

# "I'm Free"



Don't grieve for me for now I'm free.  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call.

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow:  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full I've savored much,  
Good times, good friends, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, **He set me free.**

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## Acknowledgements

The family acknowledges with sincere appreciation the many kind deeds and comforting expressions of sympathy extended to them in their time of sorrow. We pray that God will continue to bless each of you.

~The Family of Ms. Willie Grace Smith

## Special Thanks to:

Pastor Douglas Waterson &  
New Zion Missionary Baptist Church Family  
Pastor Stacey Smith  
Pastor Larry Murchison  
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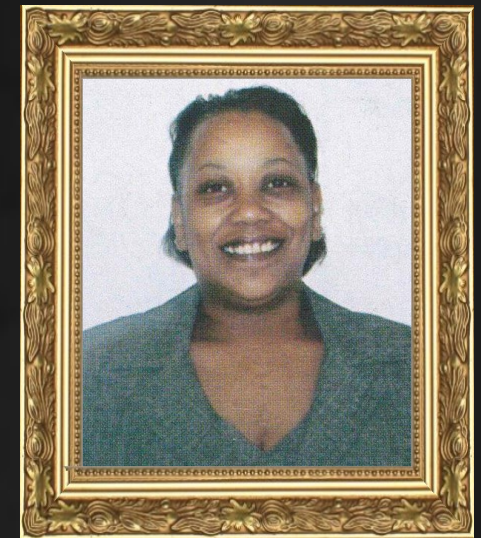
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Homegoing Celebration  
Of

*Ms. Willie Grace Smith*

Sunrise  
JANUARY 23, 1961

Sunset  
NOVEMBER 1, 2018



Service  
Wednesday, November 7, 2018  
2:00 PM

*Knotts Funeral Home*

719 Wall Street  
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Reverend Douglas Waterson  
Eulogist

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Musical Selection.....Choir

Scripture Readings  
Old Testament: Pastor Stacey Smith  
New Testament: Pastor Stacey Smith

Prayer of Comfort .....Pastor Larry Murchison  
Pastor, Emmanuel Glorious Church  
Sanford, North Carolina

Acknowledgments

Obituary (Read Silently)

Remarks

Musical Selection .....Choir

Eulogy .....Reverend Douglas Waterson  
Pastor, New Zion Missionary Baptist Church  
Sanford, North Carolina

Recessional



Obituary

Willie Grace “Cookie” departed this life peacefully on Thursday, November 1, 2018 at Central Carolina Hospital. Willie was born January 23, 1961 to the late Willie Haywood Smith Sr. and Annice Kersey Smith in Granville County, NC. She graduated from Lee County Senior High School in Sanford, NC.

“Cookie” as she was affectionately called by her family and friends made her home in Sanford, NC and worked for many years in the food service industry before her health declined. She enjoyed watching sports and listening to all types of music. She especially enjoyed spending time with her family, which meant the world to her.

Willie Grace was a member of New Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Sanford, NC.

She leaves to cherish her memories, two daughters, Lanice Smith and Bianca Smith, both of Sanford, NC; nine grand-children, Tyron Smith, Kayland Smith, Asa Smith, Liyah Smith, Christian Smith, Courtney Smith, Jaden Best, Rodney Clegg Jr. and Jade Best; three sisters, Helen Jackson, Elean Fox, and Linda Rives and three brothers, Christopher Smith (Tamika), Thomas Smith, and Willie Smith Jr., (Lisa), all of Sanford, NC; also a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends that she loved dearly.

