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Our hearts have been comforted by you. We thank our friends, neighbors and loved ones.
We are grateful because Jehovah's promise of comfort has been fulfilled by everyone.
Thank you for your calls, visits, but most importantly, our prayers.

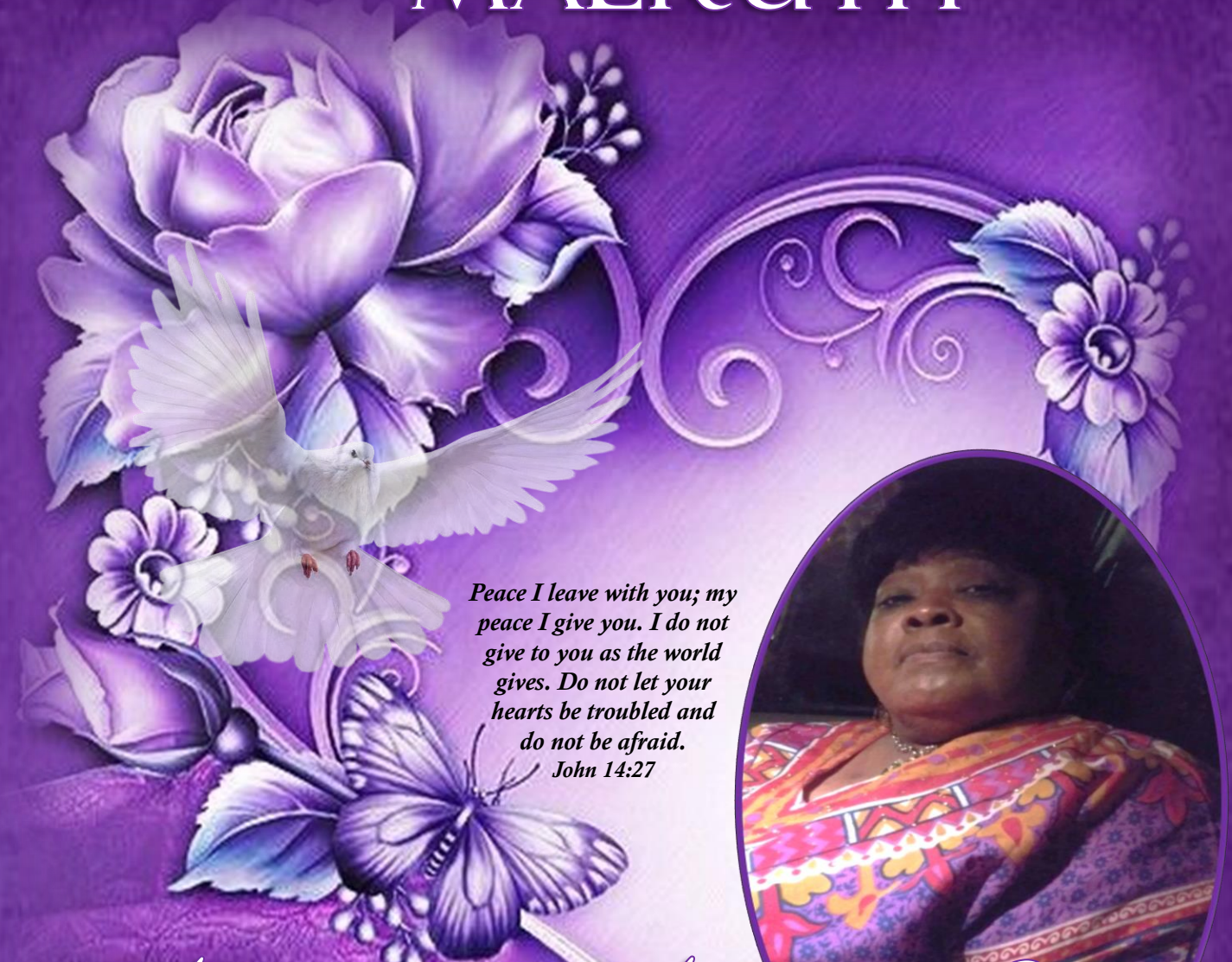
The Family of Mary Ruth McGhee Smith



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The Life Celebration of "MALRUTH"



*Peace I leave with you; my
peace I give you. I do not
give to you as the world
gives. Do not let your
hearts be troubled and
do not be afraid.
John 14:27*



Mary Ruth McGhee Smith

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Friday, March 18, 2022
1:00 P.M.

In the Chapel of

C.J. Edwards Funeral Home
409 Preston Street – Fort Valley, GA 31030

THE OBITUARY
Mary Ruth McGhee Smith

SUNRISE: 10/28/1959

SUNSET: 03/10/2022

Mrs. Mary R. Smith will be held on Friday, March 18, 2022 at 1:00 PM in the C.J. Edwards Funeral Home Memorial Chapel. Burial will follow in Willowlake Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Mary Ruth McGhee Smith, affectionately known as “Malruth” was born October 28, 1959 in Richmond County, Georgia to the late Freddie McGhee, Sr. and the late Ruby Lee Marshall McGhee.

Mary Ruth attended the public schools in Peach County and graduated from Peach County High School as an honor graduate in 1978. She was also a Peach County Trojan Flag Girl.

At an early age, she accepted Christ and joined the Shiloh Baptist Church in Fort Valley, GA. She was known as a walking Bible and could quote it from Genesis to Revelations.

She was one of most special mothers a person would ever want to meet. Her children meant the world to her and she talked about them all of the time. She was known as being “outspoken” because she didn’t bite her tongue; she spoke whatever was on her mind. She said what she meant and meant what she said.

She had a special infinity for reading, writing, singing, and dancing. She loved all types of music, but two of her all-time favorites were Lee Williams and Debra Snipes. When you visited her home, you could hear her music playing once you pulled up in her driveway.

Mary was very clean, neat, and loved to get dressed up. She would take t-shirts, match her clothes, and make scarfs to tie on other’s heads. She could tie a scarf unlike anybody else. She also like jewelry and knew her way around a kitchen. Nobody could make dressing the way that she did.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Freddie McGhee, Sr. and Ruby Lee Marshall McGhee, three brothers, Willie Frank McGhee, Curtis McGhee, Freddie McGhee, Jr., and a sister, Julia Mae Jackson.

She leaves to cherish her legacy; a devoted husband, Richard Smith, Jr., Warner Robins, GA; two very special and devoted sons, Picasso (Shaquita) McGhee, and Jarmell (Latoya) McGhee, all of Warner Robins, GA; three sisters, a devoted sister, Delores Cohen, Warner Robins, GA, Evangelist Linda (Kenny) Barnes, Fort Valley, GA; a devoted sister, Teresa (Carlton) Shine, Warner Robins, GA; three brothers, Bobby McGhee, Sr., Macon, GA, Kenneth McGhee, Jacksonville, FL, and Lee Williams, Roberta, GA; two aunts, Lillie Snead, Fort Valley, GA and Betty Jean (Will) Leary, Fort Valley, Georgia; a devoted cousin, Betty Bender, Fort Valley, GA; three God sisters, a devoted God sister, Shirley (James) Wright-Howard, Warner Robins, GA; Barbara (Ricky) Smith, Byron, GA, and Elaine Lewis, Fort Valley, GA; a brother-in-law, Manoleto Smith; a sister-in-law, Jessica (Erika) Smith, North Carolina, extended family; The Lewis Family, Powersville, GA; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and many sorrowing friends.

Forever in Our Hearts



Legacy of Love

A wife, a mother, a sister too,
This is the legacy we have from you
You taught us love and how to fight
You gave us strength, you gave us might.
A stronger person would be hard to find,
And in your heart you were always kind.
You fought for us all in one way or another
Not just as a wife not just as a mother.

For all of us you gave your best
And now the time has come for you to rest.

So go in peace, you’ve earned your sleep,
Your love in our hearts we’ll eternally keep.

THE CELEBRATION



Order of Service

Processional - The Survivors

Final Viewing
The Sealing of the Batesville Gold Cross Bier

Selection
Sister Esther Ross

Prayer
Evangelist Linda Barnes

Scripture Readings - Rev. Curtis McGhee
Old & New Testament

Selection
Sister Dorris Rumph

Remarks - Open to all
(2 Minutes Please)

Selection
Sister Shannon Jones

Eulogy - Rev. Kelcey Jackson
Pastor of King of Glory Holiness Church

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Recessional

Pall Bearers:
Family & Friends