



A Celebration of Life for

Stephanie Yvonne Smith

Sunrise:
July 25, 1950




Sunset
May 19, 2025

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2025

10:00 A.M. VIEWING | 11:00 A.M. SERVICE

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Obituary

On Monday, May 19, 2025, **Stephanie Yvonne Smith** entered eternal rest in her home surrounded by loved ones. She was born on July 25, 1950, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to the late Frankie Lee Brownlee and the late Archie Brownlee.

Stephanie grew up in St. Albans, New York; however, she had many cherished memories of her "forever home" in Queens, New York. She attended private schools during her elementary and secondary years. She then transitioned to public school at Andrew Jackson High School in Jamaica, New York. Stephanie furthered her education at George Washington University, in Washington, D.C., while working on Capitol Hill at the Russell Senate Office Building. She was later employed at the U.S. Department of Labor and lastly Price Waterhouse Consulting Firm before retiring due to failing health.

On May 2, 1981, Stephanie married Robert "Bobby" Smith, II and through their union, they became a beautiful, blended family of nine.

In 1987, Stephanie gave her life to Jesus Christ and joined From the Heart Church Ministries (FTH). She was a dedicated member who loved the Lord and loved her church. Stephanie served in the Missions and Seniors Ministries, the FTH Adult Choir, and the Helps Ministry Repast Team. Her contributions to the church were admired by many, and she was proud to be of service.

In her leisure time, Stephanie, nicknamed "Sugar" by her husband, enjoyed entertaining, cooking, watching movies, and traveling. In fact, she and Bobby traveled the world a few times—Aruba, Grand Bahama, France, and Italy were among their favorite vacation spots.

Being loved by Stephanie will forever be one of the greatest gifts of them all. Her legacy will be remembered, cherished, and missed by her husband, Robert Smith, II; children: Frankie A. (Stacy) Brownlee, Dana M. (Bruce, Sr.) Yates, Denard Smith, Sonya Smith, Steveland B. (Princess) Harris, Shaun (Giselle) Wilmore, Robert Smith, III (Nikesha); thirty-one grandchildren; thirty-seven great-grandchildren; siblings: Sheila Rosa Brownlee, Robert Spencer, Diane (Don) Harrison, and John (Donna) Ballard.

Stephanie was preceded in death by her sisters, Sondra Lajos Brownlee-Burch (Torie) and Marie Jackson.



Order of Service

Invocation

Congregational Hymn “Amazing Grace”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalm 23
New Testament: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Prayer of Comfort

Selection.....*FTH Psalmist*

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Cierra Cooke, Granddaughter
Lynn Brown, Friend
Carol Hawkins, Friend
Dana Yates, Daughter

Poem *Cierra Cooke*

Obituary (Read silently)

Song of Preparation*FTH Adult Choir*

Message of Hope *Reverend Justin K. Young*

Call to Christ

Committal

Benediction

Recessional



Congregational Hymn

Amazing Grace

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound;
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear,
the hour I first believed.*

*The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures,
He will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures.*

*Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come,
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise,
than when we first begun.*



Family Sentiments

Grandma

*She's in the sun, the wind, the rain
She's in the air you breathe with every breath you take.
She sings a song of hope and cheer,
there's no more pain, no more fear.
You'll see her in the clouds above, hear her whisper words of love,
you'll be together before long, until then listen for her song.*

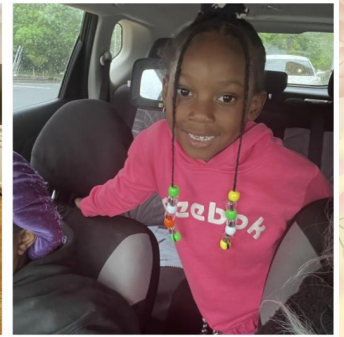
She Is Not Gone

*Ease your grief, she is not gone, For in your heart, she lingers on,
Her smile, her laugh, her special way, Will comfort you from day to day.

You'll feel her presence in the breeze, That dances gently through the trees,
And it's her face that you will see, When you're in need of company.

At any time, you can recall, The love you shared, you saved it all.
And in time, more than anything, You'll find peace in remembering.*









Acknowledgement

The family of Stephanie Smith acknowledges with deep appreciation every act of kindness and expression of love shown to us during our time of bereavement. May God richly bless you. We love you all.

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Flower Bearers

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Services Entrusted to:

*Bianchi Funeral Service
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