



Mrs. Lomonica Smith

May 17, 1969 - October 8, 2025

On October 8, 2025 at Duke University Hospital in Durham, North Carolina; God called our loved one, Lomonica McKinnis Smith, home from labor to reward. Monica was born on May 17, 1969 in Chatom, Alabama, to Shirley McKinnis and the late Robert Lee McKinnis, Sr. Monica was a loving wife, daughter, mother, sister, grandmother, aunt, teacher, and friend whose life touched countless hearts.

Monica was educated in the Washington County School System and graduated from Washington County High School. She went on to earn her Bachelor's Degree in Education from Fayetteville State University May 8, 2010, where her passion for learning and helping others flourished.

In high school, Monica was known for her talent, leadership, and joyful spirit. She served as captain of the girls' basketball team, leading her teammates to numerous victories and area championships with her signature jump shot as point guard. She was also a cheerleader, two-time Baptist Training Union (BTU) Queen, and a frequent talent show winner, admired for both her energy and her heart.

Teaching was not just Monica's career — it was her calling. Her dedication to her students and her craft earned her the honor of being voted Teacher of the Year at C. Wayne Collier Elementary School 2018-2019 and Walker-Spivey

Elementary School for both the 2024–2025 and 2025–2026 school years.

Monica's love for music began at an early age. She started singing in church at just six years old and went on to become the lead vocalist at King Chapel Baptist Church, where her voice became a cherished part of worship services. Some of her favorite songs to sing were "May the Works I've Done Speak for Me," "Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land," and "Sweeping Through the City." Her music and faith remained guiding forces throughout her life.

Monica was united in holy matrimony on May 27, 2004 to Darryl Smith. She was a faithful member of PowerHouse of Love and Faith for over 20 years where she submitted her gifts and talents as a licensed minister, intercessory prayer warrior, praise and worship leader, VBS teacher, financial officer, and choir member.

Monica leaves to cherish her legacy and memories: husband, Darryl Smith of Fayetteville, NC; her beloved children, Devon McKinnis and Amia Smith both of Fayetteville, NC; her cherished grandson, Mars Campbell of Laurinburg, NC; her devoted mother, Shirley McKinnis of Chatom, AL; her siblings, Anthony Scruggs of Chatom, AL, Charlotte Scruggs of Huntsville, AL, Robert McKinnis (Danielle) of Dallas, TX, Veronica Chamberlain (Lee) of Anderson, IN, and Christi McKinnis of Lafayette, LA; her step-sisters, Hope McKinnis and Lois McKinnis; and her step-brother, Wayne McKinnis all of Chicago, IL — along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, friends, colleagues, and former students who will forever cherish her memory.

Monica will be remembered for her unwavering faith, her gift of song, her compassion as an educator, and the joy she brought to everyone she encountered. Truly, the works she has done speak for her.

Previous Events

Viewing

OCT 17. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Powerhouse of Love & Faith
4919 Murchison Rd
Fayetteville, NC 28311

Funeral Service

OCT 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

Cape Fear Conference B Hqrts
10225 Fayetteville Rd.
Raeford, NC 28376

Burial

OCT 18 (ET)

Rockfish Memorial Park
4017 Gillespie Street
Fayetteville, NC 28306

Tribute Wall



“ Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Lomonica Smith



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - October 17, 2025 at 10:38 AM



“ Mrs. Smith when you sacrificed your Saturday to come to your students football game. It was then we knew you were more than a teacher God's Working Angel 😊! My bond with you was a blessing. My son gonna grow up and you will be that teacher he gonna remember. You were truly a boy teacher. We enjoyed visiting your church. My hurt and tears will fade away. The memories of you are forever Jaykee Powell and Deborah Jordan

Deborah Jordan - October 18, 2025 at 09:45 AM



“ Douglas N Howard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lomonica Smith



Douglas N Howard - October 17, 2025 at 09:12 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Deborah Jordan - October 17, 2025 at 09:04 PM

FS

“ *Monica was a great friend whose kindness will be missed. Her gentle voice and spirit made you want to be in her presence daily. I'll never forget our conversations about life and being the best version of myself. So proud to be your play-brother and will miss you dearly. Devin, may God continue to bless you in the spirit of your mom.*
Felipe Blanding Sr.

Felipe Blanding Sr. - October 17, 2025 at 10:01 AM

EA

“ *Erma Avery lit a candle in memory of Lomonica Smith*



Erma Avery - October 17, 2025 at 09:28 AM

TF

“ *The Shaw and Lil' Angels Daycare family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Lomonica Smith.*



The Shaw and Lil' Angels Daycare family - October 17, 2025 at 09:08 AM

SF

“ To the McKinnon and Smith family, I am praying for you all during this difficult time. Mrs. Smith became a mentor to me as she was my coworker at Collier Elementary where I was her teacher assistant for a couple of years. She was amazing at what she taught not only her students but to others as well. She will always be an inspiration to us all!

God bless you.

Shearline Flythe - October 16, 2025 at 10:15 PM

AN

“ Angela Newble lit a candle in memory of Lomonica Smith



Angela Newble - October 16, 2025 at 06:11 PM

BI

“ Barbara Irons lit a candle in memory of Lomonica Smith



Barbara Irons - October 15, 2025 at 04:09 PM

MM

“ I REMEMBER THE KIND ENCOURAGING WORDS THAT MINISTER LOMONICA SMITH HAS IMPARTED INTO ME AND HER SMILE AND HUGS SHE GAVE UPLIFTED MY SPIRIT WHEN I WAS DOWN AND SHE DIDN'T EVEN KNOW IT

MINISTER TAMARA MONTGOMERY - October 15, 2025 at 11:11 AM

MR

“ *Melinda Raynor lit a candle in memory of Lomonica Smith*



Melinda Raynor - October 14, 2025 at 02:44 PM

LI

“ *To the Smith family. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. I will miss my friend, her smile/laughter, and the look she would give if you said something off the wall. Monica, I know you are singing with the angels now. Rest well my friend. ❤️❤️*

Lisa - October 14, 2025 at 12:43 PM

BY

“ *Beverly Young lit a candle in memory of Lomonica Smith*



Beverly Young - October 14, 2025 at 08:26 AM

SB

“ *Sending my deepest condolences to the family, friends and coworkers of Mrs. Smith ..by far one of the sweetest ladies that I've ever worked with. You will truly be missed.*



Selena Baptiste - October 14, 2025 at 07:12 AM

RG

“ Mrs. Smith was my teammate at Walker Spivey when I first got there. We came in together, both teaching 3rd grade. Her classroom was a Roos from mine. She made sure I knew what I was doing and ALWAYS assisted me however she could. I often told her how much of a blessing she was to me...she often said, “don’t make me cry. I can’t take it!” Mrs. Smith was a wonderful friend, educator and she could make the best soup. I would tell her to make soup for us and she’d bring the crockpot to work and we’d go in. She will certainly be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are with you: Mr. Darryl, Amia, and Devin!

Ryan Godfrey - October 13, 2025 at 02:08 PM

LB

“ Linda Baggett lit a candle in memory of Lomonica Smith



Linda Baggett - October 13, 2025 at 05:59 AM

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Linda Baggett - October 12, 2025 at 03:53 PM

LB

“ My dear daughter and friend rest in peace with our Heavenly Father. Monica was a remarkable person who loved her children and family unconditionally. Her presence on this earth will be surely missed. My thoughts and prayers to her family. May God continue bless and keep you now and forever more.

Linda Baggett - October 12, 2025 at 03:53 PM

RF

“ I'm deeply saddened to hear that Lamonica has transitioned from earth to Glory. I was her principal for several years. Lamonica was a great teacher and genuine. She taught my only grandson. She loved her students and advocated for them. The educational arena is now missing an asset. I'm praying for her family. God is faithful! Look to HIM for all of your help.



Rose Ferguson - October 12, 2025 at 01:49 AM

BA

“ My babies had Mrs. Smith at Collier and she was an amazing teacher. Her kindness and love for her students showed. Rest in peace 🙏 we are praying for her family.



Baker - October 11, 2025 at 02:09 PM

DS

“ *My condolences and prayers are extended towards the entire family. LoMonica's anointed voice ushered in the presence of God during many praise and worship services. Her love for God the Father was evident and now she is with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ May God's peace and comfort continue to hold you and keep you*

Dr. Annette Skinner-Coleman Outreach for Jesus Church and Christian Education center Inc..

Dr. Annette Skinner-Coleman - October 10, 2025 at 09:43 AM