



Sandra Shaw Smith

September 11, 1948 - January 10, 2025

Sandra Louise Shaw Smith, known as 'Penney' to family, transitioned from labor to reward on January 10, 2025. She was born September 11, 1948 to the late Daisy Belle Shaw and Richard Pulliam. Sandra was christened in the A.M.E. church, but was baptized when she joined Saint Paul's Baptist Church in 1991.

Sandra attended Richmond Public schools. She graduated from Armstrong High School in 1966. On August 1, 1963, she met the love of her life, Robert L. Smith, Jr. Soon after graduating high school, Robert and Sandra were joined in holy matrimony. This union was blessed with the birth of one daughter, Deonna Michelle.

Sandra retired from Verizon in 2009. She loved to travel and would often cruise with close family and friends. She loved good cooking and would cook amazing dishes, like her sweet potato pie. No matter what anyone said, she would never think her cooking was good enough. She was her worst critic, to the astonishment of others.

Sandra loved Saint Paul's Baptist Church. She served on the Newcomer's Ministry for many years. She also was a champion for the Refiners Ministry and enjoyed planning activities for the seniors. On Sunday mornings, you

could find her, Mrs. Willa Taylor, Mrs. Catherine Jefferson and other Refiners checking on each other. It was said they had graduated from being the 'Golden Girls' to the 'Platinum Girls.'

Saundra loved her family. She was concerned of all the details of her husband, children and grandchildren. She had so much love that she practically adopted most of their close acquaintances and many church members as a part of the family as well. From detailed weather warnings and forecasts to scrumptious meals at the drop of a hat, Saundra wanted everyone safe, fed and taken care of. Saundra could take care of business as well, the very definition of a virtuous woman.

Saundra was preceded in death by Robert in 2022, after over 55 years. Saundra is survived by her daughter, Deacon Deonna Michelle Smith Peyton (Reverend Darrell); twin grandchildren, Technical Sergeant Christopher Micah Peyton and Christina Michelle Peyton; sister, Debra Harris; brother-in-law Gregory E. Smith (Linda, deceased); sister-in-law, Donna Smith Davis; nieces LaShan Oliver Robinson, Robyn Smith, and LaChae Broaddus (Wayne); nephews Raymond E. Davis, III, and Kayim Smith; "sister," Joan D. Hopkins (Robert, Sr.); "daughters," Tammy D. Hopkins (Robert, Jr.), Rev. Dr. Kimberly Crump-Robinson (Daniel) and a host of other "sons and daughters," nieces, nephews, cousins, family members and friends too numerous to name.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Memory Gardens

13389 Mountain Road
Glen Allen, VA 23059

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Celebration of Life

JAN 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

The Saint Paul's Baptist Church, Creighton Campus
4247 Creighton Rd
Richmond, VA 23223-2251
(804) 643-4000

Tribute Wall

FR

“ *Frederica Ricks lit a candle in memory of Sandra Shaw Smith*



Frederica Ricks - January 18, 2025 at 10:42 PM

DT

“ *Darlene Claiborne Taylor lit a candle in memory of Sandra Shaw Smith*



Darlene Claiborne Taylor - January 16, 2025 at 05:49 PM

NK

“ *I met your family when I was in 5th grade. Your niece, Shan was my best friend. It always felt natural for me to say, " Aunt Penney and Uncle Robert." There was so much love and peace surrounding the two of you. I was NEVER told I was not your niece. Your smile lit up a room, I have never seen you frown or angry. You were the epitome of joy and peace. Thank you for always being a beacon of light for a little girl like me. Rest in peace, Aunt Penney! Love Nicole Kinchen AKA Peaches
Dallas, Texas*

Nicole Kinchen - January 16, 2025 at 02:18 PM

DF

“ *Dorothy Fuller lit a candle in memory of
Saundra Shaw Smith* ”



Dorothy Fuller - January 16, 2025 at 06:17 AM

DP

“ To My Loving Mother In Law whom I affectionally referred to as " Mom" or " Mother In Love ”



In My heart

I thought of you today

But that is nothing new

I thought about you yesterday

And days before that too

I think of you in silence

I often speak your name

Now all I have are memories

And your picture in a frame

Your memory is my keepsake

~~ Author Unknown....

Always you will live in my heart and I am blessed that God shared you with me !

Your Son, - Darrell

Darrell Peyton - January 16, 2025 at 12:11 AM

JF

“ *Janice Claiborne Foster lit a candle in memory of Sandra Shaw Smith*



Janice Claiborne Foster - January 15, 2025 at 02:40 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.*

March Funeral Homes - January 13, 2025 at 02:35 PM