



## Ms. Ruby Delores Smith

April 20, 1960 - October 14, 2021

Ruby D. Smith was born on April 20, 1960 to the union of Arthur and Luebirtha Talley in Milwaukee, WI.

Ruby accepted Christ at the age of 13 and was united with Tabernacle Community Baptist Church where she was a member of the Tabernacle choir and worked in the kitchen with her mother. Ruby earned her diploma at MATC. She was a CNA for fifteen years, was employed by University School and ended her career at the U.S. Post Office.

Ruby loved music and her voice was a vessel for Christ. When Ruby sang, you felt the anointing in her voice. She blessed her church home with her first solo of Precious Lord with the choir at Tabernacle. Every holiday, she would stand at the piano with Sister Lindsey singing: Lord Don't Move My Mountain, I'm Trampling Trying to Make Heaven My Home, and her all-time favorite Near the Cross. She also sang with the Heavenly Angels for several years.

Gospel music eased her pain; when she was sick, when she was mad, when she was hurt, and when she was sad, gospel music and singing the Lord's praises was her saving grace.

With an anointing voice also come an anointing touch. She had a green thumb

and loved to take care of her plants. She could take a small leaf and pour life into it until it bloomed into a flower, the same way her love bloomed within all of us. She poured life and love into her family for them to blossom in Christ.

Ruby kept on immaculate home and enjoyed spending time with her family. When Ruby wasn't singing, cleaning, or watering her plants, she loved watching movies, especially action movies and Bruce Lee karate films. One of her favorites movies was Imitation of Life, when Mahalia Jackson song Precious Lord. She also had a sweet tooth. She loved jolly ranchers, apple sticks, licorice ropes, gumballs, and lemon heads. And to know Ruby is to know that she never bit her tongue. Her favorite line "If you're going to tell it, tell it like I said it. Don't add none, don't take nothing from it. Don't lie on me!"

Ruby D. Smith departed this life on October 14, 2021. She was preceded in death by her parents Arthur and Luebirtha Tolley; mama Willie Mae Wells and daddy Charles Wells, Sr.; her sisters Geralene and Audrey Tolley; and her brother Willie Earl Wells. She leaves to cherish her memory: her beloved only daughter, Lakesha D. Smith; four grandchildren Jaques Austin, Ja'Kira Austin, and twins Kailey and Kiley Smith; her significant other Lance James; her aunt LueAnn Caston; her sisters Peggy and Patricio Tolley and Brenda Wells-White; her brothers Arthur Tolley Jr., Anthony Tolley, and Charles Wells Jr.; one special cousin Janalle Marie Goosby; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of friends.

Even though she was in pain, her last words were "Jesus, I Love You."

# Cemetery Details

## Wisconsin Memorial Park

13235 W. Capitol Dr.  
Brookfield, WI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **28**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Tabernacle Community BC  
2500 W. Medford Ave  
Milwaukee, WI

## Family Hour

OCT **28**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Tabernacle Community BC  
2500 W. Medford Ave  
Milwaukee, WI

## Visitation

OCT **29**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Tabernacle Community BC  
2500 W. Medford Ave  
Milwaukee, WI

## Funeral Service

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OCT **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Tabernacle Community BC  
2500 W. Medford Ave  
Milwaukee, WI

# Tribute Wall

KC

“ *Kathy Carson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Ruby Delores Smith*



Kathy Carson - October 29, 2021 at 07:42 PM

KC

*My beloved cousin. I am so thankful we spoke on the phone 9 weeks ago and I told you that I love you and you replied back I love you too. Not knowing that would be the last conversation on this side of heaven. Ruby you were the song bird of our family. We will miss you!! Love your cousin,. Kathy Carson.*

Kathy Carson - October 29, 2021 at 07:53 PM

KS

“ *May we all take comfort in knowing there is one more angel above us. With Deepest Sympathy.*

*Kathy Stephens*

Kathy Stephens - October 29, 2021 at 12:27 PM

GC

“ *Geneva Carlisle lit a candle in memory of Ms. Ruby Delores Smith*



Geneva Carlisle - October 29, 2021 at 08:47 AM

RD

“ My prayers to The Family of Ruby. May God give you all peace and strength. Ruby will be missed and her angelic voice in the choir will be missed. She always captivated the church when she sang: We're all gathered here, in Your presence Lord  
With our arms open wide  
With lifted hands and with open hearts  
We welcome You to abide  
Oh Lord we need Your Spirit  
Your Holy Spirit, right now  
Oh Lord give us Your Spirit  
Your Holy Spirit, right now  
We can do nothing until You come dear Lord  
For we are so unworthy to even call on Your name  
So please please, please please  
Please Lord hear our prayer  
And don't let our coming be in vain  
Oh Lord we need Your Spirit  
Your Holy Spirit, right now  
Oh Lord give us Your Spirit  
Your Holy Spirit, right now  
Spirit, Spirit fall fresh on me  
Spirit, Spirit fall fresh on me  
Fall down (fall down), fall down (fall down), fall fresh on me  
Fall down (fall down), fall down (fall down), fall fresh on me  
Spirit, Spirit fall fresh on me  
Spirit, Spirit fall fresh on me  
Holy spirit, Holy Spirit  
I need you to abide in me  
In everything that I do, everything I say Lord  
I need you in my home  
And even when I'm riding down  
The dangerous highways I need You, I need You  
To fall down (fall down), fall down (fall down), fall fresh on me  
Fall down (fall down), fall down (fall down), fall fresh on me



*Spirit, Spirit fall fresh on me  
Spirit, Spirit fall fresh on me  
Spirit, Spirit fall fresh on me*

**Regina Donald** - October 22, 2021 at 01:02 PM

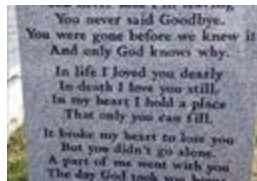
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“ *MAY GOD BLESS AND STRENGTHEN OUR FAMILY. I WILL ALWAYS MISS YOU AND LOVE YOU SISTER*

**MS. PEGGY TALLEY** - October 20, 2021 at 12:51 PM



“ *Loving memories  
Love ALWAYS ALMA J Cotton*



**Alma Cotton** - October 17, 2021 at 05:00 PM

BM

“ *A special prayer for you Kiesha in your time of loss. 🕊️ May God grant you strength & comfort for the days ahead. Wishing you loving memories to forever hold in your heart. I have very fond of your Mommy Ruby.*



**Brenda Moore** - October 16, 2021 at 12:23 AM