

Pallbearers

*Terry Smith
OJ Smith
Rodney Parsons
Timmy Parsons
Isaiah Leaks
Omari Chambers*



*Flower Girls
Keisha Leaks
Sheila Chambers
Ashley Smith
Kimberly Barringer
Brittany Leaks
Summer Leaks*

A Note of Thanks

During this season of bereavement, we have been sustained by the countless expressions of love, kindness and prayers extended to our family. Every card, phone call, visit, meal, floral tribute, comforting word and whispered prayer has reminded us that we do not walk this journey alone. Grief has a way of revealing the true beauty of community, and we have been deeply touched by the compassion shown to us during this time. Your presence, support and acts of kindness have been a source of strength on difficult days and a reminder of God's grace through caring hearts. Please accept our sincere gratitude. Also, special thanks to the Gatewood family and Harvest Ministries for sponsoring and hosting the repast.

Arrangements

*Saturday, June 6, 2026
Family Visitation: 10:30 AM
Service: 11:00 AM
Smith's Memorial Chapel
604 Salisbury Street
Wadesboro, North Carolina 28170*

Services Entrusted To: Smith's Funeral Home

IN LOVING

Memory



Sarah SMITH HARRINGTON

AUGUST 2, 1932 ~ MAY 28, 2026

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

Celebration of Life Program

Rev. Rena Patterson, Presiding
Former pastor of Thomas Chapel AME Zion Church

Family Processional.....	“Trust in God” - Elevation Worship
Visitation.....	10:30-11:00 a.m.
Selection.....	House of Judah Praise Team
Scripture Readings	
Old Testament.....	Pastor Louis Lotharp God’s Word Only Ministries, Wingate, NC
New Testament.....	Rev. Dr. Roy L. Dennis, Jr. Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church, Salisbury, NC
Prayer of Comfort.....	Elder Ted Ward Faith Builders Ministries
Selection.....	Mr. William Chisolm
Remarks	
Community.....	Leon Gatewood, Family Friend, HOLLA!
Civic.....	Rev. Dr. Bernice Bennett, Mayor of Lilesville
Career.....	Renee Hamilton, Wadesboro Nursing Home
Open (2 minutes, please)	
Family Reflections.....	Keisha Leaks, Granddaughter Kimberly Harrington, Daughter, Caregiver
Acknowledgements & Presentation of Resolution.....	
Mr.Harold C. Smith Ms. Evadne K. Smith	
Selection.....	Ms. Sheila Huntley
Eulogy.....	Pastor Betty Tillman Expected End Ministries, Wadesboro, NC
Final Viewing	
Committal	
Benediction	Pastor Betty Tillman
Recessional	

Interment
Westview Memorial Park, Polkton, North Carolina



“Mother’s Hands”

By Marion Jones (modified)

Hands that rocked the cradle
From the moment of our birth,
Their tender touch remembered
By those still here on Earth.
Soft as silk those hands
That taught us how to pray,
Banishing childhood fears,
They soothed each one away.
When we grew much older
And troubles came my way,
Those hands caressing ours
Did more than words could say.
Mother’s hands were gentle,
They’re missed so very much,
We’d give the world to feel once more
Their warm and tender touch.
Those hands were full of comfort
Now they lie at rest,
But memories hold them close
To the ones they served the best.
-From her children

Sarah Elizabeth Smith Harrington

In The Beginning:

Some lives are measured by titles, achievements and accolades. Others are measured by the love they gave, the sacrifices they made and the generations they helped shape.

The life of Sarah Elizabeth Smith Harrington belonged to the latter.

If her life could be summarized in just a few words, they would be strength wrapped in sweetness. Those characteristics define the essence of her long life as a mother, grandmother, sister, daughter, aunt and cousin.

Born on Aug. 2, 1932, in Anson County, NC, she was the daughter of Anderson Marshall and Mamie Sue Myers of Lilesville, and was raised by her mother and stepfather, Willie Myers, alongside six brothers.

She transitioned on Thursday, May 28, 2026, at the age of 93.

For most of 93 years, she made Lilesville, NC, her home. Only in the last 2 ½ years of her life did she leave the place she loved to relocate to Winston-Salem with her youngest daughter, Kimberly.

Sarah attended Henry Grove Elementary School in Lilesville through the eighth grade. But her education did not end there. Determined to set an example for her children and become a better version of herself, she returned to school in her 30's and earned her General Education Diploma. That grit led her to also obtain her driver's license around the same time, opening the door to a newfound sense of independence.

The Life She Built:

Sarah married James Frank Harrington and following his passing in 1976, she courageously raised eight children as a single mother providing for their physical needs but also nurturing them emotionally and spiritually. Her love extended beyond her own household as she helped raise her grandchildren and welcomed family from near and far into her humble home, creating a place for comfort and unconditional love.

When asked how she wanted to be remembered, Sarah's answer was for her "work." A loyal and dedicated employee, she devoted 49 years of service to Wadesboro Nursing Home (now Wadesboro Health and Rehabilitation Center). She worked as a cook and dietary aide, retiring in January 2017 at the age of 84, just nine years before her transition. She took great pride in her work and left a lasting impression on the residents, families and her colleagues.

Sarah Elizabeth Smith Harrington

Woman of Faith:

Sarah gave her children the best gift of life: raising them in the church on a Christian foundation. She was as devoted member of Thomas Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church in Lilesville, where she served faithfully as an usher, president of the Usher Board and later as "Mother of the Church," contributing to the spiritual and financial well-being of the congregation she loved.

Beyond the four walls, Sarah was an active member of Intercessors of Faith and faithfully tuned in to Pastor Betty Tillman's Facebook Live ministry. She often attributed her longevity to a life of repentance, prayer and a desire to do God's will.

Her generosity was also an expression of her faith as she gave to charitable causes freely and quietly.

Her Legacy:

On Aug. 2, 2017, the Town of Lilesville proclaimed Sarah Smith Harrington Day, honoring one of its most loyal, determined and resilient citizens as she celebrated both her 85th birthday and retirement.

Years later, during the town's Juneteenth celebration in 2024, Sarah was crowned the inaugural Miss Juneteenth Queen, a tribute to her longevity and in recognition of those who came before her.

Yet perhaps the greatest testimony to Sarah's strength was revealed in her final days. Strong in body and spirt, she defied expectations and confounded doctors. During the last two weeks of her life, medical professionals described her as a "medical miracle" for having not manifested symptoms expected of someone with her condition. She was also clothed in her right mind and for that we give God the praise.

Sarah was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; four children, Wanda Jean Parsons (2011); John Lee Smith (2016); Frankie Jane Harrington (2020); and James Thomas Smith (2022); and four brothers, Willie Charles Smith, Willie Myers, Jr., Billy Myers, Bobby Myers.

Survivors include four daughters, Lilly Marie Lock (Jeremiah) of Monroe; Sarah Ford (Timothy) of East Spencer; Flora Maske (Leroy) of Wadesboro; and Kimberly Harrington of the home in Winston-Salem; two brothers, J.B. Myers (Mary) of King and Walter Myers (Peggy) of Lilesville; 11 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson (fifth generation); goddaughter, Earlene Little of Philadelphia; and a host of relatives, cousins and friends.

Special thanks to all of those who checked on her often with phone calls: Sheila Chambers, Brenda Merriman, Sean Redfern, Flora Bennett, Rev. Johnny Scarborough and Elder Ted Ward.

