



Mother Rachel Alene Smith-Bellamy

November 21, 1940 - June 2, 2026

“We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.” 2 Corinthians 5:8 (KJV)

Mother Rachel Alene Smith Bellamy was born on November 21, 1940, in Nakina, North Carolina, to the late Deacon Johnny Smith and Rachel Ann (Faulk) Piggott Smith. She departed this life on June 2, 2026, at the blessed age of 85.

She was educated in the Columbus County, North Carolina, school system and graduated from Douglas High School in Tabor City, North Carolina, as a member of the Class of 1958. Soon thereafter, she moved to New Haven, Connecticut, where she joined the majority of her older siblings and remained for the rest of her adult life.

Mother Bellamy had a very successful vocational career, during which she held a number of positions with distinction. She worked for 15 years at Yale New Haven Hospital as a secretary-cashier; for 14 years at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft as an inspector; and for several years owned and operated Rise & Shine Daycare from her home.

She was a faithful member of Union Temple Free Will Baptist Church for more than 60 years, where she served as the Mother of the Church, among numerous other roles throughout the years. She was a true servant of God who never hesitated to give Him praise and witness for the Lord.

She leaves to cherish her memory and continue her legacy of faith: one son, Russell Javon Bellamy, of the home; her grandchildren- Bryson, Malachi,

Nevaeh, Adrien and Robert; her godson, Rev. Dr. Brian Bellamy (Dr. Ashley); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and church family.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 35 years, Mr. Willie Javon Bellamy; her sisters, Dessie Lee Smith and Della Jean Smith; her brothers, Deacon Joseph C. Smith, Norwood James Smith, Norman Clay Smith, Ottis Jefferson Smith, Frank Burris Smith, and David Rudolph Smith; and her goddaughter, Amy Michelle Smith.

Cemetery Details

Beaverdale Memorial Park

90 Pine Rock Avenue
New Haven, CT

Upcoming Events

Calling Hours

JUN 12. 5:00 PM (ET)

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
26 Edwards Street
Hamden, CT 06517

Funeral Service

JUN 12. 7:00 PM (ET)

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