

ZENOBIA LYNELLE SMITH



PALLBEARERS:

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

The family of Zenobia Lynelle Smith wishes to express our deepest gratitude for the many acts of kindness, love, prayers, and support shown during this difficult time. Your comforting words, visits, phone calls, flowers, cards, food, and other expressions of kindness have brought us strength and peace as we mourn the transition of our beloved.

INTERMENT – XII Gates Cemetery



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CELEBRATION

ZENOBIA LYNELLE SMITH

MARCH 5, 1949 | JULY 15, 2026

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2026

Visitation – 9:00AM-11:00AM | Service – 11:00AM
Sheffield Family Life Center
5700 Winner Rd, Kansas City, MO 64127
Officiant: Ed Rollins Jr.

LIFE REFLECTIONS



Zenobia was born to Ivy Frazier Smith (Miss Ivy) and Cecil "Poppa Smitty" Smith Sr on March 5, 1949, she was the "Baby" of the family.

Zenobia was educated in the Ogden City School system and graduated from Ogden High School. She attended Weber State College and attended The Cosmetology College at Salt Lake Community College and the Bishop College in Dallas TX music program and cosmetology classes. She was renowned for her gift of cosmetology and much sought after for her artistic abilities.

Zenobia was a top tier performer of many different genres. She was a big band leader and the singer and pianist for several small ensembles. What Zenobia loved most of all was performing with her mother and family members. Zenobia sang with Edwin Hawkins and The Edwin Hawkins Choir, Roger Akers & The Chosen Generation, These Are They and a host of other groups that were messengers of God, for God.

Zenobia grew up in Ogden and considered herself an Ogdenite; however, in the early 1970s she followed her sisters Bobbie Helen and Cecilia to Kansas City in the early 70's and lovingly called Missouri her home and become known as the "The Kansas City Songbird." until her last breath. When anyone referred to her as the KC Songbird, it brought a smile to her heart and with a gentle smile and soft laughter, she would say, That's me."

Zenobia traveled extensively and loved international journeys. She relished being able to share her testimony wherever she went. She was blessed going in, and blessed going out. She was a rapt student of biblical scripture. She was loved by children of all ages and truly loved them right back. Zenobia laughed without hesitation and had a fabulous sense of humor. Anyone in her presence felt the joy and love of her true spirit of unconditional love.

Zenobia loved the youth, inspiring young voices to sing, leading and guiding them to Christ. She enjoyed acting and modeling always entering a room with grace and beauty.

Zenobia's piano playing was healing, soothing, contemporary, traditional, comforting, uplifting, and testimonial. She ushered many followers of Jesus Christ into his kingdom. She inspired many to stay actively involved in the search for wisdom and being present in everyday church life. She sang the National Anthem and other traditional patriotic songs around The Greater Kansas City area, at many venues great and small. Zenobia was an icon.

Zenobia was preceded in death by her mother, Ivy Fraizer Smith. father Cecil Smith, Sr, brothers and sisters, Hazel, Bobbie Helen (No children), Shelly, and twins Cecil , Cecilia. She is survived by Gerod & Betty Sawyer and family, her beloved nieces and nephews who all loved her; Ronnie (son of Hazel), Camille, Daphne, and Cecelly (daughters of Cecil), Jonathan, Michael; Courtney (deceased) (sons of Shelley), and Gregory and Cameron (sons of Cecilia) and many extended family and friends.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Scripture Reading of Old Testament..... Superintendent Keith Newton
Scripture Reading of New TestamentPastor Damon Morris
Prayer.....Pastor Damon Morris
Song: "Guide Me O Thy Great Jehovah".....Wilbur Smith Jr.
Musical Selection.....Praise and Worship Team
Remarks.....Apostle Jackie Hadnot
Poetry Selection.....Dr. Asha' Jones
Video Presentation.....Quincy Johnson
Musical Selection..... Elder Kevin Jones
Praise Dancers.....Tashia Anderson and Team
Documented History of Zenobia Smith.....Rev. AJ Mondaine
Words of ComfortPastor Homer Cross
Musical Selection..... Waneka McCoy
Acknowledgements..... Associate Pastor Johnathan Strother Sr.
Eulogy.....Associate Pastor Johnathan Strother Sr.
Recession.....

