



Mrs. Hester Lee Smith

February 7, 1924 - December 26, 2014

Going Home Celebration For Hester Lee Smith:

Hester Lee Smith was born February 7, 1924, in Andalusia, Alabama, to the marital union of Dorcas and Jessie Amos Hodges. She was the youngest of three children, Titus Lee, Virta Lee and Hester Lee. As a child, Hester was an excellent student, excelling in math, a talent she carried into adulthood. She attended Mason High School in Mason, Alabama, and was baptized by the Reverend Ed Nearer of Marietta Baptist Church. Hester was a member of Holy Cross Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan.

Seeking opportunities in the north, Hester moved from Alabama to Detroit in 1943, bringing her only daughter, Melvenia, with her. After settling in Detroit, Hester married Roosevelt Smith, and they made their permanent home on 28th Street. She possessed a hard-working entrepreneurial spirit that was exhibited as a small business owner on Michigan Avenue in the 1960's. After working many years in the restaurant industry, Hester retired from the Detroit Athletic Club in the 1980's.

Hester or Ma Smith, was a loving wife, mother, aunt, grandmother, neighbor, and friend, to many people throughout her life. Over the years many family members, friends and neighbors found a loving home in the Smith household. Anything that she had, whether her time, cooking and food, money, a place to live, care for children, or honest advice and her opinion on any topic, was

given without pretense. Hester had a sharp sense of humor and you never knew when to expect a good laugh during every conversation. There was never a thing left unsaid that needed to be said, and she never left a thing undone that needed to be done. She looked out for those she loved, cared for the sick, provided for those in need, and watched over happenings in the neighborhood. Hester had a gift for growing anything green, she cared for animals, and loved to garden.

After a long illness Hester Lee Smith departed this life to claim her eternal glory on December 26, 2014. She spent Christmas and days prior enjoying time with loving family, most closely with her sister, Virta who lovingly cared for her during the last few years of her life. Two weeks before her passing, Hester introspectively remarked, "I have lived a good, long life." She knew how to live well, in any circumstances, with little or with much. She always had an open door and loving heart.

Previous Events

Visitation

Monday, Dec. **29**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 838-9770
info@pyefuneralhome.com

Family Hour

Tuesday, Dec. **30**. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

Tuesday, Dec. **30**. 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Hester Lee Smith*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *My Sincere Condolences To The Smith, Carter And Jones Families For Your Loss OF Mrs. Smith. May Each Of You Be Encouraged By Her Loving Memories To Create A "REMEMBRANCE" In Your Own Special Way ALL About Sharing Love With Each Other.*

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Vernon L. Johnson - December 30, 2014 at 08:58 AM



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Kathryn Wrench - December 29, 2014 at 04:16 PM



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“ *First Marietta Missionary Baptist Church
Post Office 805
Brewton, Alabama 36427*

December 30, 2014

Resolutions

*Not for ease and worldly pleasure, nor for fame my prayer shall be;
Gladly will I toil and suffer, only let me walk with Thee. Lead me
through the vales of shadows, bear me over life's fitful seas; then
the gates of life eternal, may I enter Lord with Thee.*

*Another day's work is finished. Another chapter in the book of life is
complete. Another soul has taken flight home to rest in the bosom of
our Father. Be it resolved: That the family of First Marietta
Missionary Baptist Church extend to Sister Gwendolyn Miller Wright
& Family, as well as the entire family of Sister Hester L. Smith, our
heartfelt sympathy and prayer. Sister Smith got her start here many
years ago. She grew up in this church family. She was known and
loved by many in our church and the community. She will be missed
by all who knew and loved her.*

*Further Resolved: that the family be reminded that their loved one
just entered the doors of another room. Hebrews 4:9 states "There
remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God." To the family we
say cast all your sorrows and burdens upon our Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ and you'll never be alone.*

*In recognition of our own Sister Gwendolyn M. Wright and the Miller
Family these words of consolation are sent in your loss. May you
rely strongly on the glorious Lord of heaven and earth to sustain and
keep you at this difficult time. We are praying for your strength in the
Lord.*

Be It Finally Resolved: To the family we pray that God's light will

lead you, God's presence comfort you and God's purpose direct your life. Continue to look to the hills from whence cometh all our help. The author and finisher of our faith is a heavy load carrier and a burden bearer. Lean on Him for He makes no mistakes.

*"Oh when I come to the end of my journey
Weary of life and the battle is won;
Carrying the staff and the cross of redemption;
He will understand and say well done."*

*Prayerfully submitted,
First Marietta Missionary Baptist Church
Pastor Eddie C. Stallworth
Sister Jeanette Gray, Clerk
Sister Gwendolyn Miller Wright, Resolutions*

Gwendolyn Miller Wright - December 29, 2014 at 03:05 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Hester Lee Smith.* ”



December 29, 2014 at 07:45 AM