



Rosa Lee Smith

June 8, 1925 - October 16, 2022

Rosa Lee Smith (Grayson) was born on June 8, 1925 in Spartanburg, South Carolina. She was the middle child from the union of the late James and Willie Grayson (Evans), and her two siblings were Elma Anderson and James Grayson, Jr. (Jack).

“Shug”, or Aunt Rose, as she was called by family and church family, grew up in South Carolina, where she lived until the age of 18, when she met Luther B. Smith at a church campground meeting. They were married and moved to Pittsburgh, settling in the Glen Hazel and Hazelwood area. In 1947 they relocated to Homestead, where she joined Clark Memorial Baptist Church, and remained a faithful member for 75 years.

Rose was known for being a walking library - witty, with a sharp memory – and an incredibly hard worker. Her first job was in the cotton fields at the age of 13. She then worked for many years at Colombia Cleaners, before ending up at US Steel, the job she retired from. But even after retiring, she wasn't done, going back to work at Kennywood Park up until she was 90 years old.

Rose was very strong, independent, and giving. She loved plants, spending hours and hours in her garden in the spring and summer months, and she also loved animals. After retiring, she had a pet bird named Cue Cue that she cared for very much. Rose was honest, with a “tell it like it is” mentality that earned her the respect of many.

Rose departed this life for life eternal on October 16, 2022. She is preceded in death by her husband, Luther Smith; mother, Willie Evans; father, James

Grayson; brother, Jack Grayson; and sister, Elma Anderson.

Rosa leaves to celebrate her legacy her nephews, Chuck Anderson and James Anderson; nieces, Willa Anderson and Virginia Howard; and a host of great nieces, nephews, and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **23**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Tunie Funeral Home, Inc.
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Service

OCT **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Clark Memorial Baptist Church
1301 Glenn Street
Homestead, PA

Interment

OCT **24**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Homestead Cemetery
Homestead, PA

Repast

OCT **24**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Rosa Lee Smith*

January 29, 2023 at 12:45 PM



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January 29, 2023 at 10:10 AM