

A Golden Heart

God saw you getting tired,
and a cure was not to be.
So He put His arms around you
and whispered, "Come with Me."

With tearful eyes we
watched you slowly fade away.
Although we loved you dearly,
we would not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
your hard-working hands put to rest,
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.

*Grandma was my mother. She was the most caring and patient soul I know.
Her humor and positivity were a daily delight, and her love was something I could always feel.
Even in her condition, she'd ask how she could make people happy.
She lived a long while, but wasn't done. She was young at heart.
She wanted to walk; to go to Vegas; and to see her grandkids. I keep thinking about that--about her.
I wanted more time with her. She deserves the world for the kindness and good she has done.
I believe she is in a place where she gets it all. All the joy she had with way more freedom.
I miss her and always will.
Kafe Williams-Kalez (Grandaughter)*

Acknowledgment

The family of Callie Jeanette Devone Smith, wishes to express our sincere gratitude and heartfelt thanks to everyone for your acts of kindness and love extended to us during our time of bereavement. It is our prayer that God will strengthen each of you each day and that He will continue to bless you with good health, happiness and love.



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A Celebration of the Life of

Callie Jeanette Devone Smith

Sunrise: October 27, 1942 † Sunset: October 10, 2020



Monday, October 19, 2020

Viewing 11:00 AM

Service 12 Noon

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*Reverend Dr. Wesley A. Roberts, Officiating
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Life Reflections

“For you, O Lord, have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before the Lord in the land of the living.” (Psalm 116:8-9)

Allie Jeanette “Jean” Devone Smith was born October 27, 1942, to the late Reverend Willie W. Devone and Ethel Pridgen Devone in the Long Creek Grady Township of Currie, North Carolina. Jean was raised in a strict and fair environment. She became a member of St. John’s Missionary Baptist Church in Rocky Point at a young age. After moving to Boston, Massachusetts she became a member of People’s Baptist Church where she remained until her death.

Jean was educated at the Pender County Training School of Rocky Point from where she graduated high school in 1960. She left North Carolina to live in Boston and worked with her Uncle Bill in his supermarket known as the People’s Market. This is where she met and fell in love with her sweetheart, Arthur Smith. They married in October 1964 at Charles Street A.M.E., Boston. To this union was born Cheryl Elayne Smith and Gary Smith.

While working at the Prudential Center she received her bachelor’s degree from the University of Massachusetts, Boston. She became a teacher at Boston Public Schools and later earned her master’s degree. Jean was a teacher in the Boston Public Schools for 23 years and retired in 2001. Jean enjoyed fishing, sewing, and drawing. She was a master of arts and crafts. She and Arthur loved renovating their properties. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend to all. You could tell her something with the utmost confidence and trust that she was never going to tell anyone else.

On August 19, 2020 she was admitted into Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. On September 24, 2020 she transitioned to Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care in Milton. There she entered a deep sleep and passed away peacefully in the early morning of October 10th. She will truly be missed by many but never forgotten.

Jean was preceded in death by her husband Arthur Smith in 2009 and daughter Cheryl Elayne Smith Williams-Kalez in 2015. She is survived by: Son: Gary Smith, Saugus; Granddaughters: Kafe and Crystal Williams-Kalez of Jamaica Plain; Son-in-Law: Christopher Williams-Kalez of Jamaica Plain; Siblings: Oliver J. Devone of Hyde Park, Fred J. Devone of Charlotte, NC, Eula Devone Armstrong (Edward) of Conyers, GA; Sisters-in-law: Helen Devone, Trevie Smith, Dorothy “Vernitia” Cooty (Alain);

Brothers-in-law: John Braswell, Carl Smith (Deborah), Whittaker Mack, Sr. and close friends of the family: Joe Sparks and Melissa Sparks and nieces, nephews, aunts, cousins and a host of loving friends and relatives.

Order of Service



ORGAN PRELUDE

Mr. Paul White

PROCESSIONAL

His Eye is on the Sparrow

PRAYER OF COMFORT

Rev. Dr. Wesley A. Roberts

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23
John 14:1-6

SELECTION

Precious Lord Take My Hand

TRIBUTES

Family and Friends

OBITUARY

SELECTION

How Great Thou Art

EULOGY

Rev. Dr. Wesley A. Roberts

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Amazing Grace

Interment

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