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Grandsons of the Honoree

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FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

Shirley Ann
Martin Smith
"Zelma"

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023
2:00 PM

ST MARK UNITED CHURCH OF GOD
511 CHURCH STREET
SANFORD, NORTH CAROLINA
ELDER MALCOM CURRY, EULOGIST



Obituary

Zelma Shirley Ann Smith was born August 31, 1945, in Sanford, North Carolina to the late Clarence Trusell and Minnie Lee Smith. She transitioned from this life on April 29, 2023 at First Health Hospice and Palliative Care in West End, North Carolina in the presence of her children.

Zelma was married 35 years to the late Charles Lester Smith on June 29, 1968 in Bennettsville, South Carolina. They were the loving parents to five daughters and three sons.

Zelma was a faithful member at St. Mark United Church of God for over 50 years. She served faithfully as a Sunday School Teacher; President of Missionary and Usher Board; Choir Member; and anywhere she could help. She was employed at Cornell Dubilier for 26 years and at Zurn Industries for 23 years.

Zelma is preceded in death by her late husband Charles Lester Smith; her daughter: Linda Carol Smith; her step-daughters Carolyn McKutchen, and Lisa Quick; her mother Minnie Lee Smith; her father Clarence Trusell; her sisters: Linda Fay Martin and Devolar McLean; her brothers: Ernest McLean, William Smith, Jimmy Smith, and Henry Jay McLean.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her sons and daughters: Clarence Russell (Diane) Smith of Sanford, North Carolina; Lester Junior Smith of Sanford, North Carolina; Cynthia (Arthur) Bishop of Hephzibah, Georgia and Sherry (Keith) Clinton of Jesup, Georgia; and Charles Harold Smith of Broadway, North Carolina; seventeen

grandchildren; thirty-three great-grandchildren; her brothers: James McLean of Sanford, North Carolina and Percy (Stella) McLean of Broadway, North Carolina; her sister: Edna Ellis, Washington, DC; sisters-in-law, Treva McLean of Sanford, North Carolina and Joanne McCormick of Olivia, North Carolina; brother-in-law, Michael J. Smith, Rome, New York; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends that love her dearly.



Ma, Our Honor To You

Special Poem From the Children

To honor you, we get up everyday take a breath, and start another day without you in it.

To honor you, we laugh and love with those who knew your smile, and the way your eyes twinkled mischief and secret knowledge.

To honor you, we take the time to appreciate everyone we love. We know now there is no guarantee of days or hours spent in their presence.

To honor you, we listen to music you would have liked and sing it in a high pitched tone to match your soprano harmony.

To honor you, we take chances, say what we feel with honesty, and let our point be known in an encouraging manner.

Ma, you are our light, our heart, our gift of love from above. So everyday we vow to make a difference, share a smile, live, laugh and love.

Now we live for us both, so all we do, we do to honor you.

Order of Service

Minister Terry McLean, Officiating

Processional	Elder Malcom Curry and Family
Selection.....	St. Mark Mass Choir
Scripture Readings	
Old Testament	Elder Linda Graham
New Testament.....	Elder Lawrence Brooks
Prayer of Comfort	Pastor Bobby Cleg
Solo	Travis McKutchen
Acknowledgments	Cecelia Taylor
Obituary	Cecelia Taylor
Selection.....	St. Mark Mass Choir
Eulogy.....	Elder Malcom Curry
Recessional	

Acknowledgments

The family would like to express sincere gratitude to all of the First Health Hospice Staff with special recognition to LaWanda Tanner, Neal Finchum and Tecosha Douglas.

Interment

Lee Memory Gardens
2600 Hawkins Ave.
Sanford, North Carolina