

## Acknowledgments

The family of Margaret L. Smith would like to express our deepest and sincere gratitude for the generous outpouring of love during this difficult time. Special thanks to the University of Kansas Hospital and the Macedonia Baptist Church Family. Please continue to pray for our strength in the coming days. Again, thank you so much for all you have done to console our hearts. God Bless You!

## God Saw You Getting Tired

By Frances and Kathleen Coelho



God saw you getting tired  
And a cure was not to be  
So He put His arms around you  
And whispered, "Come to Me"  
With tearful eyes we watched you  
And saw you pass away  
And although we love you dearly  
We could not make you stay.  
A golden heart stopped beating  
Hard working hands at rest.  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He only takes the best.

## Pallbearers

Daniel Thompson | De' Andre Junior II | Marcus Smith Jr.  
Richard Smith | Ricky Johnson | Ryan Sparks

## Honorary Pallbearers

Donell Nelson | George "Butchie" Hannett  
Kent Fry | Kevin Bates | Marcus Smith Sr.  
Martez Smith | Steve Hannett | Tom Porter Jr.

## Flowerbearers

Brittany Smith | Courtney Smith | Kamerin Fry  
Leah Smith | Marlisa Smith | Rachael Fry  
Tessa Smith | Tiara Sparks | Trinity Smith-Branch



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## CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



Margaret Louise  
**SMITH**

Sunrise: September 04, 1940 | Sunset: May 13, 2026

*Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest. Joshua 1:9 KJV*

Thursday, June 4, 2026

Visitation: 10:00 A.M. | Funeral Service: 11:00 A.M.

Macedonia Baptist Church  
1700 Linwood Blvd. | Kansas City, Missouri 64109

Officiant: Pastor John L. Brooks



## Life Reflections

Margaret L. Smith was born on September 4, 1940, in Neelyville, MO, to Tom Cornelius Porter Sr. and Veary Lee (Mays) Porter. She was the second child of five children.

On April 17, 1965, Margaret married Richard H. G. "Buddy" Smith. To this union, five children were born. They shared 22 blissful years of holy matrimony together; he always affectionately called her, "Honey".

She was educated in the Kansas City Public School District, proudly attending Lincoln High School.

At an early age, Margaret accepted Christ and was baptized at Mt. Nebo Church. She was a devoted member of Spruce St. Matthew Baptist Church for 27 years until she united with Macedonia Church in 2022 with her family.

Margaret had a beautiful and blessed ministry, which included crocheting "love blankets", which she anonymously gifted to young women in the church and the community. There was no charge for these blankets because they were handcrafted and given in "LOVE". She was also known for faithfully passing out "church mints".

Margaret had a strong work ethic during her 21 years at Milbank Manufacturing, where she held numerous positions. She was the First Female Lead Machine Operator. Throughout her career, she dedicated herself to her work in a nursing home, a luggage factory, and various other jobs. She often unknowingly sacrificed her physical well-being to help provide for her family.

Known for her genuine kindness, Margaret never met a stranger and judged no one. She loved gardening, crocheting, adopting multiple children from the community, as well as, had a great love for sports. She was featured twice on FOX4 for her love of the Kansas City Chiefs and her love shown through her crochet ministry.

We are grateful to God for allowing Margaret to build an eighty-five-year legacy. Her life had an impact on those around her.

On May 13, 2026, Margaret was called from labor to reward. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband; and two sisters, Mary Lee Draper and Mayetta Young.

Left to cherish Margaret's sweet memory: her children; Martez Smith, Marcus Smith Sr. (Nichole), Latricia "Sissy" Smith, Yolanda "Shawn" Smith, Robin Fry (Kent); one brother, Tom Porter Jr.; and one sister, Mildred Torrence, all of Kansas City, MO; fourteen grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and a host of loving relatives and friends.



## Celebration Of Life

### Processional

**Scripture Readings**  
Pastor Mark Weaver

**Prayer**  
Pastor Carl Frazier  
New Hope & Love  
Community Church

**Selection**  
Macedonia Baptist Church Choir

**Acknowledgments/Obituary**  
Sis. LaShawn Blackmon

### Video Tribute

**Special Dedication Selection**  
Ms. Rachael Fry

**Remarks 2 Minutes Please**  
Mr. William Bates  
Ms. Kamerin Fry  
Sis. Latricia Smith

**Selection**  
Macedonia Baptist Church Choir

**Words of Comfort**  
Pastor John L. Brooks

### Benediction

### Recessional



**FINAL RESTING PLACE**  
Leavenworth National Cemetery  
150 Muncie Rd  
Leavenworth, KS 66048  
1:30 P.M.

