

A Letter to My Family

"To My Three Daughters,

I'm writing to my beautiful daughters in response to my death. I pray that the three of you — T'Aqua, Aqua, and L'Aqua — are doing well. Quaker, please kiss and hug your son for me, my boy Ced D. Sapp, and Cedrick — thank you for being the father you are.

Quaker, Aqua, and Doonk — take your money and divide it among you. Quaker, you know where it is. First, take care of me by being put away — just a vase. I want to be cremated. I want you all to give my momma some money for herself.

To my momma (Hazel) and daddy (Eugene) — thank you so much. I love you both very much. To Jeanette and Lois — I love you guys so much. To my brother — I'm going to miss you, Steve, especially you. Marc, Jarvis, and Tom — I love you very much. Tory and Tarvares — I love you too. Tell Pat I really love her a lot, and Lena, Richie, India, and Camisha — that I love them too. Tell all my nieces, nephews, and relatives — I love you and I miss you. And to all my friends — I love you too.

To my children, momma and daddy, sisters and brothers, I'm going to say I love you. Call me when I get home — I'll be there.

Love,
Noon (Linda Jean Smith-Asberry)

"The Smith Family"



Flower Bearers

Classmates, Family, & Friends

Acknowledgments

The family wishes to extend our sincere gratitude for the acts of kindness shown to us during our time of bereavement. Thank you for the calls, visits, prayers, and any other special blessings given. May God continue to bless each one of you.

The Family



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A Life Remembered

Our beloved mother, Linda Smith Asberry, known to the world as “Noon,” passed away peacefully at the age of 69. She was not just the one who raised us; she anchored us—a woman of immense inner strength, astute intelligence, outstanding talents, and unwavering faith.

As a proud Scorpio, Linda was born on October 25, 1955, in Dawson, GA. She lived a life not defined by accolades or grand gestures but by the way she made others feel seen, protected, and unconditionally loved. Her journey was a beautiful blend of the unexpected, marked by both challenges and blessings that shaped a life like no other.

Noon had a unique style that couldn't be mimicked, a calmness in her silence, and a strength that never sought applause. She taught us to live with integrity, never take anything for granted, love without conditions, always finish what we started, and take everything to God and leave it there.

As an adolescent, Linda devoted her life to Christ by joining First Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church—Old Field in Dawson, GA. Several years later, she married the love of her life, the late Stanley Asberry, and converted her church membership to Atoc AME Church in Dawson, GA. During this time, she joined her “Sisters in Song” and created the respected gospel group called The Gospelettes, where she composed an original song titled “My Soul Is Satisfied.” Linda was a proud graduate of Terrell High School’s Class of 1973 and later graduated at the top of her program from Albany Technical College. Throughout her life, she held several jobs before establishing a career at Cargill, Inc. in Dawson, GA. Later in life, she suffered a massive stroke that changed her path.

Although she was no longer able to work, she never let that deter her spirit or independence. Her determination always outweighed her challenges.

She is survived by her parents, Hazel Smith (Dawson, GA), and Eugene Smith (Columbus, OH); her three girls, as she affectionately described them: T’Aqua (Cedrick) Sapp (Dawson, GA), Aqua Asberry (Atlanta, GA), and L’Aqua Asberry (Killeen, TX); one treasured grandchild, Cedrick Sapp (Albany, GA), whom she adored; her seven siblings: Nathaniel (Lena) Smith (Miami, FL), Jeanette Smith (Dawson, GA), Eugenia Smith (Dawson, GA), Jarvis (Patty) Smith (Leesburg, GA), Steve (India) Smith (Dawson, GA), Marcus (Camisha) Smith (Valdosta, GA), and Tavares Smith (Columbus, OH); and a host of relatives who carry her spirit in every act of kindness, ounce of determination, and expression of love.

In Noon’s honor, we ask that you carry forward something she lived by: keeping God first in EVERYTHING you do. We will miss her every day, but we know that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.

If God granted us the option to handpick a mother, from the women of the world, we’d still choose her!



Order of Service ~

Processional

Prayer..... Minister

Solo..... Takieya Johnson

Scripture
Old & New Testament Minister

Tribute” My Soul is Satisfied”The Gospelettes

Reflections Limited to 5 People2 Mins. Please

Selection..... Johnson & Son Funeral Service

Eulogy.....Pastor Jame Turner

Acknowledgements & Presentations..... Johnson & Son

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Attention Family and Friends:

Please be informed that there will be no repast following the funeral. The family respectfully requests no visitors after the funeral service, as they wish to have a private moment.

We sat beside your bedside
Our *Hearts* were crushed and sore

We did our duty to the end
'Til we could do no more

In tears we watched you sinking
We watched you fade away
And though our hearts were breaking

We knew you could not stay
You left behind some aching hearts
That loved you **MOST SINCERE**

We never shall and never will
Forget you, *Mother Dear*

