



Steadfast

*Stubborn as she was, she would never miss a beat
Wanting to stand on her own two feet
Steady as she could, she would lead the way
And give praises to God for the start of a new day*

*Even with a day of grief, we can know that she's at peace
To know she flies with Heaven's wings
We can all praise Him and sing
She may be gone from earthly binds
Steadfast her spirit forever shines
By Norman Billups III*

Expression of Gratitude

*The family of the late Depressa Smith gratefully expresses sincere gratitude for the loving thoughts, cards, floral arrangements, calls, kind words of comfort and other acts of kindness shown during the transitioning of our loved one.
May God continue to bless you all.*



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Celebration Of Life For Depressa A. Smith



*Sunrise
September 23, 1934*

*Sunset
January 22, 2021*

Wednesday, February 3, 2021 - 11:00AM

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Virginia Beach, VA 23462

*Interment: Albert G. Horton Jr. Veterans Cemetery,
Suffolk, VA*

*Reverend Todd French, Eulogist
Macedonia A.M.E. Zion Church, Plymouth, NC*



Life Reflections



Depressa A. Smith, 86, of Virginia Beach, VA, left this earth on Friday, January 22, 2021 to join her heavenly father. Depressa was born on September 23, 1934 to the late Henry and Elizabeth Burgess in Dillon, SC and was raised in Trenton, NJ.

Depressa was educated in the New Jersey public school system. She furthered her education by obtaining a Bachelor's Degree in Science from the Mercy Douglass School of Nursing, Philadelphia, PA and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Trenton State College, Trenton, NJ. Depressa was a Registered Nurse and a Public Health Inspector for the State of New Jersey. After she retired, she moved with her family to Virginia Beach, VA. Depressa was a committed member of the Bible Study Fellowship International Organization (BFS). She loved vacationing, collecting light houses, trying out new restaurants, sewing and studying God's word. Depressa's most fulfilling moments was spending precious time with her family and friends. She also was blessed to be a 30-year breast cancer survivor.

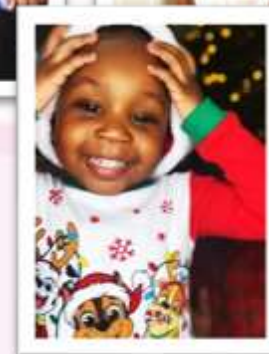
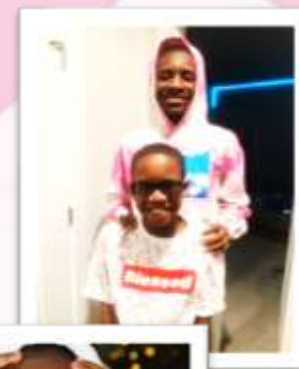
Besides her parents, Depressa was predeceased by one sister, Barbara Burgess.

She leaves to cherish her memories, her husband, John H. Smith Sr.; three children, John H. Smith Jr., Lisa Billups (Norman Jr.), Lori Smith; eight grandchildren, Tiffany Smith, Breon Smith (Shameka), Terrance Young, Brittney Curry (Cameron), Brashawn Smith-Perry Sr. (De'Asia), Norman Billups III, Christopher H. Billups, Brooke Smith; ten great-grandchildren, Maliki Smith, Anasia Curry, Taraji Young, Amari Curry, Myles Reyes, Terrance "TJ" Young Jr., Xavier Smith, Kingston Garner, Brashawn Smith-Perry Jr., Alianna Curry; one brother, Henry "Sonny" Burgess (Jean), and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Order of Celebration

Musical Prelude Rev. Rydell Mason
 Opening Selection "Take Me to The King" Anasia Curry
 Reading of the Holy Scriptures
 Old Testament & New Testament Rev. Todd French
 Prayer of Comfort Rev. Todd French
 Musical Selection .. "His Eye is On The Sparrow" Mitch Billups
 Silent Reading of the Obituary ~ (soft music)
 Expressions ~ (limit 2 min) Family & Friends
 Musical Selection "Brighter Days" Rev. Rydell Mason
 Silent Reading of the Obituary ~ (soft music)
 Eulogy Rev. Todd French
 Mortician's Brief Beach Funeral Staff

Great Grands!





My Aunt Pret

*I close my eyes as I wipe a tear.
I just keep wishing you were still here.
I will hold all the memories deep in my heart.
Through these memories we'll never part.*

Nana, Mom, and now you, Aunt Pret

*I close my eyes as I wipe a tear.
I keep wishing this pain would disappear.*

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*I close my eyes as I wipe my tears.
ALL of your love I will always hold near
in my heart and mind.
Then suddenly a voice softly said
her work on earth is done.*

*Death is not the end.
Love,*

Your Nieces

LaTanya, Jelynn, Trina and Trisha



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