



Ms. Portia Elaine Draeving

March 6, 1957 - April 24, 2025

Portia Elaine Draeving was born on March 6, 1957, to the union of Andrew Smith Jr. and Annie Laura

Smith in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She received her formal education at Washington High School, where she earned her GED. She furthered her education by earning various certificates in early childhood education.

Portia accepted Christ as her Savior and was united with Mt. Zion Assembly Healing Temple where she served as an evangelist formally missionary.

On June 10, 1983, Portia Smith united in holy matrimony with David Draeving in Milwaukee, WI. Their union was blessed with one child.

She was employed by Envoy Airlines as a flight attendant until her retirement.

Portia ran Starlight City Ministry, as a community activist, and a union member. In her leisure, she enjoyed traveling,

helping those in need, going to church, operating a daycare and charter school, and donating and visiting orphanages abroad, including Jamaica and Zimbabwe. Portia stood for holiness and took no foolishness. She will forever be missed.

Evangelist Portia Elaine Draeving departed this life on April 24, 2025. She was preceded in death by her: parents, Andrew (Annie Laura) Smith; husband, David Draeving; grandparents, Rev. Andrew (Lillie Mae) Smith and Albert (Annie Amelia) Blackwell; aunts, Dorthy Westbrooks, Deborah (Bo Peep) Norris, Liz Edwards, Sarah Edwards, Ruth Mims, Martha, Margerine,

Gaynelle Miller, Bobbie Jean Mcland, and Mary Dreuitt; uncle, Jeremiah Smith; nephew, Joey Smith; and cousin, Nigel Dreuitt.

She leaves to cherish her memory: sons, Mario Smith and Andrae Smith; daughter, Danielle Draeving; grandchildren, Mario Kaufert Malaika Smith, Aundrea Smith, Gabriel Smith, JD Badibanga, and Jospeh Casanova; siblings, lawrence Smith, Gloria Smith, Andrew J. Smith Jr.. Nathaniel Smith, Marcia Hinton!

Stanley Smith, Dwight Smith, and Annette Murrell; aunt, Vivian Carnes; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Cemetery Details

Southern WI Veterans Cemetery

21731 Spring St.
Union Grove, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Mt Zion Healing Temple
4300 N. Green Bay Ave
Milwaukee, WI

Funeral Service

MAY 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Pictures of Portia Draeving, from about 1983. 💜



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