



## Mae F. Smith

October 15, 1931 - October 22, 2024

Mae Frances Smith, affectionately known to friends as Mae Frances, or church family as Mother Smith, traded in her earthly membership for heavenly rest on Tuesday, October 22, 2024.

Born on October 15th, 1931, in Sellers, South Carolina to the late Omeana and Thomas Jones Sr., Mae was a woman of great strength and great faith. After the passing of her mother at a young age, Mae and her beloved brother Thomas Jr., were raised by their Aunt Georgia. After some time, the family migrated to Washington, D.C. and settled in New Haven, CT, where Mae attended State Street School, and graduated from Hamden High School in 1949. Shortly thereafter, Mae went on to meet and marry her late husband Ernest James Smith Sr., and together the couple had eight children.

Mae was a faithful employee at Southern New England Telecommunications (SNET) from 1973 as an operator and went on to work in yellow pages. After retiring from SNET, Mae worked as a bus aide until deciding to take full retirement.

Mae was a member of the Order of Eastern Stars for several years before deciding to give her life to Jesus Christ. She was a founding member of Walk of Faith Church of Christ Disciples of Christ, under the leadership of Pastor Walter Williams, III. For over 35 years, Mae served in various positions in

Walk of Faith including usher, doorkeeper, trustee, adult choir member, and deaconess before being elevated to Mother Smith.

She leaves to cherish her memory: sons, Richard (Venita) Smith of San Diego, CA, and Darryl (Sonja) Smith of Lutzenberg, Germany; daughters Denise (Ronnie) Lee of New Haven, CT, Vanessa (Robert) Santos of Hamden, CT, and Michele Smith of New Haven, CT; nieces Stephanie Jones of Hamden, CT, and Dawn Coston of New Haven, CT; special nieces Lilly Bethea, Gloria Bethea, Jeanette Bethea, Brenda Bethea, Janice Sullivan, and Lazelle Mullings; and a host of family and friends.

Mae is survived by 11 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

# Cemetery Details

## Hamden Plains Cemetery

Hamden, CT

# Previous Events

## Calling Hour

NOV 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Walk of Faith Church  
104 Fairmont Ave  
New Haven, CT 06513

## Funeral Service

NOV 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Sending my deepest condolences to the family. Wishing you comfort and remembering the kind spirit that your mom was, she was the brightest light in a sky full of stars.* ”



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**Joyous Pittman** - December 09, 2024 at 02:03 PM

MS

“ *Mom I miss you so much* 😞😞😞 ”

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**Michele Smith** - November 28, 2024 at 04:39 AM



“ *Wilhelmenia Parsons lit a candle in memory of Mae Smith* ”



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**Wilhelmenia Parsons** - November 12, 2024 at 12:29 PM

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“ *When I whispered in your ear the Sunday before you left I told you that I love you and I will always love you so take your rest and you did Tuesday evening. God has you now. Your loving daughter Deanie.* ”

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**Denise Lee** - November 10, 2024 at 09:42 AM

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“ Lashaya Lacy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mae F. Smith.

Lashaya Lacy - November 10, 2024 at 08:28 AM

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“ Lashaya Lacy purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mae F. Smith.



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“ When I whispered in your ear that Sunday afternoon and told you that I love you and to take your rest you did just that. You'll always be in my heart my Dear Mother. Your Daughter Denise.

Denise Lee - November 09, 2024 at 02:31 PM