



Rose Smith

November 17, 1938 - September 17, 2023

Rose Smith, age 85, of New Haven, Connecticut passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, September 17, 2023. She was born on November 17, 1938, daughter of the late Berry and Anna Mae Smith of Memphis, Tennessee.

Her primary education was in the Memphis, TN school system and her formal education was the historical black university, Fisk University, where she earned her Bachelors Degree. She was also employed at Southern Connecticut College and Yale University from which she retired from both.

Rose was an avid reader and enjoyed football. She had an ear for music, particularly classical music. She had a gentle, quiet spirit, however, when she had something to say, She'd express herself with dignity.

Rose leaves to cherish her memory, two sons, Mark McKinnie and Walter McKinnie (Rosalind); grandson, Michael and other grandchildren. She will also be missed by a host of family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Hamden Plains Cemetery

Hamden, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hour

OCT 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Living Water Citadel Center of Worship
848 Dixwell Avenue
Hamden, CT 06514

Funeral Service

OCT 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ To Mark I am so sorry for the lost of your mom, she was truly a beautiful woman inside and out. I really enjoyed the time that we spent with your mother and all of the clothes that she showed me from Neiman and Marcus. I will always cherish the word of wisdom and the things she taught me about Saltwater fish. My prayer is that God will bless and keep you and your family.

Love Regina Warren

Regina Knight - October 19, 2025 at 08:07 AM



“ *Rose Smith*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM

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“ *Walter Rosalind McKinnie lit a candle in memory of Rose Smith*



Walter and Rosalind McKinnie - October 05, 2023 at 04:23 PM

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“ *Mom, I remember the journey, from the 1st time we met until when we last spoke. GOD is good. Walter and I are surely going to miss you. We love you now and forever* ❤️ ❤️ ❤️

Rosalind and Walter McKinnie - October 05, 2023 at 04:22 PM