

Harriet H. Smith

August 29, 1940 – November 13, 2021





Life History

Harriet Holmes Smith was born in Mineola, New York. She was the daughter of the late Herman Lee Holmes and Harriet Odessa Key Holmes. She was known as "Baby Sis" by her family.

Harriet received her early education in segregated schools in Aiken, South Carolina.

She graduated from Martha Schofield Senior High School in 1958. She furthered her education by obtaining her Bachelor of Science degree from South Carolina State University and graduated with a master's degree in Social Work from Temple University in Philadelphia.



She was a veteran of the United States Army having served honorably in the U.S. Army Reserves for 9 years achieving the rank of Major.

Harriet taught at Windhoek College of Education in Windhoek, Namibia, and Camden County College. Harriet valued education and saw it as a great equalizer.

In her professional career, Harriet has worked as a Social Worker, Probation Officer, Professor, and Consultant. She actively served her community and was an advocate of African American empowerment and social justice.



Harriet was an excellent cook and truly enjoyed entertaining. Harriet traveled extensively. In addition to spending time in numerous countries in Africa, she has visited, China, Cuba, India, Europe, Belize, and Guatemala.

Harriet passed away suddenly on November 13, 2021, at Chester County Hospital in West Chester, PA. Harriet was preceded in death by her parents, and her brother, Edward "Butch" Holmes.

She is survived by her sons, William H. Smith (Amy Lopez) of West Virginia, Shawn Smith (Mollie Frideres-Smith) of Ankeny, Iowa; daughter, Melanie Reneau (Patrick) of Florida; siblings: Rosetta Smith of North Carolina, Herman





Holmes of North Carolina, Jeanette Scott of South Carolina, Fannie M. Stokes of North Carolina; 6 grandchildren: Tenley Hutchinson-Smith, Rashid A. Reneau, Malik A. Reneau, Xavier H. Smith, Nick E. Harris, Chris J. Harris and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Harriet dedicated her life in service to others. She will be deeply missed, and we will cherish her memory in our hearts.



Order of Service

Prelude Leonard Morris

Officiating Rev. Dr. James Simmons
Pastor of Mount Tabor AME Zion Church
Avondale, Pennsylvania

Final Viewing

Scripture Readings

Old Testament: Psalm 23 Harvest Smith

New Testament: John 14:1-6 Herman Holmes

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Reading of Cards, Condolences & the Obituary

Reflections Family & Friends

Eulogy Rev. Dr. James Simmons

Remarks

Military Honors U.S. Army Honor Guard

Committal

Benediction

*God, grant me the **Serenity** to accept
the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can,
and **Wisdom** to know the difference.*

Service of Love

Saturday, November 20, 2021

Viewing 9:00 AM • Service 11:00 AM

Service Location

*Wright Funeral & Cremation Services
725 Merchant Street | Coatesville, PA 19320*

Interment

Private Cremation

Memorial Contributions

*The family asks charitable contributions be made to
the Equal Justice Initiative (eji.org) in her name.*

A Note of Thanks

*Thank you with sincere gratitude for your care and concern shown during
our time of bereavement. May God bless you.*

Sincerely, The Family



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