



SARAH LEE  
SMITH

*Sunrise*

*Sunset*

JULY 29, 1949 - APRIL 2, 2020

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2020 | 12NOON

THE FERGUSON-RAYAM FUNERAL HOME  
80 MIDLAND AVENUE | WALLINGTON, NJ 07057  
BISHOP ANTHONY W. GILYARD | PRESIDING



# Order OF SERVICE

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Prayer of Comfort

Holy Scripture

Old Testament

New Testament

Selection

Acknowledgements &  
Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Bishop Anthony W. Gilyard

Recessional

*“What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived”—the things  
God has prepared for those who love him— 1 Corinthians 2:9 | NIV*

# THE LIFE STORY OF SARAH LEE SMITH



Sarah Lee Smith was born on July 29, 1949 to the late Richard and Cleo Smith in Williamston, NC.

She attended E.J Hayes High School. She then went onto Elizabeth City State University where she served as an active member on the Marching Band. In 1971, Sarah moved to Stanford, Connecticut for several years, then relocating and becoming a resident of Newark, NJ. She worked for Bell Atlantic and Lerner's Clothing Company for several years, before chasing her dream of becoming a beautician. She attended Wilford Beauty Academy in Newark NJ where she successfully earned her license in cosmetology in 1983. She then worked as a Hair Beautician for The Haynes Company in Newark until 1988. She then pursued her goal of becoming an entrepreneur by opening up her own hair salon Revelations Inc in 1989, located in Montclair NJ. Becoming the first female entrepreneur in the family. She was recognized by the Montclair Times Newspaper for having the longest running small business in the city (30 years).

Sarah also possessed a creative spirit and love for arts n crafts, which included painting and creating her own line of Dolls "Sarah Kids". Another one of her many hidden talents where her culinary skills, she enjoyed cooking and baking various delicious desserts.

Along with the worldly gifts and talents she acquired, her most prized possession was her accepting Jesus Christ as her lord and savior. Sarah was enthusiastic about reading the word, spreading the message, and living by the word of God. She was an active member of Bethlehem Judah Christian Fellowship Church in Elizabeth, NJ, led by Bishop Gilyard. This church home was where Sarah participated in various ministries and served as a missionary to friends and family. Her warm heart and loving spirit will be missed.

Sarah was preceded in death by her younger brother Duncan Smith, younger sisters Mary Smith, and Annie Walker, and her parents Richard and Cleo Smith. She leaves to cherish her Memory her sons Torrian R. Smith and Eric J. Smith, grandchildren Tyler Kong-Smith, Torrian C. Smith and Madison Smith. Her 5 brothers Allen Smith, Jihad Shaheed (Robert Smith), Richard Smith, Derrick Smith and John Smith (Yvonne) all residents of New Jersey and a sister Mary Katherine Johnson (Kenny) (Williamston, NC. ) She also leaves to cherish a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and numerous friends.

Lovingly Submitted,  
The Family





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THE FAMILY WISHES TO EXPRESS THEIR SINCERE GRATITUDE TO EVERYONE FOR THE MANY KIND DEEDS AND EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY IN OUR TIME OF SORROW. WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER AND CHERISH YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS.

THE SMITH FAMILY

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