



## Wanda Smoakes

January 1, 1753 - March 17, 2009

Wanda Smoakes Passed away Mar. 10, 2009. Born Aug. 28, 1964. Wanda leaves to cherish 1 son, 1 daughter, 4 sisters, 3 brothers, 2 grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. Funeral service will be held Tues. Mar. 17, 2009 at 11 a.m. at McClam Funeral Home. Calling hours will begin at 10 a.m. until time of service. Interment private.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wanda Smokes*

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October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM

“Dear Smoakes Family:

*We are so sorry to learn of the death of Wanda. Below is scriptural information that is designed to provide you with comfort during this difficult time.*

*Please accept our heartfelt condolences.*

#### *What Hope for Dead Loved Ones?*

*“If a man die, shall he live again?” asked the man Job long ago. (Job 14:14, King James Version) Perhaps you, too, have wondered about this. How would you feel if you knew that a reunion with your loved ones was possible right here on earth under the best of conditions?*

*Well, the Bible makes the promise: “Your dead ones will live. . . . They will rise up.” And the Bible also says: “The righteous themselves will possess the earth, and they will reside forever upon it.”—Isaiah 26:19; Psalm 37:29.*

*To have real confidence in such promises, we need to answer some basic questions: Why do people die? Where are the dead? And how can we be sure they can live again?*

#### *Death, and What Happens When We Die*

*The Bible makes it clear that God did not originally intend for humans to die. He created the first human pair Adam and Eve, placed them in an earthly paradise called Eden, and instructed them to have children and extend their Paradise home earth wide. They would die only if they disobeyed his instructions.—Genesis 1:28; 2:15-17.*

*Lacking appreciation for God’s kindness, Adam and Eve did disobey and were made to pay the prescribed penalty. “You [will] return to the ground,” God told Adam, “for out of it you were taken. For dust you are and to dust you will return.” (Genesis 3:19) Before his creation Adam did not exist; he was dust. And for his disobedience, or sin, Adam was sentenced to return to dust, to a state of nonexistence.*

*Death is thus an absence of life. The Bible draws the contrast: “The wages sin pays is death, but the gift God gives is everlasting life.”*

*(Romans 6:23) Showing that death is a state of total unconsciousness, the Bible says: "For the living are conscious that they will die; but as for the dead, they are conscious of nothing at all." (Ecclesiastes 9:5) When a person dies, the Bible explains: "His spirit goes out, he goes back to his ground; in that day his thoughts do perish."—Psalm 146:3, 4.*

*However, since only Adam and Eve disobeyed that command in Eden, why do we all die? It is because all of us were born after Adam's disobedience, and so we all inherited sin and death from him. As the Bible explains: "Through one man [Adam] sin entered into the world and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men."—Romans 5:12; Job 14:4.*

*Yet someone may ask: 'Don't humans have an immortal soul that survives death?' Many have taught this, even saying that death is a doorway to another life. But that idea does not come from the Bible. Rather, God's Word teaches that you are a soul, that your soul is really you, with all your physical and mental qualities. (Genesis 2:7; Jeremiah 2:34; Proverbs 2:10) Also, the Bible says: "The soul that is sinning—it itself will die." (Ezekiel 18:4) Nowhere does the Bible teach that man has an immortal soul that survives the death of the body.*

#### *How Humans Can Live Again*

*After sin and death entered the world, God revealed that it was his purpose that the dead be restored to life by means of a resurrection. Thus the Bible explains: "Abraham . . . reckoned that God was able to raise [his son Isaac] up even from the dead." (Hebrews 11:17-19) Abraham's confidence was not misplaced, for the Bible says of the Almighty: "He is a God, not of the dead, but of the living, for they are all living to him."—Luke 20:37, 38.*

*Yes, Almighty God has not only the power but also the desire to resurrect persons whom he chooses. Jesus Christ himself said: "Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out."—John 5:28, 29; Acts 24:15.*

*Not long after saying this, Jesus met a funeral procession coming out of the Israelite city of Nain. The dead young man was the only child of a widow. On seeing her extreme grief, Jesus was moved*

*with pity. So, addressing the corpse, he command*

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**sylvia** - August 10, 2009 at 12:34 PM

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“ *TO THE SMAOKES FAMILY MAY GOD BE WITH YOU DURING THE TIME OF YOUR SORROW YOU ALL ARE IN MY PRAYS MAMA PAT YOU STAY STRONG IN THE LORD HE'S AWAY MAKER IN THE TIME OF YOUR NEEDS JUST HOLD ON TO GODS UNCHANGING HAND HE'LL SUPPLY YOUR EVER NEED.IN YOUR TIME OF COMFORT.IF YOU EVER NEED ME I'M A PHONE CALL AWAY LOVE Stacy( Ratchford)Kyei*

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**Stacy(Ratchford) Kyei** - March 18, 2009 at 05:49 PM

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“ *We are very sorry to hear of the passing of Wanda. Knew Wanda from Rockview Circle.Just remember to keep your hands in God's hand and each day will get easier.God is able to keep you during this time and always.*

*George,Rachel Jackson and Family*

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**George,Rachel Jackson and Family** - March 18, 2009 at 05:49 PM

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“ *My heart felt condolences to the family. I'm sorry I couldn't make it to the services. My flight was late coming back from California. Wanda will be missed and always loved. May God continue to bestow His Blessings upon the family.*

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**Sarah Lewis** - March 18, 2009 at 05:49 PM