



Mrs. Willie H. Smith

October 7, 1932 - December 17, 2020

Willie H. Smith was born on October 7, 1932 to the late Daniel Harrison and Sallie Hooper in Danville, Virginia. She departed this life December 17, 2020. In 2007, Willie was diagnosed with Alzheimer's.

Willie was raised in Danville, Virginia where she received her high school diploma. The family relocated to Baltimore, Maryland where she completed cosmetology school.

On September 27, 1959, Willie married the love of her life, Nicholas Smith, Jr. From this union came four daughters: Vicki, Vilette, Verna, and Valerie.

Willie began her career at Social Security Administration in 1955, the days when women could not enter the building for work without their gloves worn or clipped neatly to their purses. She started as an IBM machine operator. She was employed with SSA for 44 years, always wearing high heels and dresses. She retired from the Office of International Operations.

At a young age, Willie accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior. Willie enjoyed worshipping at First Christian Community Baptist Church of Baltimore, Maryland. She enjoyed listening to gospels on WEBB Radio Station every Sunday.

Willie was a “hands on” mom who was actively involved in her girls’ activities. In addition to raising the girls, she volunteered a lot of her time with the Girl Scouts becoming a troop leader. When the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland decided to launch an advertising campaign, Willie was chosen to be the first African American to be featured in a campaign for the recruitment of black Girl Scouts. Willie appeared in a Girl Scout commercial and her picture graced the Baltimore City transit buses. She was also known as the Girl Scout cookie mom dispensing cases of cookies out of her living room.

Willie had many hobbies; she was very creative and crafty. She enjoyed sewing so much that she became an esteemed seamstress making many dresses and outfits for herself, family, and others, and even the uniforms for the Baltimore Polytechnic Institute majorettes. She enjoyed shaping items out of dollar bills such as roses, graduation hats, purses, hair dryers, boats and many other things. Willie liked traveling, going to parades, cabarets, shows, and casinos. She also loved dancing and working on jigsaw puzzles.

Willie earned the nickname NanC from her first grandchild. Since then, she is affectionately known as NanC or Nance. Many thought that NanC was her real name. Those that knew her remember her inviting and welcoming presence, her beautiful smile and larger than life personality.

It is ironic that God called her home at Christmas time, her most favorite time of year. She would have her front porch outlined in white lights and decorated with candy striped columns all while playing Sal Soul Orchestra—Christmas Medley, her favorite Christmas album. Every Christmas, Nance would hang stockings with the grandchildren’s names down her banister and host Open House for family and friends. She enjoyed cooking holiday meals for family. She was the “bestest” cook according to her son in law.

Nance leaves to cherish her memory: four daughters, Vicki Pendleton, Vilette

Maynor, Vernadine Smith, and Valerie Bivens; three sons-in-law: Carl Pendleton, Karl Maynor, Sr. and Lamont Bivens; one sister Lorraine S. Johnson; seven grandchildren: Jennifer, Britney, Karl, Jr., Trey, Trent, Destiny, and Trenneddy; and twin great granddaughters: Mikayla and Milan. She was preceded in death by her husband of 48 years Nicholas Smith, Jr. and four brothers: Ashby, Carl, Ardell, and Jack Harrison. Her sister, Sadie Chamblee, suddenly passed on December 18, 2020.

Cemetery Details

Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD

Previous Events

viewing

JAN 4. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

JAN 5. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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Service

JAN 5. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Mrs. Willie H. Smith, Please Click the Link below.



March Funeral Homes - December 29, 2020 at 11:20 AM

TJ

I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Ms. Willie..she was my desk neighbor at SSA for years..I have been wondering about her for years!!! Rest Easy Ms. Willie..Love,Tiffy!!

Tiffany Jones - December 31, 2020 at 10:19 AM

MT

Willie was a wonderful co-worker and dear friend since 1967. She was the so wise and happy with a big smile every day. I loved coming to work and being around willie. She sure kept us girls in line! Like another Mom. Rest In Peace dear friend. My memories will never fade. My love to your beautiful girls and grandchildren you loved so much. Marsha Schwallenberg Tinsley

Marsha Schwallenberg Tinsley - January 01, 2021 at 11:36 AM

LT

When I think of my Aunt Willie, I remember her beautiful smile and sweet laughter. No one could imitate her laugh -- so full and bold. I remember her encouragement that was consistent and full of wisdom. As I built my professional life, she always made sure I was aware of her knowledge of my success. Mother and I send our sincere love and sympathy to our family.

Loretta Tate - January 01, 2021 at 01:50 PM

EV

I remember Ms. Nance as funny, witty & sassy. I pray your family has great memories & stories to share. Peace & blessings.

Evette - January 01, 2021 at 05:35 PM

GF

May God wrap His loving arms of comfort and peace around the family and provide everything needed at this time and always. Deepest sympathy on your double loss. May pleasant memories linger and flood your souls.

*Trent, special 🧡 and 🙏.
The Garner Family*

Garner Family - January 05, 2021 at 10:46 AM



“ *Mrs. Willie H. Smith*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

SV

“ *To the Bivens and Families of Mrs. Smith,*

I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Mrs. Smith. I have heard so many loving memories of Mrs. Smith over the years from Val. I pray God's peace and comfort during this difficult time.

The Vice Family

Stephanie Vice - January 05, 2021 at 11:44 AM

TF

“ Valerie,

We extend our deepest sympathies to you and your family. May the soul of your mother be at peace with our Heavenly Father.

David, Tiffani & Malaki Freeman



The Freeman Family - January 05, 2021 at 11:08 AM

MG

“ Mommy's Baby Girl lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie H. Smith



Mommy's Baby Girl - January 04, 2021 at 10:39 PM

JM

“ I worked with your Mom in OIO for many years. We had a lot of fun in those days. She would always mention your father as Mr. Nick! I got such a kick out of her and him. She would always tell me stories of you girls. The four girls with the first initial of "V"! She was quite a character and I always enjoyed talking to her. Sassy does describe her best and that is what I liked the best about her. Never a dull moment but she was filled with good advise. I will miss her stories. Please take care.

Janice McHoul

JANICE L MCHOUL - January 04, 2021 at 04:44 PM

SB

“ Hi Vicki, Villette, Verna and Valerie:
Where do the years go??? Wasn't it just yesterday that we played 'jacks' on the front porch and tag on the sidewalk? What would Belle Avenue have been without the Smiths?! Your mom was such a huge part of our neighborhood. Without a doubt when we think back on those years, there she will be forever in our hearts and minds. You all are your mom's greatest legacy. May you find the strength you need at this time and may your memories of her bring you comfort and joy in the days ahead.

Love Always,
Ms. Lee, Stevie, Vetta and Sheri

Shyvetta Lesane Brewster - January 04, 2021 at 03:53 PM

VM

Thank you Ms. Lee, Johnathan, Vetta & Sheri

Villette Maynor - January 05, 2021 at 08:30 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Willie H. Smith.



January 04, 2021 at 03:32 PM

JD

“ To Vicki, Villette, Verna and Valerie:

The beautiful photo captures the lasting memory I will have of your Mom-her smile, her sassiness, her genuine concern for others, and the unconditional love she had for her daughters, grandchildren, family, and friends. I hold very dear the special times Willie and I shared. I admired your Mom's caring and selfless nature as shown in the way she lived her life.

“The tide recedes, but leaves behind bright seashells on the sand.

The sun goes down, but gentle warmth still lingers on the land.

The music stops, and yet it echoes on in sweet refrains.

For every joy that passes, something beautiful remains.”

My sincere condolences and, may God grant you peace and comfort.

Jeanette Smith DeLoatch (Gee-Gee)

Jeanette DeLoatch - January 04, 2021 at 12:10 PM

VM

Thank you Gee Gee

Villette Maynor - January 04, 2021 at 01:40 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Willie H. Smith.



January 04, 2021 at 11:29 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Willie H. Smith.*



January 04, 2021 at 09:45 AM



“ *Lisa and the Girls purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mrs. Willie H. Smith.*



Lisa and the Girls - January 04, 2021 at 09:22 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Find comfort knowing that your friends and family will be there to lift you up in the days and weeks to come. You are not alone.*

*Larry and Karen
(friends of Vilette and Karl)*

Karen - January 03, 2021 at 09:36 PM



Thank you Larry & Karen

Vilette Maynor - January 04, 2021 at 01:45 PM

EM

“ *Evette Matthews purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Willie H. Smith.*



Evette Matthews - January 03, 2021 at 08:06 PM

MS

“ *Be assured our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Take comfort in your faith, your family, your memories and your friends.*

*Mary Ann and Tom Staub
(Friends of Vee and Karl)*

Mary Ann Staub - January 03, 2021 at 03:52 PM

BG

*Our thoughts and Prayers are with You All at this difficult time. Memories last forever. So remember the good times you all had with your Mom. Sleep in peace Mrs. Smith... 🙏🙏🙏. From: Bev & Twan
(Friends of Villette & Karl)*

Beverly Graham - January 03, 2021 at 08:31 PM

SB

“ *My condolences to family. Praying for your strength through this difficult time.*
Shanell Byrd



Shanell Byrd - January 03, 2021 at 03:09 PM

VM

Thank you Shanell

Villette Maynor - January 03, 2021 at 09:00 PM

RB

“ My sympathy and condolences to the family, may Gods Grace and Mercy comfort and keep you. ❤️🙏❤️🙏❤️🙏🌺

Rochelle Bryant - January 03, 2021 at 02:40 PM

VM

Thank you Roc

Villette Maynor - January 03, 2021 at 09:01 PM

RB

“ Rochelle Bryant lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie H. Smith



Rochelle Bryant - January 03, 2021 at 02:34 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Willie H. Smith.



January 02, 2021 at 12:45 PM

VP

“ Vicki Pendleton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie H. Smith



Vicki Pendleton - January 01, 2021 at 01:12 PM

MT

“ *Marsha Tinsley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie H. Smith*



Marsha Tinsley - January 01, 2021 at 12:35 PM

DA

“ *Nancy was always good to me and the Cooke family . She was family , I enjoy going over to her home every 24th of December for Destiny birthday she would have the house full of decoration and joy. She kept the her family together . We all going to miss you.*
Danielle Cooke



Danielle - December 31, 2020 at 07:48 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mrs. Willie H. Smith.*



December 31, 2020 at 03:52 PM

SS

“ I offer my sincere condolences to the family of Willie Smith. We worked together and lived in the same community for many years. She always had a smile and kept you laughing! I always remember the many gifts she made for me and others using dollar bills. May the wonderful memories you shared bring you many smiles in the coming year and may the Holy Spirit bring you comfort always.
Sharon Smith

Sharon L Smith - December 30, 2020 at 08:03 AM



“ I did not have the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Smith, but I had listened to many wonderful stories of her beautiful life, and the love she poured out to her family. I pray for your broken hearts to heal and for the cherished memories to stay fresh in your minds and hearts forever.

River of Sorrow
by Todd Nigro

*Drinking from the waters of sorrow
sustains a different kind of life.
This river is hidden
from the rest of the world.
Tears drip from my chin and fall into
an endless flow of liquid love.
This river sparkles with beauty.*

*My condolences for you and your family Vilette Manor.
Love,
Darlene Mosby*

Darlene Mosby - December 29, 2020 at 05:05 PM

MG

Thank you for sending a heartfelt message to our family. From Vicki, Vilette, Verna, and Val - Mrs. Willie's 4 girls.

Mrs. Willie Smith's Girls - January 05, 2021 at 10:43 PM



“ *Darlene Mosby purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Willie H. Smith.*



Darlene Mosby - December 29, 2020 at 04:33 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 - December 22, 2020 at 08:59 AM

MG

To Ms. Glynis and the March Funeral Staff - Thank you for allowing us to bring back memories of our mom in your chapel. My mom is pleased and is with God, her mother, and her brothers and sister. From the family of Mrs. Willie H. Smith - her 4 girls - Vicki, Vilette, Verna, and Val. To God be the Glory!!

Mrs. Willie Smith's Girls - January 05, 2021 at 10:40 PM