

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

Cathy Elizabeth Smith

MARCH 3, 1957 - DECEMBER 3, 2025



Cathy Elizabeth Smith, affectionately known as Cathy, was born on March 3, 1957, in Fort Bragg, North Carolina, to Horace and Marie Evans. She departed this life on December 3, 2025.

Cathy was the fourth of eleven sisters, growing up in a home filled with laughter, strength, and strong Christian values. Cathy carried a profound sense of responsibility and love for her family. She was protective of her six younger siblings, caring for them while her mother worked two jobs, demonstrating the dependable spirit that she would carry throughout her life.

Cathy attended Muscogee County Public Schools and graduated from Kendrick High School in Columbus, Georgia, where she embraced school life with joy, pride, and enthusiasm. Known for her vibrant personality, she actively participated in extracurricular activities. During high school, Cathy proudly served as a majorette in the marching band, played on the girls' basketball team, and shared her energy with others as a cheerleader.

Following in her mother's footsteps, Cathy dedicated her career to the medical field, working at Saint Francis Hospital and Hughston Sports Medicine Hospital in Columbus, GA, as well as at the Baptist Medical Center in Columbia, SC. She retired from Children's Healthcare in Atlanta in 2021 after 25 years of service. In her free time, Cathy enjoyed shopping, both in stores and online, visiting family, and supporting her children's school sports and her granddaughter's cheerleading competitions. Being present for her family brought her great joy.

Cathy was a member of Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church in Norcross, Georgia, where she was baptized and attended services with her family. She will be remembered for her grace, kindness, and quiet strength that remained with her until the very end. Cathy touched many lives through her love, presence, and unwavering support for those she cared about. Though she will be deeply missed, her life and spirit will continue to live on in the hearts of her family, friends, and all who had the blessing of knowing her.

Cathy was predeceased by her mother, Mother Marie Tyson-Evans; her father, Horace Evans; her grandparents, Pastor Robert Lee & Mattie Tyson; and three sisters, Charlotte Ray Evans, Chebarbara Snyder & Cynthia Holmes-Ferguson.

She is survived by her husband, Dwight Smith; her three daughters, Terri Mitchell (her devoted caregiver), Atlanta, GA; Ashley Grannum (Godfrey), Duluth, GA; and Amber Smith, Dacula, GA; and three grandchildren, Desmond Sampson, Jr., Charlotte, NC, Brooklyn Ortega and Kennedy Grannum of Duluth, GA. Additionally, she is survived by six sisters: Arlena Williams & Sandra Franklin of Columbus, GA; Cheryl McNear, Camden, NJ; Dr. Carolyn Young (Howard) Wilmington, DE; her best friend, Dr. Hope Gallagher (Scott), Oakwood, GA; Tracy Johnson, Egg Harbor Township, NJ; Harriett Evans of Atlantic City, NJ; two Sister-n-laws, Margo Nelson (Jerome) and Blanche McLean (Lee) of Washington, D.C.

Cathy is also survived by four first cousins who she cherished as brothers; Teddy Tyson; Raynard Tyson (Winona); Robert Lee Tyson, III (Cheryl); and Randy Tyson (Renee). She is also survived by her mother-in-love Mary Alice Copeland of Columbus, GA, as well as a host of many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

LOVINGLY SUBMITTED, THE FAMILY



LOVING WIFE





BELOVED SISTER



DAUGHTER, COUSIN, AUNT, & FRIEND



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2025 - 11:00AM

Peters Chapel A.M.E. Church
5001 Steam Mill Road, Columbus, Georgia 31907
Reverend Sherryl Harris-King, Pastor
Dr. Hope R. Gallagher, Eulogist

Prelude.....Instrumental

Processional.....Clergy & Family

Mistress of Ceremony
Mrs. Lakeisha Urquhart (Niece), *New Orleans, LA*

Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Sherryl Harris-King
Peters Chapel A.M.E. Church

Scripture Reading

Elder Raynard Tyson, Sr. (Cousin), *Raliegh, NC*

Old Testament
Psalms 24:1-10



New Testament
Matthew 5:1-10

Memories & Reflections.....(1 Minute Per Person Please)

Poem.....Desmond Sampson, Jr. (Grandson), *Charolette, NC*

Reading of Obituary.....Dr. Carolyn Young (Sister), *Wilmington, DE*

Introduction of Eulogist.....Mrs. Lakeisha Urquhart

Eulogy.....Dr. Hope R. Gallagher (Sister), *Oakwood, GA*

Special Lightening of Candles.....Grandchildren
Desmond Sampson, Jr. Brooklyn Ortega Kennedy Grannum

Closing Prayer & Remarks.....Elder Raynard Tyson, Sr.

ORDER OF SERVICE



DO NOT STAND AT MY GRAVE AND WEEP

*Do not stand at my grave and weep
I am not there; I do not sleep
I am a thousand winds that blow
I am the diamond glints on snow
I am the sun on ripened grain
I am the gentle autumn rain*

*When you awaken in the morning's hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight
I am the soft stars that shine at night
Do not stand at my grave and cry
I am not there; I did not die*

Written by **Mary Elizabeth Frye**

Acknowledgment

The family would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who traveled near and far to celebrate our dear mother. Your love, presence and support mean more than words can express.

A special Thank You to:

Pastor Sherryl Harris-King & Peters Chapel A.M.E. Church
Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home & Crematory
Country's Barbecue (Cathy's favorite place)
Fifth Quarter Event Center

A special expression of gratitude to Uncle Scott & Aunt Bonnie
for their unwavering support and dedicated assistance

REPAST

Please join the family for the Repast held at:
Fifth Quarter Event Center
4679 Buena Vista Road, Columbus, GA

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