



Mrs. Fannie Beatrice Smith

June 4, 1922 - February 10, 2022

I was one of nine boys and girls born to the late Walter and Carrie Pitchford on June 4, 1922, in Lexington, Mississippi. At age 12, I accepted Christ and was baptized at Macedonia Baptist Church in Lexington, Mississippi, pastored by Reverend Richard McClain.

I attended Ambrose Vocational High School from Kindergarten through 12th grade. After graduation, I furthered my education at Saints Junior College where I became a Teacher/Principal.

During college I met Walter Lee. On April 26, 1944, we united in holy matrimony. Shortly,

thereafter, my husband was drafted into the United States Army. Upon his return home, we

were blessed to have our first child, Bobbie, on December 30, 1946. God blessed us to have

seven children during our marriage of 73 years.

Because the job opportunities around Lexington were very limited, we were encouraged by our

parents to leave Mississippi and move North.

On March 23, 1947, we arrived in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, during an intense snowstorm. As we settled in, I became employed by Milwaukee Public

Schools. During my Christian journey, Walter Lee and

I found our first church home, Tabernacle Community Baptist Church. I was a diligent servant and served on the Mother's Board for several years. While at

Tabernacle, Walter Lee announced to Pastor Reverend Jewel Williams that the Lord had called him to preach. With my total support, I saw my husband continue to be elevated in his ministry, by becoming an Assistant Pastor at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church. Several years later, my husband was approached by the Wanderer's Home Missionary Baptist Church to become their Pastor.

My role as a Homemaker, Wife, and Christian was also enhanced as I became a Pastor's wife and "First Lady". Ten years later, Pastor Smith founded the Newport Missionary Baptist Church where I served as the First Lady and First Lady Emeritus until the Lord called me home. I also served as an active

member of the General Baptist State Convention of Wisconsin, Inc.. and was a member of the Ministers Wives of Wisconsin.

In my leisure, I enjoyed watching game shows and Milwaukee Bucks' games on television, fishing, word search puzzles, visiting with my children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and extended family.

My heart was being a mother to many. I left this world on Thursday, February 10, 2022, and joined my father, mother, sisters, brothers, husband, and daughter (Pamela).

I left to cherish the legacy of my life to my beautiful and loving family: Bobbie (Willie deceased), Samuel (Therasia), Annie (James), Walter Jr. (Donna), Patrick (Margo), and Anthony (Wendy); thirteen grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; sister-in-law, Senora Smith; son-in-law, Steven Sr.; along with a host of other in-laws, relatives, and friends.

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

Psalm 133:1

Cemetery Details

Wisconsin Memorial Park

13235 W. Capitol Dr.
Brookfield, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **24**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Northwest Funeral Chapel
6630 W. Hampton Ave
Milwaukee, WI

Tribute Wall

TS

“ *There's not enough words that can express how much I love you ❤️
mama*

HUSTON (Rev. SAMUEL SMITH)

Therasia Smith - February 24, 2022 at 03:39 PM

TS

“ *Twelve wonderful years of my life I enjoy the warm love of this beautiful woman of God. Most people knew her as Fannie Beatrice Smith. I knew her as Mom!! The first day my husband introduced me to you. You embrace me with warm, loving hug ever. I felt the warmness of a mother love. ❤️ Rest in Peace mom. Your beautiful smile will always be in my memories*

Therasia Smith - February 23, 2022 at 11:23 PM



“ *Mom & Big Mom...an angel on Earth.*

We are forever grateful for your unconditional love and your life's walk with Jesus. You filled each day making other's lives better. We will miss you so, but we know we will see you again one day.

Love forever...Tony, Wendy & Sean 💜

Wendy Smith - February 23, 2022 at 10:42 PM

PS

“ *I will always love you Mama!!!*

Patrick Smith - February 23, 2022 at 10:09 PM

PS

“ *What a beautiful woman inside and out!*”



Patrick Smith - February 23, 2022 at 10:08 PM

MG

“ *To The Smith Family*”

“Great heavens, what remarkable women are to be found among the Christians”

-John Chrysostom-

May the comfort and peace of God cover you all. It was a blessing to know and grow up with the Walter & Fannie Smith family. So many wonderful memories!

Our condolences to all

The Offspring of Hugh, Sr. & Addie Davis

Mildred Davis Green - February 23, 2022 at 05:01 PM

JC

“ To The Smith Family

What A precious woman Sis. Smith was, she taught me so much including my books of the Bible.

What I will remember her most for is the song that she sang that described her life

*I'm gonna live the life I sing about in my song
I'm gonna stand for the right and shun all wrong
Within a crowd or all alone, on the streets or in my home
I'm gonna live the life I sing about in my song.*

Take your rest, mighty woman of God.

Family you are in our prayers,

Judy Carson

Judy Carson - February 23, 2022 at 12:14 PM

“ Aunt Fannie was the true essence of Proverbs 31.

From her we learn 5 practices that demonstrate strength in everyday life:

She is trustworthy. Proverbs 31:11 says that “The heart of her husband trusts in her.”

She is diligent. Proverbs 31:13 says that she “works with willing hands” and verse 15 says that “she rises while it is still night.”

She is shrewd, or prudent. She makes the most out of available resources and prepares for difficult circumstances, as in Proverbs 31:21-22 which says “she is not afraid for her household when it snows” because “she makes herself coverings.”

She is generous. Proverbs 31:20 says “She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy.” Her generosity isn’t a personality quirk – it comes from her excellence at work. Because she makes a profit in her business she is able to give to the poor.

She is careful about what she says. Guarding the tongue is an important theme throughout the book of Proverbs, and in 31:26 it says that when the valiant woman speaks she “opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.”

Trustworthiness, diligence, shrewdness, generosity, and guarding the tongue. 5 ways to show strength at work, demonstrated by the mighty woman of Proverbs.

As Aunt Fannie told me 99 and 1/2 won’t due, so God provided her 99 and 8 months of true Blessings. We are praying for your family and all the Pitchford Family.

Gloria

FJ

“ *To the Smith Family*

Mrs. Fannie B. Smith what an amazing person she were. I'm so lucky to had the opportunity to know her, she always had smile on her face when I'd talk with her. Positive attitude she had to ALL ..she encounter. What a wonderful lady.

Rest in peace...Love

Sis: Freddie Jackson

Freddie Jackson - February 21, 2022 at 02:41 PM

SJ

“ My oh so sweet Grandmother...

She was simply beautiful!!

A Soul who lived her life so FULL and died empty. I never heard her complain and she was always so gracious with her time and energy.

She called me “Hollywood” and never missed an opportunity to remind me how proud she was of my “beautiful daughters” Déysha & Sydnee. She enjoyed spending time with Derick too as they would share stories about children and education.

I will forever cherish our moments, especially the last evening I spent with her. I read the scripture for the evening, shared Sydnee’s blog and recited a passage from Ruth. Shortly thereafter, she said- “It’s gone be alright” and I believe that!! I am at peace knowing that heaven has gained another angel that will be watching over me.

Rest well my dear sweet 👑 Saint Fannie Beatrice.

I’m so very thankful for her LEGACY.

She’s my Ruth 3:11:heart:

Love, Shaneé(Smith) Jenkins

Shanee(Smith) Jenkins - February 20, 2022 at 02:30 PM

RM

“ *Smith Family,
With sympathy & our condolences, we share
your loss. Mother Smith was one of the
godliest role models exemplified before us.
Rest in peace Mother Smith.*



Family, you're in our prayers 🙏
✠ ✠ *Rev. Aaron & Mrs Merdis Morgan*

Rev. Aaron & Mrs Merdis Morgan - February 18, 2022 at 08:43 PM

AD

“ *Mom, you are forever in my heart. Until we meet again!*
Love,
Doris

Annie Davis - February 18, 2022 at 07:58 PM

WJ

“ *Mama Smith, you were the best mother that I could ask God for!*
Rest in peace till we meet again.

Walter Jr. - February 18, 2022 at 01:18 PM

JC

“ *To the Smith Family;*
*I just wanted to give my condolences on the loss of your mother. I
never knew her but I know she was a outstanding person by the
way she raised such great children. You are in our prayes for
strength through these days ahead.*
Jason Cox

Jason Cox - February 18, 2022 at 01:14 PM

SJ

“ Love you big Mama, you can rest now.

Sydney Jenkins - February 17, 2022 at 11:16 AM

BH

“ Love you Mama.

Bobbie Hoover - February 15, 2022 at 07:49 AM

BH

“ Love you great grandmother.

Brandyn

Brandyn Hoover - February 15, 2022 at 07:45 AM

KH

“ I'm really going to miss my Big mama....my grandparents were absolutely everything, I mean everything to me.. I will forever honor you both!

Love,

Kindrea Hoover- Handley(Kimosabee)

Kindrea Hoover-Handley - February 14, 2022 at 02:43 PM

MS

To the Smith Family my deepest condolences to each of you in the loss of your mother. Growing up on 16th street she was one of the moms you hardly saw on the block but you knew if you needed help she was always there with a helping hand. She will be missed by many.

Marcia Smith - February 17, 2022 at 01:02 AM

DK

Our condolences to Walt and the entire family. May she rest in peace, and may her memory be a blessing. Debby and Paul kexel.

deborah kexel - February 17, 2022 at 03:19 PM