

IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION

The family of the late **Opal J. Smith** wishes to express deep and heartfelt appreciation for your loving thoughtfulness and concern, including cards, flowers, phone calls, emails, texts, Facebook tributes, visits, your presence here this evening -- whether by Zoom or in person -- and especially the comfort of your continuing prayers. We also appreciate those who sent their love from near and far to encourage us during this time. May God bless and keep each of you in His loving embrace and care.



When I Must Leave You

*When I must leave you for a little while,
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears
And hug your sorrows to you through the years.
But start out bravely with a gallant smile;
And for my sake and in my name,
Live on and do all things the same.
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,
But fill each waking hour in useful ways.
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer,
And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near.
And never, ever be afraid to die,
For I am waiting for you in the sky!*

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Celebrating The Life And Spirit Of



Opal J. Smith

Sunrise

January 20, 1964

Sunset

April 24, 2021

Monday ~ May 3, 2021 ~ 5:00 p.m.

at

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*"... I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me,
though he were dead, yet shall he live." ~ St. John 11:25*

OBITUARY

Opal Joanna Smith, age 57, peacefully joined the beaches of the heavens on Saturday, April 24, 2021 in New York. She was born into the world on January 20, 1964 by John Hugo Smith and Carolyn Margaret Howard as one of six children. **Opal** was educated by way of John Jay College of Criminal Justice where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice in 1991.

Opal Smith lived an honorable life. She was a humanitarian for the world, and an activist for her people. She believed in the fundamental principles of hard, sincere work, dedication, and providing for family, no matter what. She was devoted to her priorities which included her family and her fifteen-year career as a Community Supervision Officer.

She was also an avid reader. One of her favorite pastimes before bed was to read books, often about mystery or romance. However, her favorite book to read was the Holy Bible. Over her life, she developed a personal and unique connection with Jesus Christ and her spirituality. There was always a bible kept at home and on her person. She loved listening to Gospel and Christian Radio. She also loved cruises, traveling, and experiencing the gifts of life with her family.

We will remember **Opal J. Smith** for her devotion and servitude to God. We will remember her for her commitment to raising not only her children but the community as a collective. We will remember her for always making sure we did the right thing, even during the hardest times. We will remember her for her ability to overcome any challenge she was ever met with. One of her favorite quotes is from Philippians 4:13 *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."* **Opal** persevered no matter what. We will remember her for being full of light and life, humor, and fun! If **Opal** loved you, she fought for you and always had your back. She is a true star in our world.

Her legacy continues through the lives of her children: Tiffany Chavis, Tyrell Smith, and Tevin Smith; her grandchildren: Saquaya Hilton, Marquis Amari Chavis, and Nasir Hooks; her siblings: John Smith, Lisa Smith, April Smith, Nadine Smith, and Hope Smith, and their children; as well as her intermediate and extended families lovingly.

ORDER OF SERVICE

[As you enter this chapel, please reverence the family
by silencing all electronic devices.]

OFFICIATING MINISTER:

The Reverend Rashad R. Moore, *Senior Pastor*
First Baptist Church of Crown Heights
450 Eastern Parkway ~ Brooklyn, New York 11238



Musical Prelude Min. David E. Sayles

Processional // Final Viewing (*Friends of family, please stand.*)

Selection Min. David E. Sayles

Scripture Readings Rev. Rashad R. Moore
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort Rev. Rashad R. Moore

Obituary

Brief Remarks (*limited to only three persons*)

Selection Min. David E. Sayles

Eulogy Rev. Rashad R. Moore

Benediction

Recessional (*Friends, please remain standing as the family leaves the chapel.*)



INTERMENT:

Mebane Memorial Garden
Mebane, North Carolina
Thursday ~ May 6, 2021



Though restrictions are being modified, we are still closely monitoring the situation with the COVID-19 pandemic. With that in mind and the safety of all concerned, we are still recommending adherence to the recommended guidelines of the NYC Health Department and the CDC. Thus, all who enter this chapel must be wearing a mask; and although it is unnatural and difficult, especially during this time when the family needs you most, physical contact with family, and with one another as well as the body is not suggested. Social distancing (keeping 6 feet apart) is still required. Also, the complete service must be contained within **one hour** for the sake of limited exposure. Your cooperation is most appreciated during this temporary disruption of life as we know it.