



The Nightingale Tribute Reading

Nursing is a calling, a lifestyle, and a way of living. Nurses here today honor Queen and her life as a nurse.

Queen is not remembered by her fifty years as a nurse, but by the difference she made during those years by stepping into people's lives...by special moments.

Don't Cry for Me

Look, *Mikey* and *Dwayne* don't you cry for me.
See, I've lived *ninety-four* long glorious years.
And I've had my share of good times but the
time I had with you all I am glad,
I thank God for them.

But don't you cry for me, because I am now at
at peace, see I don't hurt anymore, and I don't
have no more aches and pains. I'm
no longer suffering in distress, or hassling to catch
my next breath.

So don't you cry me, cause God sent His
Guardian Angel to give me rest.
See, my work down here has been done.
Mikey and *Dwayne* when i took my last breath
and enter the sunset, to be with my Lord.
See I'm happy now.
So don't you cry for "*Me.*"

Pallbearers

Andre Jackson
Eddie Wiggins
Samuel McFadden, Jr.
Byron McFadden
Anthony Lawrence
Michael Fletcher

Flower Attendants

Ladies of Lockhart Drive

Interment

Edgewood Cemetery
4519 N. Edgewood Drive
Jacksonville, Florida 32219

Repast

Philadelphia Missionary Baptist Church
5577 Moncrief Road
Jacksonville, Florida 32208

Acknowledgements

The family of the late Queen Victoria Lawrence Smith would like to express their deepest and sincere appreciation for all acts of kindness shown by your calls, cards, texts, flowers, visitation and most importantly your prayers during our bereavement.

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Rev. Johnny Jenkins, Jamone Minton and the family of Lockhart Drive.

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Queen
VICTORIA
LAWRENCE
Smith

ALPHA
DECEMBER 7, 1931

OMEGA
DECEMBER 25, 2025

Saturday, January 3, 2026 | 11:00AM
Philadelphia Missionary Baptist Church
5577 Moncrief Road | Jacksonville, Florida 32208
Pastor Titus W. Hill, II, Officiating

THE
LIFE
OF

Queen

Queen Victoria Lawrence Smith was born on December 7, 1931, in Camden County, Silco, Georgia. She was the beloved daughter of the late Mack Neil Lawrence and Amelia Atwaters Lawrence. From this union, six children were born, two of whom preceded her in death. Queen was educated in the Camden County School System and graduated from Ralph J. Bunche High School, Class of 1952. She furthered her education at Stanton Vocational School, where she trained as a Practical Nurse. Upon completion of her studies, she began her nursing career at Duval Medical Center, later known as University Hospital, then Shands Jacksonville, and now UF Health Jacksonville. Queen dedicated 50 years of faithful service to the nursing profession and retired from Shands Jacksonville after a distinguished career.

She was a devoted member of Philadelphia Missionary Baptist Church for more than 70 years. During that time, she served diligently on the Church Mission and the Nursing Guild until her health began to decline. Queen had a deep love for caring for the sick, cooking, and baking her famous sour cream pound cakes. She was an exceptional seamstress who could sew nearly anything without a pattern. Her mind remained sharp well into her later years. Even after retirement, she continued to renew her nursing license by completing her continuing education requirements, remaining licensed up until the present time. She often said, “I never know when I’m going to need it.” When told that she could no longer walk, she would respond, “I can always be a sitter.” She proudly stated that she studied hard to earn her license and, as long as she was in her right mind, she intended to keep it.

Additionally, Queen was a world traveler. Her travels included Paris, France; Madrid, Spain; London, England; San Juan, Puerto Rico. Though she never attended a Jaguars game in person, she was one of their most devoted fans, faithfully following the team through cherished newspaper clippings that kept her connected to every play and season.

In 1958, she married James M. Smith. From this union, two children were born: Karen M. Davis and Dwayne M. Smith. She also lovingly raised her devoted niece, Denise Holden.

Queen leaves to cherish her memory, her siblings: Gladys Hayes, Levy Lawrence, and Ora Dee Gilmore; her daughter-in-law, Lequista Rogers Smith; her grandchildren, Kantrice Minton (Jamone Minton), Ledarius Smith, and Dorian Smith; and her great-grandchildren, Ava Minton and Ashton Minton. She is also survived by dedicated friends: Sadie Fields, Doris McFadden, Rosa Jefferson, and Loretta Jones; a young, devoted friend: Gabriel McDaniel and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Written by Queen Smith and edited by Karen Smith-Davis
and Lequista Rogers Smith



ORDER
OF
SERVICE

Reverend Brandon Byers, Presiding

Processional / Viewing

Selection

Scriptures:
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer

Solo

Reflections
As a Deacon
As a Sister
As a Sister
As Neighbor
Others

Video Tribute

Solo

Acknowledgements

Resolutions

Solo

Reading of Obituary

Selection

Words of Comfort

Recessional

Choir

Minister Randall Hayes
Elder Johnny Jenkins, Jr.

Clergy

Reverend Brandon Byers

Two minutes please
Deacon Levy Lawrence
Sister Ora Gilmore
Sister Gladys Hayes
Danny Carter

Brother Brent McFadden

Sister Karen Randolph Evans

Sister Sandra English
Church Clerk

Sister Brenda Wright Oliver

Pastor Titus W. Hill, II