



Mother Glenda Louise Smith

September 30, 1936 - October 11, 2020

SMITH, Mother Glenda Louise – age 84, passed away, Sunday, October 11, 2020 at Beaumont Hospital Royal Oak. Funeral Service 11:00 AM Saturday, October 24, 2020 at Greater Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 306 Midway Ave. Pastor Jamar Pittman, Officiating. Family and Friends will gather at the funeral home 11:00AM Saturday. Interment River Rest Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Road Flint, Michigan 48504. Mother Smith will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 268 North Perry Street, and may be viewed between 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Friday. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Greater Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 306 Midway Ave. Pontiac, Michigan 48341. The service for Mother Smith will be a private held service with limited attendees due to factors related to COVID-19.

Mother Glenda L. (Rankin) Smith entered her eternal rest on Sunday, October 11, 2020.

She was born in Flint, Michigan on September 30, 1936 to the late Louis C. and Mary Taylor Rankin.

She attended Flint Public Schools graduating from Flint Northern High School in June 1954. She received an Associate of Arts degree from Mott Community College, and a B.B.A from Northwood University in Midland, MI.

She accepted Christ at an early age, and was baptized at Mount Calvary Baptist Church Flint, MI. She is currently a member of Greater Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Pontiac, MI.

Her career began with Michigan Bell Telephone Company, and she was the first black Human Resources Manager covering Flint and the entire Northern Michigan area. In 1978, she was transferred to the Detroit Metro area. She retired after 38 years from Ameritech Publishing Inc. as the Director of Yellow Pages Publishing Operations.

She was a member of the Greater Mount Calvary Baptist Church Evangelistic Ministries, and a lifetime member of the AT&T Telephone Pioneers.

Her favorite pastimes were bowling, golfing, swimming, and fishing. She also loved to travel and took many cruises after retirement.

Mother Smith leaves to cherish her memory; daughter Angela (Brian) Smith-Daniels - Portage, MI; brother Reverend Melvyn (Queenie) Rankin - Brooklyn, NY; nephew Marlon Rankin (Tina) – Brooklyn, NY; Mark (Kristi) Rankin – Cleveland, OH; Maurice Rankin Jr.; Special cousin Lorna (Peter) Rudolph – Cleveland, OH; Special friends Rosamary Naphier, Thelma Terry, Edith Cox, Mae Williams, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Mother Smith was preceded in death by her mother Mary Taylor Rankin; brothers Kenneth Rankin Taylor and Maurice Rankin.

Cemetery Details

Riverrest Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Road
Flint, MI 48504

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **23**. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Pontiac
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Pontiac, MI 48342
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Funeral Service

OCT **24**. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Greater Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church
306 Midway Avenue
Pontiac, MI 48341

Tribute Wall

AF

“ This woman was my bridge to my past. Once we connected we talked and laughed and I got to learn about my Dad who was Aunties Oldest brother. She taught me about my Grandmother and my Uncles. I wish we would have had more time together, But I`m thankful for the time we did have and for the Knowledge she gave me. I will always Love you Auntie, And your presence will always be in my Heart. Your Nephew, Alan.

Alan Fluker - November 07, 2020 at 08:54 AM

MT

“ Marlon And Tina lit a candle in memory of Mother Glenda Louise Smith



Marlon and Tina - October 24, 2020 at 09:01 AM

LT

“ Aunt Glenda has been such a vital part of my life. Her words of wisdom and love always brought comfort. She has always been there supporting and helping to shape me every day of my life. I will always treasure our conversations and celebrations that we have shared. I will miss you Aunt Glenda.

Linda Trotter - October 23, 2020 at 11:43 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mother Glenda Louise Smith.*



October 22, 2020 at 07:38 PM



“ *I am so happy to have had my Aunt Glenda in my life for 65 years. She has always been part of all my accomplishments with her encouraging words. One thing that I will always remember is when she taught me how to make up a bed, especially the placement of the pillows, when I was a kid. Yes even today, nearly every time I make up my bed, I think about my Auntie Glenda showing me how to place the pillow on the bed. I still do it the same way today. I will never forget that, just like I will never forget her as long as I live. I will miss my Auntie. My love for her will last forever! R.I.H.*

Randolph Williams - October 19, 2020 at 10:19 AM

JC

“ *John Collins*

I am Glenda's neighbor. My fondest memory is that I got to sing happy birthday to her. She said I had a good voice. I'm sure she was just being kind. Sadly it was her last birthday.

When she moved next door she and my wife became friends immediately. When my wife passed on March 3rd of this year Glenda was someone I could talk to. She also liked my cooking. She had a calming spirit. I will miss her.

My condolences to het family. You have lost a jewel. Trust God and let your fond memories of her comfort you.

John Collins - October 17, 2020 at 10:48 PM

KM

“ *Katenia McWilliams lit a candle in memory of Mother Glenda Louise Smith*



Katenia McWilliams - October 16, 2020 at 04:27 PM

BS

“ Glenda and I met in Pontiac Mi working for Michigan Bell Telephone Co. We had opportunities to have lunch together in the building's cafeteria. As you can imagine, a black man and a black woman in management caused eyes to turn. We laughed.

After I left Michigan and moved to New Jersey with AT&T, Glenda had a business trip and reached out. She and a lady friend visited my wife and I one evening and had a chance to catch up.

Years later, in talking with my son Ray, I found out that he attended MSU with a young lady who was Glenda's loving daughter Angela.

More years later I found her on Facebook. We messaged and I found that she was ill. I had the pleasure to pray for and with her after learning of her ailment.

God knew exactly when to have a friend reach out.

Angela, your mother was proud of you when we were working together and continued to be proud. Thank you for being there to support her when she needed you most. God bless you.

The Sams family is praying for peace, comfort, understanding and family unity during this most difficult time. Trust in HIM!

Bobby Sams

Bobby R Sams - October 16, 2020 at 03:05 PM

TM

“ *I am praying for you and your family Angie.
We love Aunt Glenda. May she rest in
Heaven.
Tamika, Nicole and Taylor* ❤️



Tamika Mack - October 15, 2020 at 11:07 PM

“ On the behalf of Greater Mt. Calvary M.B Church family.
Mother Smith is a mother keep us alive when we are helpless babies, so it's our responsibility to keep mothers alive in our minds after they pass

There's a special place in all of our hearts for our mothers, just like there's a special place in every mother's heart for her children. You must continue to carry her memory in that special place in your heart. I am sincerely sorry for the loss of your mother

Moms are important and special people. I am sorry for the loss of such a valuable person in your life. My thoughts are with you and your family at this time

Your mother was the kindest and gentlest woman I have ever met. I feel so fortunate to have known her and extend my deepest sympathy to you and your family

Even though moms are the quickest people to give love to children, they are also the people who their children need love from the most

Your mother was one of the warmest and most caring people I have had the pleasure of knowing. I am sorry for your great loss

The heart that your mother had for others is a rare gift to the many people who had the privilege to know her and be blessed by her. Please accept my condolences

May you find peace and comfort in knowing that your grief is shared by so many. Your mom will be sorely missed. God bless you and your wonderful family

Most people only have one mom, and that is why moms are so special. I'm sorry for your great loss

I admire the life that your mom lived, and I can only hope that I can have as strong of a finish to my life as she did

No one can replace your mom, but God can comfort your heart. He knows what you need during this time much better than anyone else.



Pastor JaMar & Ty Pittman, G.M.C Family - October 14, 2020 at 10:57 PM

FD

Ms Glenda Smith was my mentor at Ameritech in the 1990's. I learned from her about corporate America and how to conduct myself as a business professional. If not for her wisdom and tutelage during the early years of my career, I don't know where I'd be today. I thank her for reaching back and giving me an opportunity to be a business professional for which I'm eternally grateful. May God keep her soul and spirit in his loving arms.

fitzgerald davis - October 22, 2020 at 07:52 PM

RD

“ *Sending our condolences to the family of Mother Glenda Smith. May she rest in Heaven.* ”



Rev & Sis Dean - October 14, 2020 at 01:23 PM

GS

Sending condolences to the family of Mother Glenda Smith Mother Geraldine Sharp and family

Geraldine Sharp - October 14, 2020 at 09:49 PM

CH

*Sending my condolences and prayers.
Sis. Houston and Family*

Candy Houston - October 15, 2020 at 12:37 PM



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Sonja Thomas - October 16, 2020 at 12:08 AM



*Sending all my love and prayers as well as condolences to aunt
Glenda and the family. Im so glad we talked last wk. I no yr in heaven.
Rest my angel always were a classy and sassy l.and that smile and
wisdom. Priceless. Love u. Looking forward to.seeing u again. U taught
me so much. U will b missed.*

Sonja Thomas - October 16, 2020 at 12:15 AM

RJ

*To sister Angela and the Smith family on behalf of the Jackson family
you have our deepest sympathy and prayers during this time of
bereavement. Your mother was the spark that brought
our mother board to life, I will always cherish the time I served as her
Pastor.*

Pastor Emeritus Jackson

Roger Jackson - October 19, 2020 at 04:31 PM

TY

*I am going to miss your mom Angie so much. Glenda and I became
friends when you and Greta wanted to spend the night together. You
two young ladies have grown up together as best friends. Glenda and I
have watch you now as sister. Rest in peace my friend, I will continue
to watch over our girls.*

Theresa Moss Younger - October 23, 2020 at 07:50 PM