



## There Is a Place I've Never Seen

*There's a place I've never seen.  
Beyond this world, we know  
a place I've only heard of, but someday hope to go.  
It's not on any map, there are no roads to take me there.  
But it's a place of perfect peace  
where hearts are free from care.  
And though I understand some  
may be saddened when I leave one day,  
we all will meet again.  
That's what I believe.  
When it's time to travel there, I think I'll wear a smile.  
I'll say goodbye to those I love, but only for a while.  
Knowing there are others  
who have traveled there along.  
Who cannot wait to greet me  
and to whisper, "Welcome Home."*

*Interment*  
Laurel Hill Memorial Gardens  
2000 Pennsylvania Avenue  
St. Louis, Missouri 63133

*Repast*  
Firefighters Institute  
1020 North Taylor Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63113

*Pallbearers*  
Demond Sullivan      Booker Thomas III  
Devin Earl Smith      Johnnie Hemingway, Jr.  
Theron Emmanuel Hendricks      Deshawn Sullivan

*Honorary Pallbearer*  
Demetrius Brown, Jr.

*Acknowledgement*  
*Thank you for sharing our sorrow in the loss of our dear Mother Mary Ann Smith. Her love, friendship, and warm memories will be missed by all. We deeply appreciate all the love, kindness, and support shown to us, and it will always be remembered by the family. Special thanks to Bishop DeVone Cruesoe and Temple of Destiny Church, and Pastor Linda Mitchell and True Union Vine M.B. Church for your support, comfort, and compassion extended to us; and to Pastor Michael Tyler and the Greater Paradise M.B. Church for your hospitality.*

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE, LOVE,  
AND HOMEGOING OF



## MOTHER MARY ANN SMITH

*With Ms*  
December 1, 1944

*With Him*  
April 14, 2022

Viewing: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM  
Celebration of Life: 11:00 AM  
Saturday, April 23, 2022

Greater Paradise Missionary Baptist Church  
1428 N. Garrison Avenue  
St. Louis, Missouri 63106  
Pastor Michael Tyler, Host Pastor

*Bishop DeVone A. Cruesoe, Co-Officiant*  
*Temple of Destiny Church*

*Pastor Linda Mitchell, Co-Officiant*  
*New Union Vine Missionary Baptist Church*



REFLECTIONS OF  
*Mother Smith's Journey Home*

MARY ANN SMITH was born in Drew, Mississippi, on December 1, 1944, to parents, Jimmy and Rebecca Allen. She was the eldest of five children and was educated in the Mississippi public school system. Mary Ann confessed her faith in Christ at an early age.

She met and married Frank Smith in Drew, Mississippi, and to this union, five children were born. They moved to St. Louis, Missouri, in the early 70s.

Mary Ann was a devout Christian and a Prayer Warrior. She served under Pastor Linda Mitchell at New Union Vine Missionary Baptist Church for over 22 years. She loved GOD and shared his word with all who would listen, as she never met a stranger. Her bold witness for the Lord earned her the name, 'The Street Preacher.' One of her favorite scriptures Psalm 91, and II Timothy 1:7, and her favorite saying was, "May GOD be GOD in Your Life!" Mother Smith loved her family and always kept them in Prayer!!! She also loved chicken, but not just any chicken; it had to be Church's Chicken. And if you had the good fortune to drive her home, you knew the ride home included a stop at Church's Chicken.

On Thursday, April 14, 2022, Mary Ann went to rest with the one whom she loved the most, her Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ. She joined those who had preceded her in death including, her parents, Jimmy and Rebecca Allen; siblings, Sarah Ann, Christine, Irene, and Bennie Allen; her husband, Frank Smith; her only son, Tony Smith; and grandsons, Tony Smith, Jr., Durrell Smith, and Ronald Lamont Smith.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her four beautiful daughters, Sarah (Booker) Thomas, Barbara, Brenda (Demond), and Sonja Smith; 17 grandchildren; 27 loving and talented great-grandchildren; and a host of friends and family.

*Precious Memories*



*The Order of Celebration*

Processional .....Clergy and Family

Prayer..... Minister Jewell Hall

Scripture Readings..... Sister Beverly Hopkins,  
New Union Vine M.B. Church

Old Testament Scripture ..... Psalm 91

New Testament Scripture.....II Timothy 1:7

Selection .....Minister Anita Hill, Temple of Destiny Church

Praise Dance .....*Encourage Yourself*, Ariel Williams  
(Granddaughter)

Family Tribute ..... Grandsons and Granddaughters

Acknowledgement and Condolences

Family Tribute ..... The Daughters

Reading of Her Journey Home (Silently to Soft Music)

Solo "*My Soul Has Been Anchored*" ..... DeMarco Lattimore

Words of Comfort.....Bishop DeVone A. Cruesoe  
Temple of Destiny Church

Words of Comfort.....Pastor Linda Mitchell  
New Union Vine M.B. Church

Parting View

Benediction

Recessional

