



## Sylvia Marie Smalls

March 7, 1929 - January 21, 2013

On Monday January 21, 2013 Our Father whispered gently as he called his daughter home. He knew his child was tired and ready for her journey to her heavenly home.

Sylvia Marie Smalls was born on March 7, 1929 in Baltimore City to the late Pleasant Imes and Sarah Rose Houston. Sylvia was baptized and accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age. Sylvia went to Anne Arundel Public Schools and enjoyed her years as a student.

Sylvia retired from the Rouse Company as a custodial engineer supervisor while a very young woman. She was married to James Johnson Sr. and out of that union two sons were born James Johnson Jr. and Eric Johnson. Later she divorced, met and married Moses Smalls and out of that union came Kirk Smalls and Craig Smalls.

Sylvia and her family moved to the Anne Arundel community located in Pumphrey Maryland and there she attended church at St. Johns Methodist Church.

In Sylvia's early years, she enjoyed taking her sons crabbing and fishing, coming home to steam the crabs and cooking the fish and having a good time in her back yard.

Sylvia loved to go to Atlantic City on bus trips and playing the lottery. Her favorite numbers were 307, 718, 1711 and 1717. Sylvia was a strong and independent woman. She loved her sons dearly.

Sylvia leaves to cherish her memory brothers Remus Houston and Bernard

Houston and her two sisters Margarite James and Lydia Scott. Sylvia also leaves behind her eldest son James Johnson Jr. along with his wife Debra Johnson; her next eldest son Eric Johnson and his wife Muriel Johnson; along with the two youngest sons Kirk Smalls and his wife Wanda Smalls and Craig Smalls and his wife Felice Smalls; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

# Cemetery Details

## Arbutus

1101 Sulphur Spring Rd.  
Baltimore, MD 21227

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JAN 27. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
(410) 542-2400  
info@marchfh.com

## Wake

JAN 28. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. John United Methodist Church  
6019 Bellegrove Road  
Baltimore, MD 21225

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sylvia Marie Smalls*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I am so sorry about your loss. May you find comfort in the scriptures at Revelation 21:4 " he will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more ".*

**Ms. Howard** - January 31, 2013 at 09:18 AM



“ *PLEASE ACCEPT OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN THE LOSS OF YOUR MOTHER. SHE WILL TRULY BE MISSED. RUTH L BROWN AND FAMILY (YALE AVENUE)*

**Mrs. Ruth L. Brown** - January 24, 2013 at 10:13 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 24, 2013 at 12:15 PM



*We,extend our deepest sympathy to the entire family.Our prayers are with you all.May God guide all of you through this.Mr.&Mrs.D.R.Briggs.721 Yale.*

**Velvet Briggs** - January 26, 2013 at 08:59 AM

YJ

*GrandMa*

*I know you are going to a much better place  
It happened so suddenly you were taken away from me.....*

*My memories of that special day we spent together watching the  
Ravens game cannot be washed away.  
We laughed and gave each other high five when they scored a  
touchdown.  
Although, I do not recall breaking the television.*

*All I can remember is seeing the smile on your face...*

*We have had a lot of good times throughout the years, which is why  
today my eyes are filled with tears.*

*You are now in God's arms and you are safe.  
Never again will I see your smiling face, but this photograph in my mind  
of you will never be erased.*

*You were not only a grandmother, but a mother to me...  
I will always remember hearing you say my name "Nikkie" or "Give  
Grandma some sugar"  
My memories are keepsakes from which I'll never part  
God has you in his keeping  
I have you in my heart.  
Although your presence is gone  
And you cannot be touched  
I thank God for the time we spent together and the memories  
They will always mean so much.*

*Love  
Nikkie*

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**Yolanda Johnson** - January 29, 2013 at 09:46 AM

YJ

GrandMa

*I know you are going to a much better place  
It happened so suddenly you were taken away from me.....*

*My memories of that special day we spent together watching the Ravens game cannot be washed away.  
We laughed and gave each other high five when they scored a touchdown.  
Although, I do not recall breaking the television.*

*All I can remember is seeing the smile on your face...*

*We have had a lot of good times throughout the years, which is why today my eyes are filled with tears.*

*You are now in God's arms and you are safe.  
Never again will I see your smiling face, but this photograph in my mind of you will never be erased.*

*You were not only a grandmother, but a mother to me...  
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Although your presence is gone  
And you cannot be touched  
I thank God for the time we spent together and the memories  
They will always mean so much.*

*Love  
Nikkie*

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**Yolanda Johnson** - January 29, 2013 at 09:49 AM