

The Obituary

2nd Timothy 4:7, I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.

On Valentine's Day, Friday, February 14, 2025, our Mom, Bonus Mom, Mya, and Grandmother, Anita Blake Smyre England, took her place in line, gave a final wave then crossed over Jordan to be with the Lord. She was the daughter of Lacy and Sarah Smyre, born November 12, 1946. in Newton, NC.

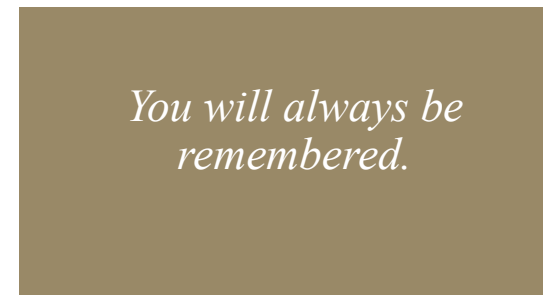
She was educated in the Catawba County Schools at Central School, Class of 1965. She furthered her education at CVCC and obtaining a BS degree in Theology from Walden University. She retired from JC Penny at Catawba Valley Mall, Hickory, NC in 2018.

Anita loved the Lord and her family. She never met a stranger and was always ready to share a word of wisdom, and encouragement.

Anita grew up in St. Paul United Methodist Church, Newton, NC and later was a member at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Newton, NC. At the time of her transition, she was a member of Victory Temple, where she served on the Pastors Aid, and other committees.

Anita was preceded in death by her father, mother, Aunt Johnsie and several uncles, great friend, Cozette Long, and ex-husband Tommy England.

She leaves to cherish her memory one son, Thomas Allen England, Jr. Taylorsville, NC; one daughter, Laksha (Clarence) Derr, godson, James Long, Oakland, CA; brother, Lacy Smyre, Jr. Charlotte, NC. Two nephews. Bonus daughters - Vickie England Horace, Reidsville, NC, Alesia (David) Peterson, Conover, NC, Kenya (Shawn) Johnson, Conover, NC, Shirley Harsha, Salisbury, NC, Annie Byrd, Maiden, NC. eleven grandchildren, and fourteen great grandchildren. Sister in law, Rena England, Newton, NC, brothers in laws - Will James, Dobbs Ferry, NY, Sterling Adams, Orlando, FL, Clarence England, Hickory. NC.. Along with a host of relatives and friends.



Order of Service

Processional

Receiving of Family & Friends 1:30—2:00 pm

Song

The Scripture Lessons:

Old & New Testament Pastor Sylvia Lowery

Prayer of Comfort Minister Cathy Stewart

Song

Remarks
Victory Temple Representative
James Long
Vickie England Horace
Laksha England Derr

Song

Eulogy Bishop Tony Thompson

Song



God saw you getting weary,
so he did what he thought was best.

He came and stood by your side
and whispered, "Come rest".

You took your last farewell,
and waved goodbye.

You were gone before my eyes.

Rest well my queen until we meet again.



Acknowledgement

The family would like to thank Ms. Francis and the Ebony & White Funeral Services staff for your care and assistance with helping us with this difficult task. May God continue to bless each of you .

WE LOVE YOU
Momma, Mya, Nita B

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In Loving Memory
Anita Smyre England



A Service of Remembrance
Sunday, February 23, 2025
2:00 PM

White's Family Chapel
Lincolnton, North Carolina