

Visitation

Processional
Receiving of Family & Friends

Clergy & Family
10:30 am – 11:00 am

Order of Service

Officiating Minister, Rev. Nellie P. Kirkland

Call to Worship	Rev. Nellie P. Kirkland	
Selection	“There Is A Fountain”	ZHBC Choir
Old Testament Reading	Rev. Gwen Cobb	
New Testament Reading	Minister Doris Wilson	
Prayer of Comfort	Rev. Nathaniel Craig	
Selection	“Lord I’m Depending On You”	ZHBC Choir
Remarks	Annette Ross, Best Friend Noah Corry, Classmate Sandra Smith, Family	
Resolutions	Pam Harris	
Selection	“I Thought You’d Like To Know”	LaKeyshia Courtney
Eulogy	Rev. Dr. Roger W. Fuller	
Recessional		

Committal/Interment
Zion Hill Baptist Church Cemetery
Cherryville, North Carolina

Floral Bearers

Nieces

Pall Bearers

Nephews



Acknowledgement

The family of Annie Ree Smith Anderson wishes to express our deepest gratitude for every act of kindness shown during our time of bereavement.



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A Beautiful Life Remembered

Annie Ree Smith Anderson



Born into Time

May 2, 1949

Born into Eternity

August 8, 2026

Wednesday
August 12, 2026
11:00 am

Zion Hill Baptist Church
Cherryville, North Carolina
Rev. Dr. Roger W. Fuller
Pastor

Annie's Life Journey

Annie Ree Smith Anderson entered this life in York County, SC on May 2, 1949, to the late Sylvester A. Smith, Jr. and Mary Reola Nichols McGill. Annie entered eternal rest early Saturday morning August 8, 2026, in the comfort of her home surrounded by her loving family.

Annie attended John Chavis High School and graduated from Newbold High School, Class of 1967. She was a faithful member of Zion Hill Baptist Church where she served faithfully on the Gospel Choir for years and a member of the Missionary Circle.

On March 30, 1968, she married the love of her life, Albert William Anderson (AW) and to this union three children were born, Reggie, Todd, and Annette.

Annie was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, godmother, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend. She was a woman whose love was felt not only through her words, but through the many ways she cared for, supported, and showed up for the people she loved.

Annie loved to travel and make memories. During her mid-30s and 40s, she enjoyed traveling with her first cousins and friends, creating special memories in Jamaica and the Bahamas. For more than 15 years, Annie and her husband traveled with the Washington Baptist Church Couples Ministry. Through this ministry, she became especially fond of the fellowship shared with her dear friend Annette Ross and her husband, John. Each year brought a new adventure—trips to the mountains in the spring and visits to the beach in the fall. Annie would spend weeks packing and planning for these trips. She and her husband created countless memories filled with love, laughter, friendship, and fellowship.

Family was at the center of Annie's heart. She loved her children and her daughters-in-law dearly. She also created a loving, safe, and nurturing space for her grandchildren while their parents worked. This special place became affectionately known as "Maw-Maw's Daycare." Each grandchild has their own special stories and experiences of the time they spent with her. She provided not only care, but love, guidance, laughter, memories and them whoopin's that will remain with them for a lifetime. Her great-granddaughter, Journi Reign, was the last little one to be nurtured in the loving care of Maw-Maw's daycare.

Annie believed strongly that “if you stay ready, you don’t have to get ready.” And she lived by those words every day. She would shower, get dressed—because Annie loved to dress—put on her lipstick, rouge her cheeks, and spray on her White Diamonds. Her purse, shoes, and keys would be placed neatly by her recliner so that when it was time to go, she was ready without hesitation. Annie loved to shop! Her closets could tell that story all by themselves. She enjoyed frequent trips to Ross, Marshalls, Walmart, Cato, and Goodwill. If Annie didn’t answer her phone, the family already knew where to turn for answers: Annette Ross. The two of them were forever “in them streets,” shopping, talking, laughing, and enjoying life together.

Annie also had a special touch when it came to her home. She loved changing her dining room table with the seasons and took great pride in making it beautiful. Everyone knew one important rule: don't mess up Maw-Maw's table!

Her faith was an important part of who Annie was. She loved her pastor, the Gospel Choir, and her church family. One of the songs her family remembers hearing her sing in her strong alto voice was “Take the Lord With You.” Her love for the Lord was evident in the way she lived her life. Each morning, she made time for Bible devotion and word searches. Gospel music could often be heard playing loudly throughout the house while she cooked or cleaned. Lee Williams was one of her favorites.

Even after Annie was diagnosed with dementia, her desire to worship and be surrounded by the things she loved remained strong. She could often be found making frequent trips to Zion Hill, dressed and ready for worship—even when it was a weekday. Afterward, she would make her way to see Francine, her beautician, simply to sit, talk, and spend a little time together before returning home.

Annie was not perfect, because none of us are. But she loved the Lord, she loved her family, and she loved life. She found joy in traveling, shopping, fellowship, music, church, family, and the simple routines that made each day her own.

She gave love freely and created memories that will continue to live on in the hearts of those who knew her.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by two grandchildren, Kahari Anderson, Montana Story; five siblings, Gracie Smith, Denise McGill, Vickie McGill, John White and Raymond Good.

Annie leaves behind to cherish fond memories: her husband of 58 years, Albert W. Anderson of the home; two sons, Reggie Anderson (Thurnetta) of Lincolnton, NC, Todd Anderson (Heather) of Crouse, NC; daughter, Annette Samuels of Kings Mountain; god-daughter, Shaniqua Woods (Shawn) of Iron Station, NC; grand-daughter raised in the home, Tyquasia Gillespie of High Shoals, NC; four sisters, Mildred Bridges of Lincolnton, NC, Sylvia Smith, Ursula Davis (Vernon) all of Gastonia, Reba Garth of Valrico, FL; one brother, Douglas McGill (Tisha) of Waco, NC; one aunt, Barbara Jefferies of Lincolnton, NC; 15 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren; 3 sisters-in-law, Sallie Anderson, Julia Gaither and Alice White; a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Annie will be deeply missed by her husband, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, extended family, church family, lifelong friends, and all who had the blessing of knowing and loving her.

*Her laughter will be remembered.
Her strong alto will be remembered.
Her love of dressing up and being ready will be remembered.
Her shopping trips will be remembered.
Her “Maw-Maw’s Daycare” will be remembered.
Her faith will be remembered.
And most of all, her love will be remembered.*

May Annie's life continue to be a blessing to everyone she touched.
Take the Lord with you, everywhere you go.

