



Ruth Elizabeth Smith

May 9, 1934 - January 4, 2017

Ruth Elizabeth Smith, beloved daughter of the late Elizabeth and Fleet Ball, was born in Kinsal, Virginia on May 9, 1934. On January 4, 2017, surrounded by her beloved and devoted family, a host of angels stood by and the Lord came to receive unto Himself, Ruth; that where He is, there she may be also. Triumphantly and gracefully she transitioned from earth to glory, forever to be with the Lord.

After her education in the Baltimore City Public School System, Ruth married the late Alfred E. Smith. From that union they were blessed with the joys of her life: daughters, Marion, Frances, Louise, Jacqueline and Sharon; sons, Alfred, Jr. (who preceded her in death) and Guy; and her grandson, Jerome (who preceded her in death).

Ruth worked tirelessly as a homemaker and raising her beloved family. She showered them with unconditional love, care and support in all of their endeavors. Her pride and joy of her family excelled even more with the births of her precious grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. She had ample room in her heart for all and they loved their dear "Grannie" and "Gran-Gran". In addition, Ruth, as a nurturer, was a mother to many individuals beyond her immediate family. She was kind and generous to those in need and always willing to give a helping hand where and when she could.

Ruth was an avid bowler, a sport she truly loved and excelled in. Ruth was a member of several bowling leagues for many years and received numerous trophies for the tournaments she won. Even after her retirement, she continued to bowl occasionally. Ruth was a member of the "Afternoon Ladies' PO-KE-NO Group" from which she took pride in hosting and attending their monthly get-togethers. She also loved travelling, visiting family and friends, playing cards and going to casinos.

As a God fearing woman, Ruth loved her church. She was a faithful member of the First Corinthians Baptist Church for many years.

In her retirement years, Ruth took care of her great-grandchildren with her utmost devotion and love, as always. In addition, she volunteered for community service at the Bernard C. Mason Senior Building, for which her work and dedication was recognized with a Certificate of Appreciation from the then Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke.

Ruth leaves to cherish her loving memory: five daughters, Marion Thaniel, Frances Colston, Louise Smith, Jacqueline Smith and Sharon Crosby; son, Guy T. Smith; grandchildren, Brandon, Sr., Nina, Rashaad, Lawrence, Jr., Stephanie, Linnea, Teia, Tavon, Tynish, Justin, Ashley, Awnyaee, Teneka, Tiffany, and Kevin; two sons-in-law, Lawrence Thaniel, Sr. and Eugene Colston; daughter-in-law, Janie Smith; eighteen great-children and two great-great -grandchildren; her devoted god-daughters, Ms. Patricia Crawley and Ms. Elaine Johnson; cousins, Laurann Mayo, Jake Ball and Leslie Ball; very devoted and loving friends, Ms. Delores Mack, Ms. Geraldine Neal, and Mr. Herman Davis; neighbor, Ms. Evelyn Thomas; and a host of many other family and friends.

Cemetery Details

King Memorial Park Cemetery - Grand Heritage Chapel & Mausoleum

8710 Dogwood Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21244
(410) 944-8300
info@kingmemorialpark.com
<https://www.KingMemorialPark.com>

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN 12. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
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Family Hour

JAN 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

JAN 13. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JAN 13. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Elizabeth Smith*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I am so sorry for the death of your love one please read act 24:15 which talk about the resurrection this will help you find comfort*

danon - January 16, 2017 at 04:18 PM



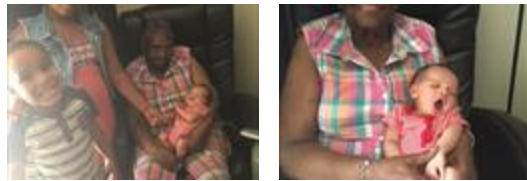
“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Stephanie Hoover - January 11, 2017 at 07:49 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Granny and great grands*



Teneka Coffey - January 11, 2017 at 07:23 PM

TC

Grandma's baby sitting service! Granny loved being with her great grand kids, she would just light up with pride and joy. Granny always kept a special stash of toys and treats at her apartment just for their visits.

Teneka Coffey - January 11, 2017 at 07:31 PM

NM

“ I DONT REMEMBER MS RUTH TOO WELL BUT FROM THE PICTURES I REMEMBER HER FACE AND KIND HEART THAT SHINES BRIGHT THROUGH HER CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN. IM SORRY THAT I DIDNT GET TO KNOW HER A LITTLE BETTER BUT THROUGH MY BROTHER TAVON AND HIS MOM JACKIE, HER MEMORY WILL LIVE ON. DONT BE SAD THAT SHES GONE, TALK TO HER....SHE WILL STILL BE THERE TO LISTEN! NICOLE MOTLEY

NICOLE MOTLEY - January 10, 2017 at 01:25 PM

LS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Lawrence Thaniel Sr - January 09, 2017 at 12:14 AM

MA

*Mom the happy times, smiles and much joy and happiness. Ps.37:29
Marion*

Marion - January 09, 2017 at 12:26 AM

LS

I had the best mother in-law in the world! I loved as if she were my own. She was loved and will be dearly missed.

Lawrence Thaniel Sr - January 09, 2017 at 12:31 AM

FA

I was glad I met granny and her children. You are all an extension of her. I was able to see it in the short time we were together and interacted. Your children, extended family, and friends are with you in this painful time and experience in your life. But remember we are going to need you to be strong for us too just like granny was for you. And may Jehovah's promise fill us with comfort and hope. Granny will forever be in our memory and in God's memory and one day we will just continue to be with her again.

*Isaiah 26:19 says: "Your dead will live. My corpses will rise up. Awake and shout joyfully,
You residents in the dust! For your dew is as the dew of the morning,
And the earth will let those powerless in death come to life. (New World Translation Bible)*

Isaiah 26:19 King James Version (KJV) Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.

Freddy Abreu-galan - January 09, 2017 at 07:31 PM

FR

“ Mom , thank you . My mother , my teacher, my best friend. Love always , Frances .



Frances - January 08, 2017 at 05:47 PM

SC

Ditto! Frannie you expressed the beauty of our dear Mother so eloquently. God gave us a gift that cannot match no other. RIP Momma we love you so dearly and will miss you forever. Sharon

sharon m. crosby - January 09, 2017 at 05:39 PM

NI

“ We miss you Granny , you will always be in heart . Love always and forever.



nina - January 08, 2017 at 05:41 PM

BK

“ It is with sadness that we have to endure the pain of losing a loved one. God has promised that Ruth will live again. (John5:28,29). Ruth will live in peace and enjoy eternal life on a paradise earth. (Psalms 37:9,10,11,29). Please accept my condolences and my prayers are with your family.

Beverly Kelly - January 08, 2017 at 09:00 AM

JS

“ Janie Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Ruth Elizabeth Smith



Janie Smith - January 08, 2017 at 07:59 AM

JS

What a wonderful mother (in law) she was. You couldn't find a sweeter,more caring mother than she was. She loved all of her children. I loved her spirit and her undeniable strength to keep pushing forward no matter what the circumstances were. I will truly miss her presence here on earth, but her spirit will always live on within my heart.

Janie Smith - January 08, 2017 at 08:22 AM

DF

“ *Delores Mack and Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Ruth Elizabeth Smith.*



Delores Mack and Family - January 07, 2017 at 04:09 PM

PM

“ *We loved going on vacation to the Outer Banks with Miss Ruth. She was always ready to go. She was never the sit around type. Even on vacation, every day was a shopping day for her. The Dollar Store was one of her favorites! She had such a funny laugh and a great sense of humor. I loved listening to her tell stories about friends, family, and neighbors. She was wise about the important things in life, and she would tell it to you straight. I loved that about her. I also enjoyed playing cards with her. She could play into the wee hours of the morning and never show any signs of tiring, Of course, the next day, she would complain about how tired she was!*

Miss Ruth and my mom, Delores, were the best of friends. They called each other everyday and talked about small things, private things, and deep things, but most importantly, they were there for each other, through the thick and thin of life. What a blessing! Miss Ruth loved life, family, friends, and God. She has left a beautiful legacy for us to emulate in our own lives.

Patricia Mack-Preston

Patricia Mack-Preston - January 07, 2017 at 02:01 PM

SH

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Stephanie Hoover - January 06, 2017 at 06:38 AM

MT

Marion MY MOM ALWAYS YOUR DAUGHTER FOREVER YOUR FRIEND. UNTIL WE SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN.ISAIAH 33:24

Marion Thaniel - January 09, 2017 at 12:13 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.*

March Funeral Homes - January 05, 2017 at 05:14 PM