

IN LOVING
Memory



*Marchéa Denise
Tiggs-Smith
(Cookie Tee)*

DATE OF BIRTH
April 8, 1970

DATE OF DEATH
July 6, 2026



Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL Minister & Family

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament – Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

New Testament – John 14:1-6

PRAYER Minister

SELECTION Brenda Lee Holman

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS Jacquelyn Fay Eddie

REMARKS *(Please Limit to 2 Minutes)* Family & Friends

OBITUARY Jacquelyn Fay Eddie

SELECTION Brenda Lee Holman

EULOGY Minister

RECESSIONAL Minister & Family

2 TIMOTHY 4:7

*“I have fought the good fight,
I have finished the race,
I have kept the faith.”*



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Obituary

Marchea Denise Tiggs-Smith,

Marchea Denise Tiggs-Smith, affectionately known as “Cookie Tee” and “Veda,” was born on April 8, 1970, in Cleveland, Ohio, to the late Floyd and Louise Barbee. She was the youngest of six children, blessed to grow up with two sisters and three brothers.

Marchea was raised in Cleveland, Ohio, where she received her education through the Cleveland Public Schools system. She attended Sowinski Elementary School, Daniel E. Morgan Elementary School, Empire Junior High School, and East High School, graduating with the Class of 1987. As a young woman, Marchea was athletic and enjoyed running and playing basketball. She also possessed a natural eye for fashion and initially planned to pursue a career in fashion design in Cincinnati, Ohio. Choosing instead to remain close to her family, she enrolled at Cuyahoga Community College, where she studied Accounting Principles.

At an early age, Marchea accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. She was baptized and became a member of Mt. Victory Missionary Baptist Church, where she faithfully served for many years. Her dedication to the ministry was evident through her service as a Trustee Board Member and Church Treasurer until 2021.

Marchea was employed by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) as a Military Pay Technician, where she faithfully served for eighteen years. On July 6, 2026, at 2:10 p.m., surrounded by her loving and devoted husband, family, and friends, God called Marchea's name, and she peacefully answered His call, departing this earthly life to receive her eternal rest.

Marchea was preceded in death by her beloved parents, Floyd and Louise Barbee; her cherished daughter, Arielle La'Chea Swopes; and her dear sister, Ida “Tootsie” Holloway.

She leaves to cherish her precious memory her devoted husband of twenty-six and a half years, LeJuan N. Smith; her beloved stepson, Tayvion Winston of Cleveland, Ohio; her loving sister, Dr. Deborah Martin-Grissom of Cleveland, Ohio; her three brothers, Robert Lee Tiggs, Kelvin L. Tiggs, both of Cleveland, Ohio, and Keith Tiggs of Fort Myers, Florida. She also leaves behind 22 nieces and nephews, 24 great-nieces and great-nephews, and 17 great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews; two Godsons, Rayshon Parker and Olympio White, Jr.; one Goddaughter, Uniquewa Howard; her mother-in-law, Regina Jones; her father-in-law, George Smith; her two sister-in-laws, LaTasha Johnson and LaToya Johnson; along with a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family members, dear friends, and all whose lives were blessed by knowing and loving her.

Marchea was admired by many and loved by all who had the privilege of knowing her. She was a woman of kindness, compassion, generosity, and unwavering love. Her beautiful smile could brighten any room, and her gentle spirit brought comfort, encouragement, and joy to everyone she encountered. Whether through her laughter, her thoughtful heart, or her quiet strength, Marchea left an unforgettable imprint on countless lives.

Although our hearts are heavy with sorrow, we rejoice in knowing that her love will continue to live on through the countless memories she leaves behind. Her legacy of faith, love, and selflessness will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

*“Those we love never truly leave us.
They live on in the kindness they shared,
the love they gave, and the memories
we cherish forever.”*

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Saying Goodbye

Saying goodbye is the hardest thing I've ever had to do.
My heart is broken, but I'm thankful for every laugh,
every cry, every lesson, every hug and every
single moment we shared together.

I will miss you every day, but I promise to
keep making you proud and to carry your love
with me wherever I go.

I love you forever, Auntie. Until we meet again.

Your Nephew,
Lil Kelvin

To My Beloved Auntie - Forever in My Heart

Auntie, you were my friend, my safe place, my
comfort, and a love without end. You were so
much more than my aunt—you were my second
mother, my protector, my biggest supporter,
and one of my greatest blessings. Because of you,
I know what unconditional love truly feels like.

The memories we shared will never fade. There are
no words deep enough to describe the pain of
losing you. Your kindness, your strength, and your
beautiful spirit will live within me forever. I will
miss the comfort of knowing you were only
a phone call away.

Thank you for loving me so completely.
Although you are gone from my sight,
you will never be gone from my heart.

*I loved you yesterday, I love you today, and
I will love you tomorrow and forever.
Until we meet again.*

With all my love,
Your Niece, Marquita (Twin)

To My Aunt, Cookie Tee

The day you left, my world stood still,
Leaving behind a quiet pain I carry still.
The texts went silent, the phone no longer rang,
Yet in my heart, I still hear your name.

You were the life of every gathering—
so loving, so genuine, so true.
I have never known anyone as kind
and down-to-earth as you.

Though Heaven called you far away,
I feel your presence every day.
The precious moments we shared,
both big and small,
Will forever be the memories
I cherish most of all.

The tears I cry are born from love,
As I look toward Heaven above.
Though my heart aches with missing you,
I find comfort knowing God's promises are true.

Until the day we meet again,
I'll speak your name with love and pride.
I'll keep your memory burning brightly.
Forever with me, deep inside.
Though we said goodbye with tear-filled eyes,
Your beautiful spirit soars beyond the skies.

Rest peacefully, Auntie.
Forever your niece,
Sharquita

My Auntie, she was the kind of person that could
light up any room with her joyful spirit.
Fun-loving and full of life she had a remarkable
way of making everyone around her
feel welcome and loved.

Her laughter, and her larger than life personality
touched countless lives, family and friends
meant everything to her.

Though she will be deeply missed, her memory
will live on in the hearts of all who were
blessed to know her.

Her love and vibrant spirit will never be forgotten.

I love you
Aunt Cookie,
Always and Forever

Your niece – *Jay*

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FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS





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Kelvin L. Johnson

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The Family of Marchéa Tiggs-Smith

INTERMENT:

Cleveland Memorial Gardens
4324 Green Road
Highland Hills, Ohio 44128

REPAST - 4:00pm to 8:00pm:

Sadie's Social Complex
5411 Warrensville Center Road.
Maple Heights, Ohio

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