



Mrs Evangeline Smith

October 28, 1936 - November 28, 2019

Evangeline Smith was born October 28, 1936 in Richmond, Virginia to Phillip Drayton Sr. and Nellie Drayton who both preceded her in death.

Evangeline accepted Christ at a young age and became a member of Browns Memorial Baptist Church in Brooklyn New York. Later she moved to North Carolina and became a member of Lou Chapel Holiness Church in Spring Lake, NC. She was a long time member of Lou Chapel for 42 years.

She went to school in Brooklyn New York where she graduated from Sarah J. Hale Vocational High School.

Evangeline was a professional seamstress for many, many years in the Garment District of Brooklyn, New York and Fayetteville, North Carolina. She was employed with Cape Fear Valley Medical Center, Fayetteville, NC until her retirement in 2008. She was a loyal, faithful and dedicated employee.

Sister Smith was a wonderful mother to nieces, nephews, cousins and neighborhood children. She welcomed extended family to her home every summer as well as her children's friends who needed shelter and old-fashioned discipline . She allowed her six children to participate in activities to include sporting events, ballet recitals, football, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts just to

name a few. She nurtured each of her children individually. She raised her great niece, Khytish Sheallin Griffin and nephew Thaddeaus Shawn Griffin from a very young age and they became one of her children. Evangeline's children, nieces and nephews knew she was a nurturer, strict mom and disciplinarian. They knew how to act at church, in the grocery store and in public. She was also a mentor, confidant, friend and an amazing cook. She loved the color pink and it was not uncommon to see her at the sewing machine with pink fabric in her hands.

Evangeline was united in holy matrimony September 27, 1961 to Nathaniel L. Smith an Army Vet, who proceeded her in death on April 10, 2019. During this union, they raised a total of 6 children. After a long illness, the closing chapter of her very successful life ended on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28, 2019.

She leaves to cherish her memories 3 sons and 3 daughters: Clinton Edward Smith of Fayetteville, NC, Anton Van Lewis-Smith and Debra Branham of Fayetteville, NC, Natalie and Fitzroy Williams of Port St. Lucie, Florida, Wendy and Dennis Bell of Harker Heights, Texas, Khytish Griffin and David Graham of Fayetteville, NC and Thaddeaus Griffin from Georgia. She has one surviving sister, Margaruite Majors of Brooklyn, New York. Two sisters proceeded her in death Kathereen Farley and Evelyn Drayton. One brother, Phillip Drayton Jr. also proceeded her in death. She had fifteen grandchildren, Kristie Dunn, Kala Dunn, Joshua-Anton Van Smith II, Maria Lewis-Smith, Maurice Smith, Q'Markis Brooks, BJay Simmons, Brittani Simmons, Kayli Bell, Aaron Graham, Imani Griffin, Jurnee Evans; Two grandchildren proceeded her in death Serrell Smith and Niquita Brooks; Three Great-Grandchildren Caleb Reid, Jaliyah Smith, Ni'Hani Little and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Cemetery Details

Lou Chapel Church Cemetery

200 Lous Chapel Road
Spring Lake, NC

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel
2010 Murchison Road
Fayetteville, NC 28301

Funeral Service

DEC 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

Lou Chapel
200 Lous Chapel Road
Spring Lake, NC

Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs Evangeline Smith.



December 06, 2019 at 10:10 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs Evangeline Smith.



December 05, 2019 at 06:46 PM



“ Venus Thornton lit a candle in memory of Mrs Evangeline Smith



Venus Thornton - December 04, 2019 at 01:46 PM



“ Mary Autry, Haymont Rehab lit a candle in memory of Mrs Evangeline Smith



Mary Autry, Haymont rehab - December 04, 2019 at 05:52 AM

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“ *Willie And Vernell Cameron / Lou Chapel lit a candle in memory of Mrs Evangeline Smith*



Willie and Vernell Cameron / Lou Chapel - December 02, 2019 at 08:32 PM

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“ *Clinton-Anton and the Smith family, my wife and I send our condolences for your loss. May your Mom rest in peace and God take her into his Kingdom. Classmates forever.*

Alice and George Smith

George Butchie Smith - December 02, 2019 at 04:27 PM

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“ *George Butchie Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs Evangeline Smith*



George Butchie Smith - December 02, 2019 at 04:20 PM