



Ms Theodora Laverne Smith-Robillard

October 25, 1939 - September 13, 2021

Theodora “Teddi” Laverne Smith-Robillard, born October 25, 1939, left this life peacefully on Monday, September 13, 2021.

She was born in Beckley, Raleigh County, West Virginia, the third of nine children.

The Smith Family moved from West Virginia to Lexington, Kentucky in 1952. “Teddi” as she was affectionately known, continued her education and graduated from the Original Dunbar High School in 1957. She later matriculated at several institutions of higher learning, achieving multiple degrees in business management, a paralegal certification, and several other academic accreditations to add to her long list of accomplishments and awards.

Teddi put all those degrees of higher learning to great use by writing grants for mayors and governors around the country. She was very instrumental in and an advocate for handicap access into Lexington business, as well as housing for mentally impaired individuals. She also was on the front lines of change for persons with felony charges to have their voting privileges reinstated. There are many other accolades and recognitions that she received in her lifelong endeavors for Civil Rights in this country.

Teddi grew up in the church under her father, the late Presiding Prelate Bishop

W. McKinley Smith, who was the Senior Bishop of the Church of God Found by Jesus Christ, Inc., and her mother, the late Endress/Pastor Evie Lewis Smith, who was the organization's National Elect Lady. In the later years of her life, Teddi rededicated herself to the Lord, confessing Jesus Christ as her personal Savior. During her last conversations, she stated, "I'm in the will of God now, I will let nature take its course."

Ms. Smith-Robillard was preceded in death by her parents, Bishop William McKinley and Evie Lewis Smith; six brothers: William M. (Anna Lee) Smith, Jr., James J. Smith, George R. C. Smith, Joseph S. Smith, Dwight R. (Tina) Smith and Robert E. L. Smith; and one sister, Ruth E. Smith.

Teddi lives on in the memory of those she leaves behind: her daughter, Shauna Smith (Robert) Chaney; three granddaughters, Lateisha Caldwell, Dionneandrea Roberts and Lokia Draper; four great-grandchildren: Jeri Johnson, Chamarae Trusty, DèZiya Trusty, Jaadon Dixon and Nevaeh Draper; one sister, Lorenda R. Lewis; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends.

Previous Events

Service

OCT 2. 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

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Visitation

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