

Pall Bearers

Cheryl Taylor
Marlisa Johnson
Deidra Wilkerson
Lindale Hinton
Yolanda McWhorter
Bryna Hale

Flower Bearers

Erika Davis
Deja Ware
Aiva Beaver

The family of Willie Mae Smith would like to offer their sincere thanks for sharing the celebration of life of their loved one.

Repass following immediately after service:

1315 E. Catawba Street
Belmont, North Carolina 28012

In loving memory of



Willie Mae Smith

December 14, 1946 - January 18, 2025

*Costner Funeral Home Inc.
2425 W. Franklin Blvd.
Gastonia, North Carolina 28052*

Order of service

Processional	Missing You x Brandy
Prayer	Carlton Hill
Music Selection	I Shall Wear a Crown
Old Testament Reading	Psalms 23 - Sharon Hill
New Testament Reading	John 14: 1-3 - Anthony Burton
Music Selection	My Soul has been Anchored
Obituary Reading	Anthony Dees
Poem	Come with Me - Andre' Wright
Reflections	LaVisa Bell
Remarks	Family and Friends
Euology	Pastor
Closing Prayer	Pastor

Come With Me

By Frances M. Coelho.

God saw you getting tired
A cure was not to be.
So he put His arms around you,
And whispered, "Come with Me."

With tearful eyes we watched you
And saw you fade away.
Although we loved you dearly
We could not make you stay.

A golden heart stop beating
Your tender hands at rest.
God took you home to prove to us
He only takes the best.

Obituary

Willie Mae Smith, known as "Mae" by family and friends, was born on December 14, 1946 to the late Jack Dees Jr. and Carrie Mae Dees, in Mobile, Alabama. She is the sister of Janice Dees, Clarence Dees (preceded), Jack Dees (preceded), Shirley Dees (preceded), Arlene Dees, Timothy Dees and Jimmy James. After the death of their Mother, Mae and her siblings were raised by Lucille Marshall. After graduating from Mattie T. Blount High School in Mobile, Alabama, Mae moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where she met her husband, Chester Smith (preceded). Mae retired from Nite and Day Laundry, where she served as a laundry attendant for many years. When she was not working hard, you could catch Mae having a GOOD TIME with family and friends, listening to some GOOD OLD BLUES. Willie Mae had a smile that would illuminate any room and a laugh that was music to your ear. Her personality attracted many and she NEVER met a stranger. To know Mae was to love Mae. Although she didn't have children of her own, she had a host of nieces and nephews that she shared her nurturing spirit and a welcoming heart with during her time on earth.

Willie Mae Smith will be deeply missed by family, friends, and all that knew her.