



Mrs. Loretta Delores Jackson Smith

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Loretta Delores Jackson Smith, 79, of Nashville, Tennessee, passed away Saturday, January 21, 2023. Born September 23, 1943, in Nashville, she was the daughter of Meriam Christine Brown Harding and the late Robert Lee Jackson.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by her brother Robert Jackson, Jr.

She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Dawson W. Smith, Sr.; daughter Rhonda Smith; son Dawson W. Smith, Jr.; grandchildren RaShawn Lewis, Loren (Aaron) Jennejahn, Jaleen Mooreland, Daijah Smith, Davonte Smith, and Davin Smith; great grandchildren Dominick Jennejahn and Alaryk Lewis; sisters Cheryl Akins and Karen Harding; brother Eric Harding; her dear friend Jacqueline Campbell; and several extended family members and friends.

Loretta graduated from Pearl High School. She went on to attend Tennessee A & I State and the University of Tennessee in Nashville. She was a member of Greater Bethel A.M.E. Church. Loretta enjoyed volunteering at school and camps with her grandchildren. She worked closely with the community neighborhood board and investment club. She was retired from Vanderbilt University Medical Center where she was a unit coordinator for the Children's Psychiatry Department.

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be held at Spring Hill Funeral Home on Wednesday, February 1, at 2:00 pm, with the family receiving visitors one hour prior to the service. Dr. Byron Moore and Rev. Theodore Bryson officiating. Inurnment will follow in the Historic Spring Hill Cemetery.

Click the link below to view the webcasted service:

<http://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/84245/hash:B8FC2B7040046D37>

Arrangements entrusted to Spring Hill Funeral Home & Cemetery, 5110 Gallatin Road, Nashville, TN 37216. "Where Nashville Comes to Remember."



Events

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Visitation

- Wednesday**, February 1, 2023
- 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CT
- Spring Hill Funeral Home**
5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville TN 37216



Celebration of Life Memorial Service

- Wednesday**, February 1, 2023
- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM CT
- Spring Hill Funeral Home**
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- Visitation from 1 pm until 2 pm





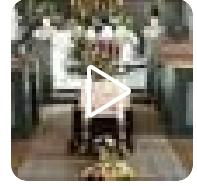
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January 30 at 12:02 PM



Derrick King sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Smith family.



February 1 at 8:31 AM



Rosalind Jones posted:

Condolences to the Smith family on the passing of Loretta. I had the opportunity of meeting her during the formation of the Progressive Women Investment Club. I enjoyed our conversations. May you find comfort in each of your memories. Rosalind Jones, Former member PWIC

January 31 at 12:53 PM



Valeria Yeargins lit a candle in honor of Loretta.

Dear Dawson and family, I am praying for peace and blessing for all of you. I am very sad to here of the passing of Loretta. so glad she was in my life. As you know GOD is good all the time an ALL THE TIME GOD is good. keeping you in my prayers. Valeria Yeargins



January 27 at 10:26 AM



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CH

Candace Hyde posted:

Loretta and Dawson have known me my whole life. They are in our family village and I am so hurt and pained by her passing. She and Dawson were beloved by my parents and they were thick as thieves, travel buddies, road warriors, and Spades playing, loud laughing, in good times and in bad times—the best of friends! All of my wonderful childhood memories included Loretta and the family. She was always there, always supportive and ever faithful. She traveled extensively. She came with my mom to my first Tuskegee University homecoming when I was a freshman, we took great trips to the Bahamas and she and Dawson made the trip to see my cousin Cheri Beasley become the first African American woman to serve as Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court, just to name a few. Loretta has ALWAYS been there. Dawson and Loretta were so supportive when my parents passed away. James and Joyce LOVED Dawson and Loretta and Dawson and Loretta LOVED James and Joyce! James, Joyce and Lou have saved you a seat at heaven's spades table! Loretta, step in and run a BOSTON on 'um!!

January 24 at 3:55 PM

MT

Mabe Turner posted:

So very sorry to hear of this loss. Loretta was a beautiful spirit and will truly be missed by all who had the pleasure of meeting her. Joe and I offer our sincere condolences to the entire family and will keep you in our thoughts and prayer. Joe & Mabel Turner

January 24 at 10:13 AM

DS

Dawson Smith Jr posted:

Mom I miss you so much always I wrote this 3xs just know you still are the best parent a person could ask for you loved all your grandchildren, church family and community, you wanted nothing but the best for all of us, and made sure we had the best and nothing less, you dedicated your live to your family and grandchildren you loved and lived a great life to the fullest ❤️ I'm pleased to know how nice you made it for use and how you enjoyed your live to the fullest, we love you mom, I'll see you again soon. 🙏❤️

January 23 at 8:57 PM



Media

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Join us in honoring Loretta by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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