



THE DAY GOD *Took You Home*

*You never said, "I'm leaving."
You never said, "Good-bye."
You were gone before I knew it,
And only God knew why.
A million times I needed you;
A million times I cried.
If love alone could have saved you,
You never would have died.
In life, I loved you dearly;
In death, I love you still.
In my heart, you hold a place
That no one could ever fill.
It broke my heart to lose you,
But you didn't go alone.
Part of me went with you
The day God took you home.*



MUSICIANS

**Dominique
Rambally Family
Chesley**

INTERMENT

**Resthaven Garden of Memory
2284 Candler Road
Decatur, Georgia 30032**

REPAST

**Family Residence
6941 Whispering Wind Way
Stone Mountain, Georgia 30087**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of Deborah Carter Smith would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions. Your phone calls, visits, flowers, thoughts, and prayers have all helped greatly during our time of bereavement.

May God continue to bless each of you, is our prayer.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to Pastor Mark Abernathy, The Plummer Funeral Service, and Resthaven Memory Gardens for their compassionate care and support.

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A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR



Deborah
(DEBBIE)
Smith

SUNRISE
April 24, 1955

SUNSET
August 15, 2025

**Saturday, August 30, 2025
Viewing 9:00 AM | Service 10:00 AM**

**REDEMPTIVE LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
406 Pleasant Hill Road Northwest
Conyers, Georgia 30012**

Pastor Mark Abernathy, Officiating

Obituary

DEBORAH CARTER SMITH, affectionately known as “Pugsey,” peacefully departed this life surrounded by her family on August 15, 2025, at Brightmore Hospice in Conyers, Georgia. She was 70 years old.

Born in Newark, New Jersey, Deborah was the cherished daughter of Arthur Carter and Rosaline Scott Macchia, and later lovingly raised by her stepfather, Anthony Macchia, whom she proudly called “Dad.” From an early age, Deborah radiated warmth, wisdom, and a deep spiritual presence that would become the cornerstone of her life.

Deborah pursued her education at Kean University in Union, New Jersey, majoring in Speech Pathology. Her love for communication and helping others led her to a career as a substitute teacher, where she inspired students across middle and high schools with her patience, insight, and unwavering encouragement.

Her entrepreneurial spirit shone brightly through her ventures, including Locks and Deb’s Travel Associates, where she combined her love of business with her passion for exploration. She believed deeply in the power of travel to broaden horizons and instilled that belief in her children, whom she wanted to see the world and be exposed to different cultures.

Deborah was a proud soccer mom and coach, cheering from the sidelines and guiding young athletes with the same devotion she gave her own family. Her involvement with Stone Mountain Youth Soccer was more than a pastime — it was a testament to her commitment to nurturing growth and teamwork.

She was a devout Christian woman who committed her life to the Lord, and was admired as a beacon of faith and love, and a guiding light within her church community. As a member of Connect Point Church and the Prayer Warriors, Deborah offered spiritual counsel, comfort, and strength to all who sought her wisdom. Her faith was not just practiced, it was lived.

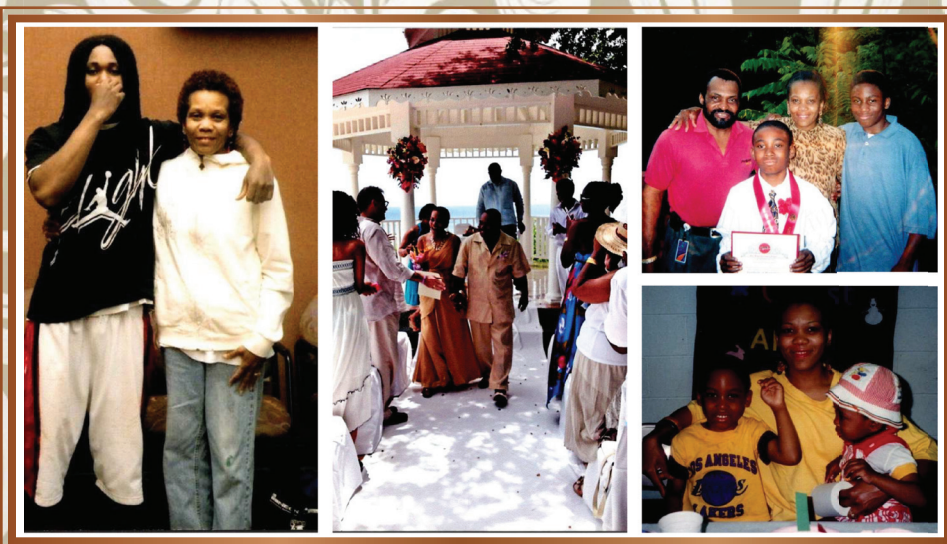
Deborah was known for her radiant spirit, her boundless generosity, and her role as a spiritual guide to many. Her presence was a source of peace, her words a balm, and her love a constant. She believed in exposing her sons to the richness of the world and different cultures, a dream that continues to shape their lives.

She is preceded in death by her beloved mother, Rosaline Scott Macchia, and is survived by: her devoted husband, Locksley Smith; sons, Dominique Smith and Dion Smith; stepdaughter, Monique McClean; sister, Lisa Carter; nephews, Maurice Carter and Isaiah Carter; niece, Tori Cotton; father figure, Anthony Macchia; and numerous other relatives and friends.

Deborah’s legacy lives on in the hearts of her family, her church, and the countless lives she touched with her grace and generosity.

“He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.”
— Psalm 91

PRECIOUS MEMORIES



ORDER OF Service

Prelude & Processional..... *Holy*—Cee Cee Winans

Heal—Jamal Roberts

I Give Myself Away—William McDowell

Welcome & Opening Prayer Pastor Mark Abernathy

Scripture Readings Terry, Ester June

Psalms 91

John 14:27

John 3:16

Psalms 100:1-5

Song*How Great Thou Art*
Rambally Family

Flute Solo Dominique Smith

Reflections or Tributes:

Bonnie Brown and Felize Abrams

Dominique Smith

Ester June

Song*Amazing Grace*
Chelsea

Slideshow Tribute

Words of Comfort Pastor Mark Abernathy

Benediction/Prayer..... Pastor Mark Abernathy

Acknowledgements/Instructions Plummer Funeral Home Staff

Postlude & Recessional:..... *I Walk with God*