

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS



Sunrise:

August 5, 1973

Sunset:

February 1, 2024

Loretta Smith

Service Held
Saturday, February 17, 2024 -11:00 a.m.
Encounter Church
562 Lewelling Blvd., San Leandro, CA 94579

Reflections of Her Life

Lorretta Smith was born on August 5, 1973 in San Leandro, California to the proud and loving parents of Johnnie L. and Dorothy J. Smith. While raised in the city of East Oakland, she defied all odds. Lorretta was at the top of class while attending both Martin Luther King Jr. and Redeemer Lutheran Elementary. Although she was a transfer student, she was elected class president at Frick and later crowned Ms. Westlake. She graduated from Fremont High School where she received a basketball scholarship to attend the illustrious Paul Quinn College in Dallas, Texas.

Lorretta Smith surrendered her life to Christ at the age of 23. From that moment on, she remained a God fearing woman with the qualities that we all strive to be. She was a virtuous, witty, creative, wise, forgiving, loving, mindful, dependable, disciplined, respected amongst people, and most importantly, a good and faithful servant until the end.

She was an educator for over 25 years naturally and spiritually. She taught us how to add numbers on a green chalkboard, but she also taught us how to add numbers for the Kingdom. She showed us how to study for a spelling test, but she also taught us how to study God's word. She reminded us of the importance of succeeding in school, but she also reminded us of the importance of succeeding in our walk with Christ. She encouraged us to finish strong in our race on the track, but she also encouraged us to finish strong in our race with God. She coached us on how to properly defend your opponent in basketball, but she also coached us on how to defend ourselves against the tactics of the enemy.

Lorretta Smith was passionate about everything she did. Whether it was scoring three pointers in your face during a game of basketball, referring while playing a game of kickball, teaching three part harmonies, enjoying amusement parks, bowling with her family, throwing the best parties anyone could ask for, and most of all, being a mom to her kids. She will forever be loved and missed.

Preceded in death was her grandfather C.L. Smith 2017, her father Johnnie L Smith 2019, and her grandmother Dorothy L. Smith 2020. She leaves her immediate family to cherish her memories: her three children Alexxis, Nicholas, and Isaiah from the union with Jeffrey Kelley, her mother Dorothy J. Smith, her sister La' Vonne Smith, her niece Domonique McElroy, and her nephew Adabu Anderson. Her love will be engraved in the hearts of family, friends, and her brothers and sisters in Christ.

Order of Service

Processional

Prayer

Pastor Hope

Scripture Reading

Pastor Hope

Old Testament

Psalm 30:1-12 (NLT)

New Testament

Philippians 4:4-9 (NLT)

Musical Selection

"Thank You Lord"

by Walter Hawkins

Acknowledgments of Cards and Condolences

Rosia Horn

Obituary Reading

Nicholas

Musical Selection

"Love the Lord"

by CJ and Friends

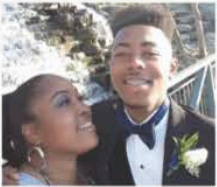
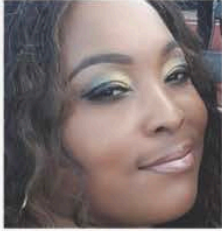
Poem

Johaunna Bland

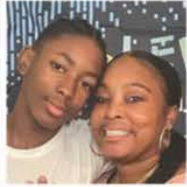
Eulogy

Pastor Hope

Viewing of Our Beloved



JOY STORY



PRESENTED BY PATTEN ACADEMY DIRECTED BY MS. SMITH-KELLEY



A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS JOY AT CHRISTIAN CATHEDRAL 2433 COOLIDGE AVE, OAKLAND CA 94602



Honorary Pallbearers

NICHOLAS KELLEY

DA'JUAN WRIGHT

ADABU ANDERSON

JEROME RANGE

FLOYD JIMMERSON JR.

ANDRE FULLARD



Special Thanks and Acknowledgments

Thanks to everyone for your prayers, your love, calls, text messages, cards, donations, flowers, singing, and words of wisdom. We greatly appreciate your support. We love you all. We also want to give a special thanks to Pastor Hope and The Landing Place Church, located in Antioch, for cultivating a safe place for our family to land. We also want to give a special thanks to Sister Kalila, Pastor Portia, and their team at Encounter Church for their support.

-The Family

Repast

The repast will be held at
Encounter Church
immediately after laying her to rest.
562 Lewelling Blvd.

Arrangements Entrusted to

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