

Bridge Over Troubled Water

When You're weary
Feeling small
When tears are in your eyes
I will dry them all
I'm on your side
Oh, when times get rough
And friends just can't be found
Like a bridge over troubled water
I will lay me down
Like a bridge over troubled water
I will lay me down
When you're down and out
When you're on the street
When evening falls so had
I will comfort you
I'll take your part
Oh, when darkness comes
And pain is all around
Like a bridge over troubled water
I will lay me down
Sail on, silver girl
Sail on by
Your time has come to shine
All your dreams are on their way
See how they shine
Oh, if you need a friend
I'm sailing right behind
Like a bridge over troubled water, I will ease your
mind
Like a bridge over troubled water
I will ease your mind

"Remember Me"

Don't remember me with sadness,
Don't remember me with tears,
Shared throughout the years,
Now I am Contented
That my life it was worthwhile,
Because I know by loving you
That I made you smile.
When you are walking down the street
And you've got me on your mind,
I'm walking in your footsteps
Only half a step behind.
So please don't be unhappy Just because I'm out of
sight,
Remember that I'm with you
Every morning, noon, and night.
In Loving Memory of my niece
-Aunt Gertrude



Acknowledgements

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern, prayers, and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement.
May God Bless and Keep You!
- The family of Mary Ann Smith

The family of Mary Ann Smith would like to say Thank you to Jewish Hospital of Cincinnati, Ohio and to Capasso Hospice of Cincinnati, OH. Special shout out to Shannon P. for her extra support.

Thank you to LHMBC Daily Prayer Line Ministry.

In Loving MEMORY



Mary Ann Smith

September 28, 1957 - December 26, 2024

January 11, 2025

Visitation: 10:00 - Funeral Service: 11:00

Walker Event Center

3939 Reading Road | Cincinnati, Ohio 45229

Pastor Mary A. Thomas-Wagner, Officiating

Obituary

Ms. Mary Ann Smith was born in Lincoln Heights, Ohio, at 888 Behles Street to the late Maggie L. (Thomas) Smith and the late James L. Smith on September 28, 1957. After moving to Woodlawn, she attended Woodlawn Elementary School and Princeton High School. The Tabernacle Baptist Church in Lincoln Heights was her church from birth, and it was there she dedicated her life to Jesus Christ at an early age and was baptized under the late Rev. Roy Vinson.

Mary Ann was a faithful member of Sunday School and the Roizer Choir. She had a beautiful voice and loved singing, with her favorite song being "Bridge Over Troubled Water." Mary Ann joined Job Corps, Manpower, U.S. Department of Labor as a teen. She could out-whistle anyone using her two fingers.

The late Rev. Clayton Waller Sr., pastor after Rev. Roy Vinson, showed special love for Mary Ann even after her mental illness progressed. He would tell her sister Shirley, "He will never give up on Mary Ann!" He believed that one day Mary Ann would hear a word from God that would change her life again.

Even in her illness, Mary Ann was a lover of R&B, and if you saw the video on Facebook, you could see her jamming and doing her dance thing! God made Mary Ann with an overabundance of sweetness; she was so lovable and kind-hearted. She was the type of person who would literally give you the shirt off her back and had an outgoing spirit. Many people knew her and admired her.

She was always given great 'love' and 'liked' status when told she was on Facebook and informed of the responses from her friends. Mary Ann will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

She leaves to cherish her memory her two older siblings, James E. Smith and Shirley Smith-Love. "Maran," as she was lovingly called, was the middle child and is also survived by her two younger siblings, Thomas A. "Zack" Smith and Lisa M. Smith. She is also survived by her one and only loving aunt, Gertrude Edwards (Johnny aka Rock), her best friend Kim, favorite cousin Barbara Grisham-Maxwell, two nieces, eight nephews, a host of great-nieces and nephews, one great-great-nephew, and a multitude of cousins, other relatives, and friends who will miss her and her humor that always had everyone laughing!



God Saw

God saw the road was getting rough,
The hill was hard to climb;
He gently closed those loving eyes
And whispered "Peace Be Thine."
The weary hours, the days of pain,
The sleepless nights have passed;
The ever patient worn-out frame
Has found sweet rest at last.
God saw that you were weary
So, he did what he knows best.
He came and stood beside you,
And whispered, "Come and rest"
You bid no one a last farewell,
Not even a goodbye.
You bid no one a last farewell,
Not even a goodbye.
You were gone before we knew it,
And only God know why.

Order of Service

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| Musical Prelude | Instrumental R&B |
| Parting View | Immediate Family |
| Prayer | Pastor Lionel McConnell |
| Scripture | Pastor Lionel McConnell |
| Selection | Bro. Ed. Thomas |
| Acknowledgements | Ms. Charoltte O'Conner |
| Remarks | Bro. Jamahal C. Boyd Sr. |
| At the request of the family there will be no personal remarks on the program. Please be attentive to the program. | |
| Obituary | Bro. Chris Gillium |
| Selection | Bro. Ed. Thomas |
| Eulogy | Pastor Mary Ann Wagner |
| Benediction | Pastor Mary Ann Wagner |
| Recessional | Pastor Mary A, Wagner Family and Friends |

Final Resting Place

Vine Street Hill Cemetery
3701 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45220

Pallbearers

Family & Friends

Honorary Pallbearers

James E. Smith Thomas A. Smith

Flower Bearers

Nieces and Friends of the Family

Honorary Flower Bearers

Angel N. Smith Aaliyah Culberson