



Ruby Lee Smith

May 22, 1929 - October 26, 2017

Obituary

Ruby Lee Nichols Smith

Ruby Lee Nichols Smith was born May 22, 1929 to Dozier and Ruby Johnson Nichols in Zeigler, Georgia. She was the youngest of two children and was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Gertrude Walker.

She received her education at Hungerford Preparatory Academy in Eatonville, Florida. She attended Bethune Cookman College in Daytona Beach, Florida graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Education, and received her Master's Degree from Indiana University.

She was joined in Holy Matrimony to Joseph A. Smith on January 3, 1954, who preceded her in death. They relocated to the city of Pompano Beach, Florida and together raised one son Michael C. Smith, who also preceded her in death. She also had two step-daughters Carol Darnella and Audrey Lorraine.

As an educator Ruby taught at Fisk University and Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University. She taught elementary school for over 40 years in the Broward County School System at Coleman Elementary, Floranada Elementary and Deerfield Park Elementary until her retirement. Sister Ruby Smith, affectionately known as "Diva", was a faithful and dedicated member of Bethel A.M.E. Church in Pompano Beach, Florida, serving in the Mary Streeter Missionary Society, Usher Board, Shepherd's Care and as Assistant

Class Leader until her health began to fail.

God in His infinite wisdom called Sister Ruby Smith home to eternal rest early Thursday morning, October 26, 2017. She leaves to mourn her passing two step-daughters Carol Smith - Conyers, GA; Audrey Smith (Preston Hursey, Jr.) - Orlando, FL; one daughter-in-law Elizabeth Smith - Pompano Beach, FL; one granddaughter Tatiana Smith - Pompano Beach, FL; nephews James Ager – Cocoa, FL; Lawrence Smith (Selina) - Miami Gardens, FL; Goddaughters Betty Walker - Pompano Beach, FL; Kimberly Mitchell - Pompano Beach FL; Keniya Mitchell – Tallahassee, FL; one Godson Gregory Lampkins – Pompano Beach, FL; and a host of sorrowing nieces, nephews and friends.

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Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

BETHEL AME
405 NW 3rd Avenue
Pompano Beach, FL 33060

Service

NOV 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ruby Lee Smith*

September 27, 2023 at 05:27 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruby Lee Smith.*



November 03, 2017 at 03:44 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Ruby Smith's family at this time. She will be missed by Mrs. Eliza Bickers, Gail Bickers Bowens and Marcia Bickers Baldwin and families.*

Marcia Bickers Baldwin - November 02, 2017 at 02:20 PM



“ *Rosa McFarlin (Kennesaw, GA lit a candle in memory of Ruby Lee Smith*



Rosa McFarlin (Kennesaw, GA - November 02, 2017 at 11:40 AM



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L.C. Poitier Funeral Home - November 02, 2017 at 10:38 AM



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L.C. Poitier Funeral Home - November 01, 2017 at 01:54 PM

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“ Oh! Mrs. Smith she was my second grade teacher at Coleman Elementary, my favorite teacher. Always so warm and sweet not to mention inviting.
You will be missed dearly. Rest in Peace! God bless and keep the family.

Rosa - October 30, 2017 at 06:26 PM



Ms Smith a Great Educator in Broward County Sanders Park truly is not the same with so many of our Elders going on. Much prayer for Michael and The Smith Family.

Velle Kennedy - November 01, 2017 at 11:01 AM

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*Mrs. smith GREAT woman of god we will miss you so much . Elder
Kenneth Gillis yours in Christ your grandson*

kenneth Gillis - November 02, 2017 at 01:36 PM