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## Obituary

*“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.”  
2 Timothy 4:7*

Deborah Ann Smith affectionately known as “Debbie” or “Deb” was born on June 16, 1957 in Washington, DC to David and Christine Carter. Deborah peacefully parted this world on Thursday, May 11, 2017, at Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park, Maryland.

Deborah grew up in the District of Columbia and was raised in a Christian home along with her nine other siblings by her parents, David and Christine Carter. She attended DC public schools, as well as, Northwestern Senior High School in Hyattsville, Maryland. When Debbie was 17 years old, she met the man that she would spend the rest of her life with, Cedric Smith. Deborah married Cedric Smith on June 16, 1985, and through their union, they raised their daughter, Sabrina Smith and were instrumental in the development of their grandson, Jeremiah Smith.

Debbie was a dedicated homemaker who prided herself on taking care of her family. She was a strong, honest, and loving woman with a quiet demeanor. Deborah loved children and would often care for the children of family and friends while managing her household. Although her approach was firm, children adored her and always wanted to be around her. She was an excellent cook whose reputation preceded her particularly when it came to her cakes from scratch or quite frankly, anything she cooked. Debbie was very generous and would freely help anyone. She also loved to sing and minister God’s word under a great anointing. She found comfort in being in the church.

Deborah was introduced to Jesus Christ at an early age. She was baptized at St. John Baptist Church in Washington, DC, and without a doubt, knew the Lord as her personal Savior. Throughout her Christian journey as she walked with the Lord, she was later called into the ministry. For many years, she served under the leadership of Bishop Bernard Williams at New Covenant Church in Northeast Washington, DC. and later under the leadership of Pastor Louise Massenburg. Eventually, she joined Way of the Cross Community Church where her sister pastors and where she poured her heart out abundantly into the ministry. She served faithfully and was a dedicated and committed ordained Elder.

Deborah was preceded in death by her brothers, Verone Ray Carter, (Dinah) Ivanhoe Joseph Ellis, Jr., and David W. Carter (Kim) Jr. Deborah’s legacy of love includes her husband, Cedric Smith, her daughter, Sabrina Smith and grandson, Jeremiah Smith and her God daughter Meiya Croby. Her parents David and Christine Carter. Three brothers Samuel Carter (Carolyn), Robert H. Carter, and Andre M. Carter (Sheryl); Three sisters Dorothy Carter, Antionette Owens (Leonard) and Lisa M. Carter. God Sibling’s Cheryl Jackson, sPearl Henderson, Bishop Joann Sprull, Bishop Bernard Williams. Three Aunts, Mary (Frances) Tucker, Patricia Thomas (Raymond) , Susie Carter; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

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