

Order of Service

Pastor Bobbie L. Smith, Sr. Officiating

Musical Prelude----- Ms. Beverly Rhoden

Processional----- Clergy, Family and Friends

Opening Selection----- Zion Canaan Baptist Church Choir

Scriptures:

Old Testament-----Pastor Bobbie L. Smith, Sr.

New Testament-----Reverend Kenneth Ratliff
Christian Faith Fellowship

Prayer of Comfort-----Reverend Michael Addison
Greenview First Baptist Church

Solo-----Ms. Diane Boyd

Reflections (2 Minutes)---Deacon Curtis Harrison, Nephew
Ms. Zenobia Modine Cunningham, Niece
Family and Friends

Solo----- Ms. Christina Rankin, Granddaughter

Acknowledgements-----Ms. Janice Randle, Niece

Solo----- Mr. Michael Robinson

Words of Comfort-----Reverend Daniel Harris
Antioch Baptist Church
Ridgeway, SC

Final Farewell----- Funeral Directors

Recessional----- Funeral Directors
"We are Going to See the King"

Entombment
Memorial Gardens of Columbia
9301 Wilson Blvd
Columbia, SC 29203

Floral Bearers

Nieces

Pall Bearers

Grandsons and Nephews

Family Acknowledgements

We, the family of Julia C. Smith thank family, friends and caregivers for your acts of kindness and support given to our mom throughout her extended illness over the past several years. Thank you for the prayers, calls, cards, donations, hugs and encouragement. Your kindness will always be remembered.

We want to especially recognize Ms. Wilma Abney for the exceptional care she provided to our mom. We thank Palmetto Health Hospice's staff for the excellent service and support given to our mother and to us as family members. We would like to recognize the staff that were with us on a routine basis not only caring for our mom, but demonstrating compassion for her family as well. Their compassion was evident while we were dealing with the impending loss of our matriarch of the family, the one that kept us together as a family unit.

Thank You:

Kelly Hane, RN
Jan'Nie Pontoon, CNA
Sylvia Watkins CNA
Kimberly Miller, LMSW
Marvis Stewart, Chaplain

You kept us focused as we prepared for her transition. You all will always have a special place in our hearts.

Thank you Danielle Bethel, CNA, for covering on days that you were needed.



Nelson's Funeral Home
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A Celebration of Life



Mrs. Julia C. Smith
January 6, 1928 – November 6, 2015

Thursday, November 12, 2015, 12:00 Noon
Zion Canaan Baptist Church
7820 Farrow Road
Columbia, SC 29203
Rev. Bobbie L. Smith, Sr. Pastor

Obituary

Safely Home

I am home in Heaven, dear ones;
Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.

Did you wonder I so calmly
Trode the valley of the shade?
Oh! but Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread?

Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still;
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's Will.

There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth--
You shall rest in Jesus' land.

When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you Home;
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,
Oh, the joy to see you come!

Author - Unknown

Mrs. Julia Cunningham Smith, was born in Ridgeway, South Carolina on January 6, 1928, the daughter of the late William P. and Ammie Graves Cunningham. She departed this earthly life November 6, 2015 at her home in Columbia, South Carolina.

She was educated in the public schools of Fairfield County and married the late James B. Smith, Sr. of Ridgeway, South Carolina. They were blessed with eight children, one of which preceded them in death, James Smith, Jr.

At an early age, Julia received Christ as her Savior and was baptized at Antioch Baptist Church in Ridgeway, South Carolina. She later became a member of Zion Canaan Baptist Church in Columbia, South Carolina and was an active member of the jubilee choir, Zion Canaan Missionary Circle, and Missionary Circle #4 for many faithful years. Later in life, she returned to her home church in Ridgeway, South Carolina.

Julia was employed by the South Carolina Department of Mental Health and retired after 34 years of service. Her dedicated work in the area of mental health has motivated a number of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren to pursue careers in the healthcare fields.

She has been an exceptional mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, and loyal friend always doing whatever was needed to meet the needs of her family and friends. She not only cared for her family, but others as well. Her home was never empty, it was an anchor for family and friends on Sundays and holidays. She made sure we as a family bonded, she coordinated the family reunion and cooked and baked for days to ensure we had enough cakes and pies for family members local and from a distance to enjoy. Family unity was very important to mom and she made sure we gathered annually at the Cunningham Gathering until her health declined.

Left to cherish fond and loving memories of her, is her son, Carl (Georgia) Smith of Lugoff, SC; six daughters Brenda (Leo) Murphy, Bessie S. Rankin, Priscilla Smith, Sharion (Anthony) Bell, Latarshia (Cephas) Wilson and Mary A. Smith, all of Columbia, SC; one sister Gracie C. Bell of Blythewood, SC; one brother, Robert Shannon (Dorothy) Cunningham of Columbia, SC; four sisters-in-law, Priscilla Golphin of Philadelphia, PA, Gracie Belton of Washington, DC, Lula Cunningham of Ridgeway, SC and Annie Ruth Cunningham of Columbia, SC; 13 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren; and a host of other loving relatives and friends who will miss her dearly.

