LIFE STORY

On October 12, 1954 a Queen was born, her name was Geraldine Smith, affectionately known as Ms. G. or as her older nieces and nephews knew her as Dean, who lived in Philadelphia Pennsylvania. Geraldine is the proud daughter of the late Helen Smith and Wallace James with the love and support of "Sonny", who was her stepfather. Geraldine obtained her education at Gratz High School in Philadelphia PA.

In Geraldine's mid-life she worked in hospitality and community services. She prided herself in contributing for her family, friends, and community. Geraldine took pride in nurturing those she loved and in giving her last to not only the ones she knew but anyone that came in contact with her. Geraldine was a God fearing woman who prayed every day and thanked the lord for her daily blessings. She had her own personal relationship with the lord and was not ashamed of speaking it out loud.

Anyone that knew of Geraldine's famous lines knew that some of these lines were…"stand for something or fall for anything" or "closed mouths don't get fed" or "don't forget where you come from because the same people you meet on your way up, are the same people you meet on the way down". She was not to be challenged when it came to those who she loved, cared for, nor called her Ms. G for those that knew her well.

If Geraldine didn't have anything she had the intense love for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren… She had Sunday's with Melvin, shopping days with Lutfee, southern comfort from Malcom, relentless love from Omar, Unfailing love and support from Angola; casino trips with Evelyn, and unconditional love form Elijah.

Ms. G had incredible style and fashion. She would grace any room with her classiness and sassiness. She was beautiful, smooth, tough, and a foxy lady who was incomparable to none. She was respected and admired by those who happened to be graced by her presence. Her presence was like your favorite song being played unexpectedly. She would catch your immediate attention and "Bop" the night away, and you better keep up!

In Geraldine's later days, she battled with cancer a total of five times which made her a cancer survivor. She kicked butt and still lived gracefully. She was also known as a fighter and as an overcomer, a hero to her children, and a super-hero to her grandchildren.

Preceding her in her death were are her parents Ms. Helen Smith and Mr. James Wallace Sr. Her brothers and sisters; Edith McCurry, Patricia Smith, Bruce Smith, William James, and James Wallace Jr. Her three nephews Douglas Smith, Marcus Smith, and Lamont Smith.

Geraldine departed this earth and leaves to cherish her precious memories to: her children Evelyn and her fiancé Thomas Manning, Melvin and his wife Deneen, Angola and her intendant Jimmy Mathis, Lutfee and his wife Jocelyn, Omar, Elijah and his fiancé Edgardo, and Malcom and his wife Yanira. Her 18 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren; and her sisters, Phyllis, Pats Anne; She leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends, "too many to list them all".