

With Gratitude from The Smith Family

The family of Renee wishes to thank everyone for the intentional acts of love & outpouring of kindness which have been extended during this time.

Floral & Casket Bearers
Family & Friends

No Tears

Weep not for me though I am gone
Into the gentle night
Grieve if you will, but not for long
Upon my soul's sweet flight.

There is no need for tears.
I am at peace, my soul is at rest
There is no pain, I suffer not,
For with your love I was so blessed.

I am in a place of comfort
The fear now is gone.
Put those things in your thoughts.
In your memory I live on.

Remember not my fight for breath
Remember not the strife
Please do not dwell upon my death
But celebrate my life.

Transitional Care Arrangements Entrusted
J.E. Washington Funeral Services
2234 Glenwood Ave, Youngstown, OH 44511
330.782.8500



In Loving Memory



Renee B. Smith
1952 - 2026

Friday, August 28, 2026
Calling Hours: 10:00am
Services: 11:00am
Metropolitan Baptist Church
485 Redondo Road
Youngstown, Ohio 44504

J.E. WASHINGTON
FUNERAL SERVICES, INC.

-The Order of Celebration-

Pastor John Tate, Officiant



Musical Prelude Charles Robinson, Sr.

Parting View

Sacred Text Reading

Old Testament Psalm 16:5-15

New Testament 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Prayer of Comfort

Music Ministry Beatrice Bentley

Public Tributes & The Legacy of Renee Lola Simmons

♥ Echoes of Love ♥

Pastors Al & Mary Cooper ♥ Lynette Frost

Aaron Torres ♥ Kevin Pierce

Music Ministry Beatrice Bentley

Eulogy Pastor Gary Frost

Committal Ceremony & Benediction Pastor Tate

Recessional

Cortege to Tod Homestead Cemetery



**Family and Friends are invited to share in
a fellowship meal following interment**

Campbell Community Cultural Center

436 Struthers Coltsville Rd.

Lowellville, OH 44436



The Life & Legacy Of

Renee Burnette Smith

Renee entered eternal rest on August 24, 2026, at the age of 74. Born on February 24, 1952, the daughter of Paul E. Rowe and Roberta Duncan Pierce, in Detroit, Michigan, Renee touched countless lives with her unwavering faith and spirit of service. A graduate of Campbell Memorial High School, Renee furthered her studies at Youngstown State University in real estate. Renee processed and provided analytical data to ensure that the vulnerable children of our community are served until her retirement from the Mahoning County Children Board.

Renee's deep love and faith for God was evident in her passionate engagement with the church community. She dedicated her life to serving God and encouraging others through her work at multiple ministries, including Open Door Church, Living Testimony Ministries, Metropolitan Baptist Church, Rising Star, Church of Hope, Gospel Temple, and Jesus Is the Way Ministries. Her role as church secretary at Gospel Temple in Campbell and Metropolitan Baptist further exemplified her commitment to the faith!

An extraordinary cook known for her delicious pound cakes and cheesecakes, Renee's hospitality was legendary. Her holiday feasts brought family and friends together, creating cherished memories that will be treasured forever. She was a gifted Sunday school teacher and always had words of encouragement to share with those in need. Her wisdom and heart for service made her a pillar of strength for her family and community.

A devoted wife to Walter L. Smith, whom she married July 4, 1980, Renee was the matriarch of the family. Renee was the proud mother of Juanita (Tavon) DuBois, Christopher (Jasmine) Smith, Stacey Torres and stepdaughter Tracey Spencer. She is also survived by her cherished sibling; sister, Roslyn Stonework; brother, Kevin (Vera) Pierce; and stepbrother, Franklin (Mildred) Pierce. Her legacy will continue through her nine beloved grandchildren, ten great children, and godson Titus LeFlore, along with a host of relatives and friends. Each of these loved ones will carry her memory in their hearts, forever inspired by her example.

As her faith became sight, she entered eternity with a strong conviction. Renee was preceded in death by her parents; stepfather Hardy Pierce Sr.; brother Ralph Rowe; stepbrother Hardy Pierce Jr.; grandsons Quincy Little and Raymond Marrow. Renee B. Smith will be deeply missed but fondly remembered as a servant of God, loving mother, devoted wife, and a beacon of hope in the lives she touched.

-Lovingly Shared by Her Family-