



### He Only Takes the Best

God saw that you were getting tired,  
A cure was not to be.  
So he put his arms around you  
and whispered, "Come to me."  
With tearful eyes, we watched you suffer  
and saw you fade away.  
Although we loved you dearly,  
we could not make you stay.  
A golden heart stopped beating.  
Hard working hands to rest  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
he only takes "the best".

### *Expressions of Gratitude*

The family of the late Crystal M. Smith gratefully acknowledges the outpouring of love shown during the illness and passing of our beloved family member. We appreciate the many cards, calls, prayers, and other acts of kindness shown to us which remind us of how much she was loved. Our mother was an amazing soul and one of God's greatest gifts to us. Special thanks is extended to the US Coast Guard family for your loving support to our family. May God bless each of you.



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# Celebrating the Life of

## Crystal Maria **SMITH**

March 12, 1969 - October 19, 2018

**Saturday**  
**October 27, 2018**  
**11:00 AM**  
**Redemption Church**  
**2101 Iowa Street**  
**Chesapeake, VA**

**Pastor Doris Campbell,**  
**Officiating**

# Life Reflections

Crystal Maria Smith, 49, embraced God's extended hands and entered into eternal rest on Friday, October 19, 2018 surrounded by her family. She was born March 12, 1969 at Portsmouth Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, VA.

Crystal was educated in the Virginia Beach Public School system. She attended Tidewater Community College where she received two Associate degrees and later received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration and Human Resources from Saint Leo College.

Crystal worked as an Administrative Assistant for the Department of Homeland Security, US Coast Guard for 13 years. She loved her job very much as well as her coworkers whom she considered her extended family. There was nothing you couldn't ask of her that she was not willing to do.

Crystal enjoyed going to concerts and live performances, historical museums, keeping abreast on current events and traveling. Her greatest joy was spending quality time with her children and grandchildren. She was predeceased by her grandparents, John Smith and Pearl Norfleet-Smith.

Crystal leaves to cherish her memory, five children, Brandon L. Smith, Brenton Smith, Brittany P. Brown, Cerdric Brown, Jr. and Alia Joyner; her mother, Vergie L. Smith; four siblings, Tamyra Jones, Glen Jones, Erica Jackson and Ebony Jackson; two grandchildren, Orion Brown and Nyla Brown; fiancé, Michael Freeman; and a host of other relatives and friends.

# Order of Celebration

- Musical Prelude ..... Minister Rydell Mason
- Processional ..... Clergy & Family
- Opening Prayer ..... Minister Steven Keck
- Opening Selection ..... "Hold To God's Unchanging Hand"
- Reading of the Holy Scriptures
  - Old Testament..... Dolicia Kimbrough
  - New Testament ..... Carol Burgess
- Prayer of Comfort ..... Pastor Doris Campbell
- Musical Selection ..... Evangelist Brelicia Jones
- Poem Tribute ..... "Phenomenal Woman" ..... Sheila Warren
- Expressions of Love - (limit 2 min.)
  - Representative from Job
  - Family Representative
  - Friend of the family
- Silent Reading of the Obituary - (soft music)
- Instrumental Solo ..... Elder Everett Hollins
- Eulogy ..... Pastor Doris Campbell
- Mortician's Brief ..... Beach Funeral Services Staff
- Recessional ..... Clergy & Family

## Fellowship Repast

The family will receive guests and friends for a repast following the Celebration of Life service in the church fellowship hall.

