other church groups. She had many joys in the life including her passion for singing and love of cooking; both of which she shared with her granddaughter. She was a very compassionate person who was slow to anger yet quick to reconcile and make peace.

Rochella attended Richmond Public Schools graduating from Armstrong High School. She continued her educational studies in business and banking in Washington, DC and Philadelphia, PA.

After thirty-five years in the banking industry, she retired as a research analyst from Wachovia Bank. In her later years she worked for the Richmond City and Henrico County Public Schools Systems.

She leaves to cherish her memory one devoted daughter, Shanta Rayner (Sean) and two grandchildren whom she adored, Jordan and Jasmin Rayner of Edwardsville, IL; one devoted brother, Haywood Allmon (Carolyn) of Richmond, VA; one niece, Tiffany Allmon-Stewart (Dennis) and two great nieces, Taylor and Tyler Stewart of Columbia, MD; five aunts, Thelma Cagle, Maxine McPhatter, and Gloria Morrison of Laurinburg, NC; Gwendolyn Whitaker of Baltimore, MD; and Doris Justice of Raleigh, NC; two uncles, Lacy Hill of Youngstown, OH, and Sanders Hill of New Orleans, LA; a devoted friend, Theodore Peterson, and a host of other relatives and friends.

We especially thank her aunt Doris Justice, cousin Lucinda Mayo and dear friend Ivy Pleasants for their love, and commitment shown to Rochella.

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery

3101 Nine Mile Road  
Richmond, VA 23223

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

AUG 2. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel  
Richmond, VA 23222

## Service

AUG 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

Shiloh Baptist Church  
2420 Venable Street  
Richmond, VA 23223

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rochella Allmon Smith*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *To my beautiful cousin Rochella, who was always a fly dresser and styling. She was a devoted mom, sister, songstress, and friend. Also, she had a heart full of kindness, and a faith in God that I ALWAYS admired. Miss you much but feel your presence at all times that I really need it. Rest In His Peace.*



*Kathy J Alford  
Phoenix, AZ*

**Katherine Alford** - May 07, 2020 at 12:42 AM



“ *God is the God of all comfort "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the father of tender mercies and the God of all comfort." -2Corinthians 1:3 I am so sorry to learn of the passing of your loved one. When we draw close to God, he will draw close to us; one way to do this is through prayer. "Pray incessantly" 1 Thessalonians 5:17*

**Bible Student** - August 09, 2013 at 08:43 PM

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“ Ivy sent a virtual gift in memory of Rochella Allmon Smith



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Ivy - August 01, 2013 at 07:00 AM

IV

*Ro, I will cherish our friendship forever. I thank God for allowing you to be a major part of my life. You are a precious jewel that is now singing with the angels. To Shante and family, words cannot express what Ro meant to me. The love she shared with all and especially to me with her sweet kind spirit will forever be in my heart! Love Ivy*

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Ivy - August 01, 2013 at 07:13 AM

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“ Tony Winslow lit a candle in memory of Rochella Allmon Smith



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tony winslow - July 31, 2013 at 04:13 PM

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“ Please accept my deepest condolences and for the loss of your dear Rochella. The pain that we feel with the loss of our loved ones can be difficult to fathom. You see. death was never a part of mans' original purpose. It is unnatural. Our loving Creator calls death an "enemy"(Isaiah 25:8), that will finally be eliminated forever. Jesus' own words tells us "Do not marvel at this...all in the memorial tombs will come out"(John 5:28,29). His Father Jehovah God promises to bring our dead loved ones to back life, in the resurrection to here on earth , this in the very near future (Revelation 21:3,4 and Psalms 37:10,11, and 29). Please know that these are not just empty promises . We have proof this can and will happen, just like the nine documented cases God had recorded for us in the Bible. May we strengthen our faith in that hope by reading also Isaiah 55:11, may the profound truth of His words be a salve to your broken hearts.

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**D>Ward Michigan** - July 31, 2013 at 03:22 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 Funeral Homes** - July 31, 2013 at 12:47 PM