

FAREWELL

Mae Smith

FLOWER ATTENDANTS Nieces



PALLBEARERS Nephews



A MEMORABLE

Mrs. Gracie



With Sincere Appreciation:

The family of our beloved Mother and Grandmother Gracie Mae Smith sincerely thanks all who have shared in our time of sorrow. Your prayers, kind words, visits, flowers, calls, and other acts of love have brought us comfort and strength during this difficult time. Each gesture, no matter how small, has meant more to us than words can express. May God bless and keep each of you, just as your kindness has helped keep us.

Professional Services Entrusted To:

*Saturday, January 10, 2026
11:00 A.M.*

*Early Hope Church Ministries
1129 Rocky Plains Rd.
Covington, GA 30016*

*Senior Pastor Kenneth L. Williams
Pastor Kenneth Norrington, Eulogist
Assisted by others*



Lester Lackey & Sons Funeral Home, Inc.
1163 Reynolds Street SW
Covington, GA 30014, Phone: 770-786-6177

**A MOTHER'S LOVE,
A GRANDMOTHER'S HEART**

*She was love in its purest form,
Gentle hands, a nurturing soul.
A mother's strength, a grandmother's warmth,
A heart that always made us whole.
Her kindness spoke without a word,
Her smile brought comfort, peace, and light.
She gave her all, asked nothing back,
And wrapped us in love day and night.
Through every lesson, every prayer,
Her love was constant, deep, and true.
Though she now rests in heaven's care,
Her spirit lives in all we do.
Forever cherished, never gone,
Her love will guide us until the dawn.*



YOUR LIFE WAS A BLESSING, YOUR MEMORY A TREASURE





Mrs. Gracie Mae Smith
First Breath: November 17, 1940
Last Smile: January 3, 2026

Life & Legacy

“When God created a Mother Mickey, Michael and Cheryl was given the best”

Life for Gracie Mae Cunningham Smith began in Newton County on November 17, 1940, to the parentage of the late Willie and Evelena Starks Cunningham. She was a friendly and kind person and cherished her friends and family.

Gracie’s educational beginning was at the Graves Chapel Elementary School. After the consolidation of local schools in 1950, Graves Chapel students were sent to Dixie Elementary. Her High School entrance was at the Washington Street High School in 1954 and later graduated from the new high school R.L. Cousins in 1958.

In 1958, she was married to the late James Smith; three children were born to this union. Upon graduating from Brown Beauty and Barber College, she opened her beauty salon on Washington Street and served faithfully until she decided to change vocations. Her work experience covered Bibb Manufacturer, Maxell Company and returned to Bibb where she retired.

Her community evolved the R.L. Cousins Class of ’58 where she participated in the scholarship program given to graduating seniors. She had a love for decorating and serving. Her joy was making draperies for churches in the community as well as personal serving for community people. She was a true friend to her “Birthday Pal”, Josephine Burdette Brown until the end. Gracie loved the Lord her spirited journey began at the Union Grove United Methodist Church. Her passing has left a void in the heart and mind of those who loved and knew her.

She is preceded in death by husband, James Smith; grandson, Marquez Smith; sister, Barbara Benton and brother, Leothia Cunningham.

Those cherishing her love and memories; Mr. Mickey (Pam) Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Kerry (Cheryl) Cobb and Mr. Michael (Catrina) Smith; one sister, Ms. Eva Jean Tuggle; two brothers, Mr. Charles Cunningham and Mr. Jerry (Angela) Cunningham; nine grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. Three sisters-in-laws, Mrs. Abulah Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Eugene (Shirley A) Jones and Mr. & Mrs. Johnny (Gloria) Strong; one brother in law, Rev. & Min. Norman (Dorothy) Smith; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and a life long friend, Mrs. Josephine Burdette Brown.

Order Of Celebration

Prelude

Medley of Music
Mr. Raymond Hammond

Processional

Musical Selection
Bishop Dante Smith

Scripture Readings
Old Testament: Ms. Genesis Hunter
New Testament: Rev. Milton Holston

Musical Selection
Pastor Cecil J. Rozier, Sr.

Prayer
Minister Marilyn Williams

Musical Selection
Ashley Weaver Russell

Eulogy
Pastor Kenneth Norrington

Recessional
“Won’t it be Grand” Dalvin Phillips