



## Rosa Ellen Smith

March 9, 1936 - November 7, 2016

ROSA ELLEN SMITH, daughter of the late Jessie and Bertha Whitaker, was born on March 9, 1936 in Halifax, North Carolina. She departed this life on Monday, November 7, 2016 after a lengthy illness.

She received her furthest education at Ralph Bunche High School in Weldon, N.C. She was a great basketball player and was told by many that she was a phenomenal player. She was the youngest of eight children, all who preceded her in death.

She married the love of her life, the late Calvin Delano Smith in July 1953 in Enfield, North Carolina. They moved to Baltimore and out of this union eight children were born. Monte, Langston, Glenn, Vanessa, Patricia, Tyrone, Tammy & Steven. Calvin worked while Rosa stayed at home to raise their family. After 14 years of marriage she lost her husband to violence.

Rosa was a strong, energetic woman who loved her family and she was determined to raise her children. She loved to cook and she was fiercely independent. She loved music, and on Sunday mornings, everyone could hear songs by Mahalia Jackson or James Cleveland playing. She was a devoted mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend.

She leaves to mourn: her five sons: Monte (Lele), Langston, Glenn (Doris), Tyrone, Steven; one daughter, Tammy; seven grandchildren, Glenn Jr., Vance

Jr., Tyrone Jr., Gavin, Ashleigh, Calvin, and Jermaine; three great-grandchildren; Loghan, Phoenix and Adrian; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

You were tired, I saw it in your face,  
The end was coming at a fast pace.  
But how I wanted you to stay.  
In time, I came to understand,  
your will was not my command.  
Life just became too hard for you,  
I didn't want to see... but I knew.  
You had to be where you could fly,  
Mom, it's so hard to say good-bye.  
You were mine for all those years,  
I'll miss you and cry my tears.  
But I also know that's okay...  
for we'll be together again some day.

# Cemetery Details

## King Park

8710 Dogwood Road  
Baltimore, MD 21244

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

NOV 14. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore  
1101 East North Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21202  
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## Family Hour

NOV 14. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Wake

NOV 15. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

NOV 15. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Rosa Ellen Smith*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



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DT - November 14, 2016 at 09:33 AM



“ *I would like to express my sincere condolences to the family in the loss of your loved one . John 5 : 21,28,29*

D Allen - November 09, 2016 at 05:16 AM



“ *I am offering my condolences to the family and close friends of Rosa Smith. When a loved one has fallen asleep in death, GOD's own words in the Bible offers comfort. Please read in your Bibles 2 Cor 1:3-*

Peggy Land - November 08, 2016 at 06:19 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** - November 07, 2016 at 04:16 PM