# Celebrating the Life
of
# Mrs. Verlean H. Smith



Sunrise
December 1, 1938

Sunset
January 6, 2026

*"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die..."* - Ecclesiastes 3:1-2a

Wednesday, January 14. 2026 | 11:00 a.m.

St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church
248 Hawpond Church Road
Magee, Mississippi 39111

Reverend Douglas King, Pastor
Pastor Willie B. Hobbs, Jr., Officiant



# Tribute to Mother



No gift on earth is greater, No treasure held above,
The joy that comes from knowing,
A Mother's endless love.

In spite of how its tested, It grows from year to year,
Providing strength and comfort... "
It gently" draws us near.

It warms and it protects us, And guides us from afar,
Shedding light upon us, Like a bright and shining star.

And when all things are measured,
Not one shall rise above, or
be compared in value,
To a
Mother's endless love.





Love,
Glenda, Perlean, Mary,
Virgil and Andrew

# *In Loving Memory of Our Beloved!*

## *If Roses Grow In Heaven*

*If roses grow in Heaven, Lord, please pick a bunch for me.*
*Place them in my grandma's arms and tell her they're from me.*

*Tell her that I love her and miss her, and when she turns to smile, place a kiss upon her cheek and hold her for a while.*

*Because remembering her is easy,*
*I do it every day, but there's an*
*Ache within my heart that will never go away.*
***Love—Your Grandchildren***



## *Sister*

*Words cannot express the sadness*
*In saying farewell to you.*
*The ache in my chest, my dear sister,*
*as my heart is broken in two.*
*The bond that we shared was stronger*
*than diamonds or forged steel,*
*and nothing could ever cut so deep*
*as this aching loss I feel.*
*But I know now that you watch over me,*
*as you did when you were here.*
*Your light shines on, my sweet sister.*
*Your presence eternally near.*
*Miss you so much.*
***Love—Mary Alice & Roxie***

# The Obituary

**Verlean H. Smith** *was born December 1, 1938, to the late Earnest and Mary Lou Hobbs in Simpson County, Mississippi. She departed this life on January 6, 2026, at St. Dominic Hospital in Jackson, Mississippi.*

**Verlean** *was married to the late Wiley Smith. They had nine children.*

**Verlean** *joined the St. Peter M.B. Church where she accepted Christ. She was a member of the senior choir and mission where she served as the treasurer.*

**Verlean** *was a loving mother to her children. She mostly enjoyed spending time with her sons. She loved spending time with her grandchildren. She loved watching Family Feud and doing crossword puzzles.*

**Verlean** *leaves to cherish her memory: three daughters, Glenda Glass, Perlean (Charles) Norwood, and Mary (Burkecele) Barron, all of Magee, Mississippi; two sons, Virgil Smith, Magee, Mississippi, and Andrew Smith, D'Lo, Mississippi; 13 grandchildren; 40 great grandchildren; six great great grandchildren; sisters, Mary Alice Lofton, Mendenhall, Mississippi, and Roxie (Larry) Weathersby, Prentiss, Mississippi; sisters-in-law, Betty Hobbs, Magee, Mississippi, and Sylvia Hobbs, Mendenhall, Mississippi; along with a host of nieces, nephews, and relatives.*

# The Order of Service

**Processional** ..... *Clergy & Family*

**Mistress of Ceremonies** ..... *Sister Charlene Durr*

**Scripture Reading**

**Old Testament** ..... *Pastor James Dampeer*

**New Testament** ..... *Reverend Dr. Arthur Smith*

**Prayer** ..... *Pastor Douglas King*

**Song** ..... *Choir*

**Tributes**

**As a Friend** ..... *Sister Sylvia Hobbs*

**As a Neighbor** ..... *Sister Velma Magee*

**Words of Encouragement** ..... *Evangelist Renea Walker*

**Expressions** ..... *Two Minutes Please* ..... *Family & Friends*

**Song** ..... *Pastor Willie B. Hobbs, Jr./Choir*

**Obituary** ..... *Read Silently* ..... *Soft Music*

**Acknowledgments** ..... *Sister Charlene Durr*

**Eulogy** ..... *Pastor Willie B. Hobbs, Jr.*

**Recessional** ..... *J&M Funeral Home Directors in Charge*



# *Treasured Memories...*












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# Acknowledgments

We would like to thank you for your prayers, hospital visits, and other expressions of love shown toward us during the illness and passing of our loved one. A very special thank you to the staff of St. Dominic Hospital and our many friends. Thank you for your heartfelt compassion. May God continue to richly bless your lives. – The Smith Family

## Honorary Pallbearers

Virgil Smith
Charles Norwood
Benrus Womack
Andrew Smith
Burkecele Barron
Timothy Smith

## Active Pallbearers

Aaron Smith
Andrew Smith, Jr.
Marcus Glass
Pierre Barnett
Terriyakai Feazell
LaDarrylreous Smith

## Flower Bearers

Granddaughters

## Interment

St. Peter Church Cemetery
Magee, Mississippi 39111

## Repast

St. Peter Church Fellowship Hall

## Services Entrusted to
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