

"My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style"

~Maya Angelou

With Many Thanks

Our family wishes to express thanks for the many heartfelt words, thoughts and prayers sent our way during our time of grief. We know that Ida lived not only a full life of 100 years but an enriched life full of Joy.

Our prayer is that the Lord will shower down a multitude of blessings upon each and everyone of you.

~THE FAMILY





IN LOVING MEMORY

OF

IDA MAE SMITH



Sunríse: October 15, 1919 ~ Sunset: March 26, 2020

Tuesday, March 31, 2020 11:00A.M. Lee's Funeral Home 160 Fisher Avenue White Plains, NY 10606



~ORDER OF SERVICE~

PROCESSIONAL

OPENING SONG-"I WAS GLAD WHEN THEY SAID UNTO ME"

INVOCATION

Almighty God, our Father, from whom we came, and unto whom our spirits return; Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Thou art our refuge and strength, a very present help in the time of trouble. Grant us thy blessing in this hour, and enable us to put trust in thee that our spirits may grow calm and our hearts be comforted. Lift our eyes beyond the shadows of earth and help us to see the light of eternity. So we may find grace and strength for this and every time of need. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READINGS - MYLES WALKER & ISAIAH WALKER (Great-Grandsons)

PRAYER - DR. FROZINE REECE-SMITH

MUSICAL SELECTION - DR. FROZINE REECE-SMITH

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS - LEE'S FUNERAL HOME STAFF

READING OF OBITUARY - FAMILY

MUSICAL SELECTION - DR. FROZINE REECE-SMITH

EULOGY- REV. FRIEDA SMITH; REHOBOTH CHRISTIAN CHURCH

RECESSIONAL

Services Entrusted To:

Lee's Funeral Home, LLC 160 Fisher Ave White Plains, NY 10606

~OBITUARY~

Ida Mae Smith, 100 years of age, was born on October 15, 1919 in North Tarrytown, NY (now known as Sleepy Hollow) to William Franklin Symms and Ida Belle Dedmond. She was the 3rd born of their 5 children who included, Franklin, Cornelius, Rosetta and Isabel.

Ida graduated from the North Tarrytown Public Schools in the class of 1938. She later worked at W.L. Morse Elementary School in North Tarrytown where she was the principal's secretary for nearly 30 years until her retirement in 1985.

In 1939, Ida married Carl H. Adair, Sr and from that union had three children, Carol and twin sons William and Carl Jr. She was later remarried to George F. Smith in 1961 until his death in 1978.

Ida accepted the Lord at an early age and was a very active member in her church, the New Hope Institutional Baptist Church in Tarrytown, NY. There she taught Sunday School, directed the Youth Choir, member of the Usher Board, Church Secretary and many other positions too numerous to name. In mid-2000's she attended the Rehoboth Christian Church, pastored by Rev. Frieda Smith.

She was heavily involved in both local and county organizations including Past Worthy Matron, Order of the Eastern Star, Vice President of Key Women of Westchester, Sleepy Hollow Seniors, Board Member of the Sleepy Hollow Housing Authority, Board of Directors for the Community Opportunity Center of the Tarrytowns, Organizer for the Hudson Valley Blood Service, Director of the Surplus Food Giveaway Program in Tarrytown, NY and a member of the NAACP. Ida truly enjoyed being active in her community and continued until she was 90 years old.

The Village of Sleepy Hollow honored Ida in 2008 upon the completion of a new senior apartment building during a ceremony in the presence of several dignitaries. The building is called the Smith-White Senior Residence, named after Ida Mae Smith and another community leader, Margaret White.

Ida never accepted "no" for an answer and had an answer for everything. She would lovingly encourage young people, no matter whose child it was, to read and to do their absolute best. She did this both in school and outside of school. Ida was an avid reader and vocabulary connoisseur. She certainly was not shy on what she wanted nor how it was to be handled, even up to her 100^{th} birthday! She was loved and admired by many and was known by some in the community as "Auntie". Few people were aware that Ida had a hidden talent which was art and she loved to draw. Among all her vast roles within her community, her greatest joy came from spending time with her family.

She was predeceased by her parents, spouse George, all her siblings Franklin, Cornelius, Rosetta and Isabel, whom she lovingly called Izzy, her daughter Carol, her son Carl Jr. and grandsons Patrick and Alexander.

Ida leaves to mourn her passing are her son William of North Carolina, 2 grand-daughters, Adrienne Adair-Walker of NY, Stephanie Adair of NY, 8 great-grandsons, Isaiah Walker, Myles Walker, Daniel Adair, Benjamin Adair, Xavier Adair, Elijah Adair, Isaiah Adair and Noah Adair. She also leaves her faithful nieces, Curtarene Pearson, Rev. Frieda Smith and Ideluia Sawyers, all of Virginia, nephew Devon Pearson and a host of grandnieces and nephews, relatives and friends.