A Life Well Lived...

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Delmar Smith, or as most knew her, Mrs. Dee Dee, who departed this life on July 24, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of love, light, and connection that will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

From the moment she entered a room, Mrs. Dee Dee had a rare and remarkable gift: the ability to make anyone feel seen, valued, and truly welcomed. Her smile could brighten even the darkest day, and her warmth radiated beyond her words. She never met a stranger. Whether it had been five minutes or five years, she remembered your name, your story, and made you feel like the most important person in the world.

A natural connector, Mrs. Dee Dee carried within her a spirit that drew people in, not just because of her radiant presence, but because of the way she listened, gave, and loved so selflessly. She was the kind of person who showed up before you even realized you needed someone. Her compassion was quiet but steady, her generosity endless, and her love unconditional.

For over 25 years, Mrs. Dee Dee was a beloved and integral part of the Ashley Hall community. Her dedication, grace, and unmatched ability to connect helped shape the school into the special place it is today. She poured her heart into the students, faculty, and families she served, and in return, she was deeply loved and respected by all who had the privilege of knowing her. Her presence there wasn't just appreciated, it was essential, and it will be profoundly missed.

She was a devoted mother, a loving wife, and an incredible friend anyone would be lucky to have in their corner. She lived a life rooted in kindness, empathy, and service, always thinking of others before herself, always finding ways to uplift, encourage, and extend grace.

Mrs. Dee Dee is survived by her husband Eddie, her children Lauren, Eddie, and Marcus, and countless grandchildren and great-grandchildren, along with a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and so many friends who became family over the years. Her love stretched across generations and communities, a true matriarch in every sense of the word. Though our hearts are broken, we take comfort in knowing that her legacy lives on in every person she touched — in every story shared, every lesson passed down, every act of kindness carried forward. She was truly one of a kind, and to be loved by Mrs. Dee Dee was to know something extraordinary.





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INTRODUCTORY RITES

Welcoming the Body at the Entrance of the Church

Sprinkling With Holy Water

Placing Of the Pall

Opening Prayer

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading	Wisdom 3:1-6, 9	Angie Burke
Responsorial Psalm		Psalm 23
New Testament Reading	2 Cor. 5:1, 6-10	Joy Demarist
Gospel Acclamation (Please Stand)	Father JohnBosco Ikemeh	
Gospel		John 14: 1-6

The Homily

Prayer of the Faithful

Preparation of the Gifts

Hymn...... The Old Rugged Cross #727

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Sanctus – Holy, Holy, Holy

Memorial Acclamation

Great Amen

Agnus Dei – Lamb of God

Communion Hymn

Remarks

Ernest Smith, Family

Dr. Anne Weston, Ashley Hall

Charlton Singleton, St. Patrick Catholic Church

Anthony Gosnell, Childhood friend

Lauren Smith, Daughter

Final Commendation & Farewell

~ Pallbearers~

Eddie Smith III Marcus Smith,
Curvan Williams Trevor Anderson
Evan Smith Sterling Smith

-Acknowledgements-

The family of Delmar "Dee Dee" Smith would like to extend our deepest thanks and heartfelt appreciation for your prayers, love, and support during this time of sorrow. Your presence, kind words, and thoughtful gestures have provided us with strength and comfort as we honor the life and legacy of our icon. A special thank you to the Ashley Hall School community for embracing her with such love throughout the years—she truly considered you family.

We also thank St. Patrick Catholic Church for hosting this beautiful celebration of life, for your continued prayers, warmth, and spiritual guidance. Your presence and care mean more than words can express. Though our hearts are heavy, we are uplifted by the overwhelming love shown to us and take peace in knowing how deeply she touched so many lives.

With gratitude - The Smith Family

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Delmar "Dee Dee" Smith



August 21, 1957 - July 24, 2025

Funeral Mass Thursday, July 31, 2025

St. Patrick Catholic Church

134 St. Philip Street Charleston, SC

~Interment~ St. Peter's Cemetery North Charleston, SC