

Celebrating the life of...



Ruby Smith

December 29, 1925 - August 28, 2024





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OBITUARY

Ruby Deree Smith was born on December 29, 1925, in Dillion, SC, and was called to rest on Wednesday, August 28, 2024. She was raised in Lumberton, NC, and lived with her grandmother, Addie Stackhouse, who she was very fond of. She spent time in Greensboro, NC, where she met the love of her life, Glenn Smith, before relocating to Baltimore, MD.

Ruby was baptized as a Jehovah's Witness on September 2, 1961. She was strong in her faith, going from door to door and offering guidance to anyone who would listen early in the morning. She faithfully attended the meetings at the kingdom hall until COVID-19 and then joined via Zoom to continue her worship with the Elderon congregation.

She was united in marriage with Glenn Smith in 1953. Two daughters and five sons were born from this union. She also raised many of her grandchildren as her own and built strong bonds with them and many others.

Ruby will always be remembered for her gracious hospitality; she always offered you a meal whenever you visited her home and would make you feel welcomed. She loved cooking and cleaning and often told stories about being on the farm or picking cotton (she could pick 200 pounds). She always made Sunday dinner and had enough food to feed everyone just in case someone stopped by, and they often did.

Ruby enjoyed playing spades and Chinese checkers and surrounding herself with her family. She was affectionate, always willing to listen and talk, and had a way of making you feel at ease after speaking with her. She spoke a lot about forgiveness and often encouraged others to forgive as well. Ruby was the family matriarch, the glue to the family, and her presence was strong. To know her was something special, and to be loved by her was priceless.





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Ruby was preceded in death by her grandmother, Addie Stackhouse; her parents, Judson and Alvena McNeil; her husband, Glenn Smith Sr.; four sisters, Nancy Bell, Beulah, Ruth, and Magnolia; four brothers, Henson, Gus, Lloyd T, and Cleveland.

She leaves to celebrate her life, her kids, Glenda Goodwin (Nelson), Glenn Smith Jr. (Valeria), Kim Smith-Moffett (Will), Sherman Smith (Denise), Barry Smith, Allen Smith, Robert Smith, Glaceria (Glady) Bryant (Clarence), Linda Harrison and Marnita Clayborne (Nita Mae) and Cheryl Durant who were like daughters to her, twenty-two grandchildren, thirty-one great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.





A NOTE FROM THE GRANDKIDS

Grandma,

You've always shown us unconditional love and had a way with words that were delivered gently but with intent. Your eyes always lit up when you saw us and all the talks we had will be missed. You gave us inspiration to become great human beings with the kindness you showed every day. Thank you for showing us what a gracious, welcoming and warm love truly feels like. Your smile and love will be missed but will live on forever through us. Thank you for all the memories and many life lessons. Thank you for raising us and being the best grandmother anyone could ask for. We are forever grateful that you were in our lives.

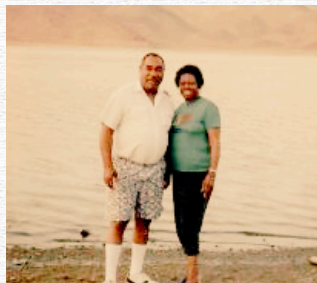




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The family wishes to express sincere thanks and appreciation for the kindness and thoughts shown during this time of bereavement.

PALLBEARERS

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