

This Is Not Goodbye

I did not want to leave you,
It was just my time to go,
I know your heart is breaking,
So, I need to let you know,
That although you can no longer see me,
I'll be forever by your side,
I promise time will numb the pain,
And help dry the tears you've cried.
You can reach me in your memories,
Just think of me, I will be there,
In your dreams, we can visit yesteryear,
Where we didn't have a care,
Please carry on and live your life,
I beg you to try,
Just know we'll meet again one day,
As this is not goodbye.

Flower Attendants Family and Friends

Pallbearers
Carlton Smith
Mark Smith
Michael Smith

Elix Mays
Lee Foster
Jeremiah Murphy

Acknowledgements

The family of Ms. Mary Rutland Smith wishes to express their heartfelt gratitude for the many acts of kindness shown during this time of bereavement. Your prayers, calls, visits, comforting words, flowers, and support have brought us strength and peace when we needed it most. Each gesture, big or small, has truly meant more than words can express.

We are especially grateful to those who stood by us with love and compassion, helping us honor her beautiful life. May God richly bless each of you for your thoughtfulness and generosity, and may His grace continue to surround you just as your love has surrounded our family.

Arrangements Entrusted To:



Trice Funeral Home Inc

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CELEBRATING
THE LIFE OF

SUNRISE
November 16,
1932

SUNSET
April 30,
2026

Ms.
**Mary Rutland
Smith**

Monday, May 4, 2026 @ 11:00 a.m.

Fresh Manna Ministries
619 Old Milner Rd.
Barnesville, GA 30204

Our Queen
GOD'S ANGEL

Ms.
Mary Rutland
SMITH

Ms. Mary R. Smith was born on November 16, 1932, in Barnesville, Georgia, to the late Mr. Gary Rutland and Mrs. Mattie Oneal Rutland. From an early age, Mary showed love and gratitude to everyone she encountered.

Mary received her education in Barnesville, Georgia, and was a lifelong learner. She later worked for several years at Gordon College.

Mary had a deep and unwavering faith in God. If you spoke with her, conversations often centered on His goodness. She accepted Christ at an early age and was a faithful member of Sugar Hill Church, which later became Parker Chapel AME Church. In her later years, she became a member of Fresh Manna Ministries. No matter the challenges she faced, her faith never wavered. Even in her final days, she called on the name of Jesus and spoke of God's greatness.

Mary was a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who cherished her family deeply. She had a special way of showing love to each of her children and grandchildren, always making them feel valued and appreciated. She enjoyed cooking, caring for her animals, and spending time in her yard. Gardening brought her great joy, and she took pride in her flowers and fruit trees. Her favorite saying was, "Give me my flowers while I'm living." She truly lived that sentiment, surrounding herself with beauty and nurturing all that she touched.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her eleven siblings; one son, Alfred Smith, Jr.; one granddaughter, Jennifer Smith; one grandson, Joshua Sullivan; and one great-great-grandson, Axel Allen.

Those left to cherish her sweet, loving, and God-filled memories are her children: Mary A. Demons of Meansville, GA; Betty J. Murray of Barnesville, GA; Lillian Moore of Griffin, GA; Carlton Smith (Brenda) of Milner, GA; Johnny Smith and Elinda Smith, both of Barnesville, GA; and a special addition to the family, Jimmy Brown (Nicole) of Barnesville, GA, who lovingly called her "Mama" and treated her as his own mother; fourteen grandchildren; nineteen great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; along with a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends who will miss her dearly.



Order of Service

Apostle Oliver Leaks - Officiating

Processional

Prayer

Apostle Oliver Leaks

Scriptures

Old and New Testament
Pastor Jermell Miller

Song

Belinda Penamon

Remarks

Children: Carlton Smith
Grandchildren: Machele R. Smith-Penn
Great Grandchildren: Jeremiah Murphy
Niece: Diane Wright

Acknowledgements

Trice Funeral Staff

Song

Bishop Raines

Eulogy

Minister Jessica Watson

Recessional

Final Resting Place

Fresh Manna Ministries Cemetery
619 Old Milner Rd.
Barnesville, GA 30204