



Mrs. Willye Neal Smith

February 1, 1943 - February 17, 2023

Mrs. Willye Neal Smith, 75, of Chicago, IL formerly of Liberty, MS departed this earthly life on February 17, 2023 in Chicago, IL.

Graveside services will be Saturday, February 25, at 11:00am in Liberty Baptist Church Cemetery.

Mrs. Willye Neal Smith was born February 1st 1943 in Liberty, MS to the union of the late Willie Maxwell and Lucille Spears Maxwell. She was the 10th of eleven children.

She received her formal education at Liberty Rosenwald High School in Liberty, MS. And Alcorn State University in Lorman, MS., where she received a Bachelor's degree, and became a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.

She accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Liberty Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of the late Rev. William H. Tobias. After relocating to Chicago, Illinois, Willye Neal united with St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church under the pastorate of the late Reverend J.J. Taylor

She was joined in matrimony to her college sweetheart, Elton Smith, Jr. To this loving union two daughters were born.

Willye Neal was employed with the Chicago Board of Education Public School system for over thirty-three years until her retirement.

Willye Neal's life was an inspiration. It mirrored the reflection of her Christian upbringing. She was fondly called "Neal" and was compassionate, loving, devoted, giving, and loved spoiling her Granddaughter. Her Sunday Dinners will surely be missed.

On Friday, February 17th 2023 God decided Neal's work here was done and called her home. She was preceded in death by her parents, her Brothers; Curtis Maxwell, Sr., Morris L. Maxwell Sr., Cleophas Maxwell, Edward Maxwell, Esko G. Maxwell, Otis Maxwell Jr., James K. Maxwell and Her Sisters Mary L. Horton, and Clara Alexander.

She leaves to cherish her memories her loving Husband Elton Smith, Jr., Two Daughters, Cassandra Smith and Carmella Smith of Chicago, Illinois. One granddaughter Jasmine Neal Smith, Chicago, Illinois, One Sister, Nettie Maxwell of Liberty, MS. Brother in Laws, Willie B Smith, Brookhaven, MS., McKinley Smith, Maywood, IL., Lee Edward Smith (Pamela). Frankfort, IL., Sister-in-law Annie Ruth Robinson, Brookhaven, MS., and a host of nieces, nephew, relatives and friends.

We will continue to follow the CDC guidelines, Mask and Social Distancing will be required upon entering the facility.

Services entrusted to Peoples Undertaking Co.

Condolences can be shared at www.peoplesundertakingcompanyinc.com

Cemetery Details

Liberty Baptist Church Cemetery

435 Irene Street
Liberty
Liberty, MS 39645

Previous Events

Graveside Service

FEB **25**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Liberty, MS 39645

Tribute Wall

BJ

“ *The Ben Jones Family from Austin, TX send our prayers and condolences to the Smith family. We just saw the obituary recently for the first time. I knew Mrs. Smith in college at Alcorn State University. She was a very dedicated student whose Christian values showed through in all of her activities. We hope that the Smith Family have a great Thanksgiving even though you've lost the linch-pin in your lives. God knows best.*

Benjamin Franklin Jones - November 22, 2024 at 09:11 AM