



Ms. Stephanie Smith

June 3, 1951 - October 13, 2020

On Tuesday, October 13, 2020, after a lengthy illness, our dearly beloved Stephanie Elaine Smith heard the trumpets sound and took her eternal rest. She was born in Saginaw, Michigan, the daughter of the late Herbert and Leatha Theresa French-Herd on June 3, 1951.

Being raised as Catholic, Stephanie attended St. Joseph Catholic School for her entire grade school and high school matriculation. At an early age Stephanie accepted the Lord as her savior and went through catechism schooling at St. Joseph. Stephanie was both musically and artistically inclined. Her parents fostered her love for music by allowing her to sing in the church choir, study piano at an early age, and form a singing group with her good friends Edwina Alvarez and Pamela Thompson. As a group they traveled the country and made appearances on the Ed Sullivan Show and auditioned for Barry Gordy. Stephanie was known for painting abstract and Black Art that was sold worldwide. While in school, Stephanie enjoyed playing the clarinet, piano, and being the prettiest cheerleader on the team. Stephanie was known for wearing the most gorgeous gowns to all the school dances. She passed down her musical ability and her impeccable fashion sense to her children.

After completing high school, Stephanie attended Marygrove College in Detroit, Michigan, where she majored in Social Work. Her love for helping people lead her to work for AT&T, Buena Vista High School, and later pursue

a successful career with Saginaw County Child Development Program, currently known as CAC Head Start. While at Child Development, Stephanie implemented many programs to assist families with young children to get a head start on education. She assisted parents in acquiring resources to help them further their education and also teach them parenting skills. After enjoying a rewarding career for 20+ years, Stephanie took an early retirement due to her declining health. After retirement, she continued to help people who were in need throughout the community whenever she could. Stephanie enjoyed cooking, traveling, going to the casino, and spending time with her children and grandchildren. She was the rock of her family and will be missed tremendously by all who knew her.

Stephanie leaves to cherish her memory: her significant other of 36 years, Frederick Wilson; four children and three step children, Stephen (Tanaushe) Herd of Detroit, MI, Shamika Billingsley, Venus Billingsley, Domonique (Darrell Vann) Smith and Kenneth Jones, all of Saginaw, MI, Shanethia Stephens of Atlanta, GA and Taylor Lindsey of St. Charles, LA; six siblings, Herbert (Vanessa) Herd of Saginaw, MI, Keith (Connie) Herd of Saginaw, MI, Ronald (Priscilla) Herd of League City, TX, Theresa (Tommie) Gipson of Saginaw, MI, Joseph (Verlona) Herd of Gross Point Woods, MI, and Kathleen (Richard) Brown of Waldorf, MD; 27 grandchildren, Dominic "Pooh-Man" Reed, April "AJ" Herd, Dequarius "Pooh" Jenkins, Ciara "Masoni" Sykes, Shan'Tiara "Nana" Grimmet, Stepharion "Pharoah" Little, Stetayvion "Greedy" Little, Stephen "Wooga" Herd, Jr., La'Merris "Moona" (John, Sr.) Lamb, Zeven Martin, Tyrone Price, Santana "Tana" Wicker, ShaToya "Shookie" Billingsley, Quentanet "Net-Net" DeBerry, Deontray "Zoon" Billingsley, Donesha "Baby NeNe" McIntosh, Nichole "Sprout" Billingsley, Leigha "Sprite" Billingsley, Michaela "Sprocket" Lee, Jasper "Springer" Billingsley, Veronika "Roni" Smith, Avery "Mae" Smith, Jules "Junie B" Smith-Vann, Kentera "KayKay" (Pedro Velez) Patterson, Kentrali "KeKe" Patterson, AnQuaniece "Moekee" Moore, and AnQuavia "MoeMoe" Moore; 23 great-grandchildren, Alanna and Asharie

Herd, John II, Justice, and Jaiyana Lamb, Richard and La'Tasia Coleman, Marquavion and Detayvion Wicker, Jefferey Hill, Justice Scott, Ta'Lor Scott, Ta'Layah DeBerry, Zaniyah Little, Elijah and Ezekiel Velez, Darryl Bentley, Kash Patterson, Rau'Mylah, Rau'Myrah, Raumeal Jr, Rau'Myah, and RauMance Johnson; one uncle, James French, Charleston, NC; her best friend of 40+ years Mary West; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends.

Stephanie was preceded in death by her mother, Leatha Herd-Britto; father, Herbert Herd Sr.; one sister, Catherine Herd; step-father, Neville Britto; great-grandson Anthony Stephens Jr., and special aunt, Corutello "Tillie" Henderson.

The family of Ms. Stephanie Elaine Smith would like to extend gratitude to Fresenius Dialysis Center and the nursing staff of Covenant HealthCare—Cooper Campus.

Visitation will take place from 2:00 until 6:00 p.m. Thursday, October 29, 2020, at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., Saginaw, MI 48607. A private funeral service will be held. Interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery, 3210 South Washington Avenue, Saginaw, Michigan 48607.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **29**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 North Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607

Tribute Wall



“ Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Ms. Stephanie Smith



Browne's Mortuary - October 30, 2020 at 10:44 AM



“ Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Stephanie Smith



Browne's Mortuary - October 30, 2020 at 09:00 AM

DF

“ Debra M Fenn lit a candle in memory of Ms. Stephanie Smith



Debra M Fenn - December 27, 2020 at 04:01 AM

LG

“ *Latrice Griffith-Ford lit a candle in memory of Ms. Stephanie Smith*



Latrice Griffith-Ford - November 11, 2020 at 08:28 AM

DP

“ *Dorothy Price-Omar lit a candle in memory of Ms. Stephanie Smith*



Dorothy Price-Omar - October 30, 2020 at 12:38 PM



“ *Stephanie you were the epitome of class grace true beauty and kindness with an eloquent quietness and vast amount of knowledge I've admired you from the day I meet you the love and bond you had with your eldest set the bar for me as I was preparing to become a mother myself to your grandson I'm so thankful that he was blessed to have a beautiful intelligent loving matriarch from this life to the next Pooh Bianca Syd and Chris will always love you❤️*

Latonya Shree - October 30, 2020 at 11:10 AM

BD

“ *Brittney Donald lit a candle in memory of Ms. Stephanie Smith*



Brittney Donald - October 30, 2020 at 05:29 AM

AB

“ *Angela Brown lit a candle in memory of Ms. Stephanie Smith*



Angela Brown - October 29, 2020 at 05:50 PM

WR

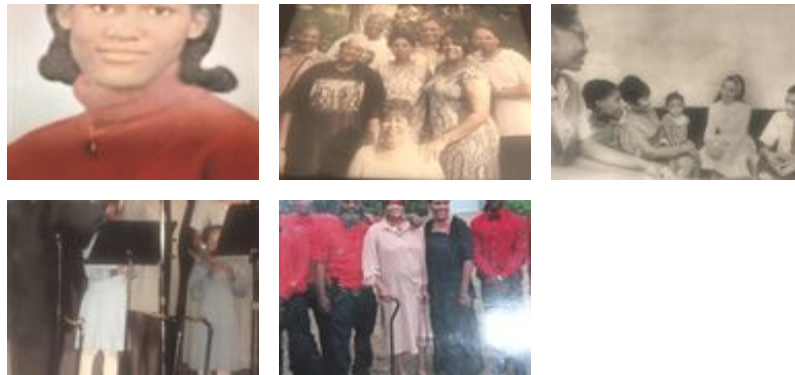
“ *Wanda Faye Reynolds & ReynoldsFamily lit a candle in memory of Ms. Stephanie Smith*



Wanda Faye Reynolds & ReynoldsFamily - October 29, 2020 at 09:19 AM



“ *81 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Browne's Mortuary - October 28, 2020 at 04:37 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ms. Stephanie Smith.*



October 28, 2020 at 01:45 PM



“ *Rebecca Hughes lit a candle in memory of Ms. Stephanie Smith*



Rebecca Hughes - October 28, 2020 at 07:08 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ms. Stephanie Smith.*



October 26, 2020 at 04:29 PM



“ *Rest In Peace to my Very First Coach*



Cynthia Essex - October 26, 2020 at 09:21 AM

BD

“ *Brittney Donald lit a candle in memory of Ms. Stephanie Smith*



Brittney Donald - October 25, 2020 at 03:59 PM

UF

“ *Uncle Joe & Aunt Verlona & Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Ms. Stephanie Smith.*



Uncle Joe & Aunt Verlona & Family - October 25, 2020 at 10:57 AM

MJ

“ *Michelle Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Stephanie Smith*



Michelle Johnson - October 25, 2020 at 12:09 AM

CS

“ *Cathie Stephens lit a candle in memory of Ms. Stephanie Smith*



Cathie Stephens - October 24, 2020 at 02:43 PM

HT

“ *Hakeem and Shirley Holmes, Missouri City, TX purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Ms. Stephanie Smith.*



Hakeem and Shirley Holmes, Missouri City, TX - October 24, 2020 at 01:18 PM

CR

“ *Carl And Rosemary Ruth lit a candle in memory of Ms. Stephanie Smith*



Carl and Rosemary Ruth - October 24, 2020 at 08:29 AM

ES

“ *ERIC T SCOTT lit a candle in memory of Ms. Stephanie Smith*



ERIC T SCOTT - October 23, 2020 at 10:50 PM

DS

“ *Sorry to hear of your lost of your Mother. myself and family are praying for you all... GOD Bless and keep you in this bad times love ya Delbert Smith and Smith family....*



Delbert smith - October 22, 2020 at 06:32 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Ms. Stephanie Smith.*



October 22, 2020 at 06:06 PM



“ *Michelle Blair sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Stephanie Smith*



Michelle Blair - October 22, 2020 at 02:38 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ms. Stephanie Smith.*



October 22, 2020 at 09:49 AM



“ *Wanda Faye Reynolds & ReynoldsFamily lit a candle in memory of Ms. Stephanie Smith*



Wanda Faye Reynolds & ReynoldsFamily - October 22, 2020 at 08:44 AM

MV

“ *Michelle Valentine lit a candle in memory of Ms. Stephanie Smith*



Michelle Valentine - October 22, 2020 at 08:34 AM

Serita Hope-Oates

“ *Serita Hope-Oates lit a candle in memory of Ms. Stephanie Smith*



Serita Hope-Oates - October 22, 2020 at 08:18 AM

DP

“ *Dorothy Price-Omar lit a candle in memory of Ms. Stephanie Smith*



Dorothy Price-Omar - October 22, 2020 at 08:11 AM

SF

“ *Shirleyrose Caffey And Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Stephanie Smith*



Shirleyrose Caffey and Family - October 21, 2020 at 10:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Stephanie Smith.*



October 21, 2020 at 07:22 PM



“ *We will definitely miss Stephanie at Riverside (Fresenius), keeping her entire family in my prayers. She was one of the sweetest ladies I knew and always tried to keep a smile on her face. She loved all her kids and grandkids as she always spoke so highly of you all. ❤️❤️*

Carmulita Evelyn - October 21, 2020 at 06:36 PM



“ *I LOVE YOU MOMMA STEPH* 🎉🎉🎉❤️❤️

❤️❤️ You've been another Mom to Me since Y'all moved on Brown St in the early 80's to where You and my Mom Rose became the best of Friends as well Y'all Kids and will ALWAYS will be 🎉🎉🎉🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏 And I'm gonna treasure Our many many Visits, Conversations and exchanging of I Love Yous via Texts and Visits. Tell my Mom and Dad I love and miss them too as I do you..Please rest easy now.



Tamika Bassett - October 21, 2020 at 12:07 PM

VB

“ Vicki Bradley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Stephanie Smith



Vicki Bradley - October 20, 2020 at 10:38 PM

VB

“ Vicki Bradley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Stephanie Smith



Vicki Bradley - October 20, 2020 at 10:37 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Stephanie Smith.



October 20, 2020 at 04:35 PM



“ Yvette Wofford lit a candle in memory of Ms. Stephanie Smith



Yvette Wofford - October 20, 2020 at 04:01 PM

TI

“ *Tiffany lit a candle in memory of Ms. Stephanie Smith*



Tiffany - October 20, 2020 at 03:54 PM

JS

“ *Janie Surles-Cork sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Stephanie Smith*



Janie Surles-Cork - October 20, 2020 at 10:40 AM

OS

“ *Omowale Art Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Stephanie Smith*



Omowale Art Smith - October 20, 2020 at 10:38 AM

AV

“ *Al And Brenda Vinson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Stephanie Smith*



Al and Brenda Vinson - October 20, 2020 at 10:02 AM



“ *Lillie Williams Grays sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Stephanie Smith*



Lillie Williams Grays - October 19, 2020 at 11:49 PM



“ *Joanie Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Stephanie Smith*



Joanie Williams - October 19, 2020 at 06:52 PM



“ *Starr Curry lit a candle in memory of Ms. Stephanie Smith*



Starr Curry - October 19, 2020 at 05:07 PM



“ *DELORES GILES lit a candle in memory of Ms. Stephanie Smith*



DELORES GILES - October 19, 2020 at 03:05 PM

JO

“ JoyReeves sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Stephanie Smith



JoyReeves - October 19, 2020 at 12:48 PM

BJ

“ Brenda Jones lit a candle in memory of Ms. Stephanie Smith



Brenda Jones - October 19, 2020 at 10:40 AM

IW

“ Inez Williams lit a candle in memory of Ms. Stephanie Smith



Inez Williams - October 19, 2020 at 09:42 AM

DM

“ Doloris Mixon lit a candle in memory of Ms. Stephanie Smith



Doloris Mixon - October 19, 2020 at 03:38 AM

TN

“ *My Utmost Sincerest Condolences go out to you ALL* ❤️



Tonia Navarrette - October 19, 2020 at 12:41 AM

JW

“ *Jimmie & Beverly Westbrook lit a candle in memory of Ms. Stephanie Smith*



Jimmie & Beverly Westbrook - October 18, 2020 at 10:14 PM

CB

“ *Sincere condolences Domonique in the loss of your mother & Theresa in the loss of your sister and your entire family. Richard & Clarice Billings*

clarice Billings - October 18, 2020 at 07:50 PM

WH

“ *Our sincerest condolences to the family of Ms. Stephanie who was a great neighbor, she was such a beautiful light and spirit I will miss her smile & wave as they drove by. We will keep Freddie & family in our prayers.*



Willie & Bobby Haynes - October 18, 2020 at 06:15 PM

DM

“ *My condolences to all of the Smith family*



Donna Motton - October 18, 2020 at 04:46 PM

DM

“ *Donna Motton lit a candle in memory of Ms. Stephanie Smith*



Donna Motton - October 18, 2020 at 04:40 PM

DS

“ *My deepest condolences and prayers to the family. Stephanie and I went to St Joseph's school together. From time to time we'd sing together. She had a beautiful voice and was a very sweet person. Debra (Berkley) Shelton class of 1971*

Debra Shelton - October 18, 2020 at 02:45 PM

KR

“ *Kyiiia Rodgers sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Stephanie Smith*



kyiia roddgers - October 18, 2020 at 02:37 PM

LV

“ *Liz Vance sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Stephanie Smith*



Liz Vance - October 18, 2020 at 05:28 AM

BW

“ *Bernice Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Stephanie Smith*



Bernice Williams - October 18, 2020 at 05:14 AM

TW

“ *Prayers and condolences go out for your family*



Tracy White - October 18, 2020 at 03:47 AM

SW

“ *My grandma my mother my friend i loved u more then life its self im praying for courage in strength to go on but its jus hard mama watch over me please*



Santana wicker - October 18, 2020 at 01:12 AM

TA

“ Sending prayers and condolences to the family and friends. May GOD grant you strength and comfort during this difficult time.



Trina Akins - October 18, 2020 at 12:09 AM

MJ

“ For all the sunshine you brought to so many people! Keep smiling from above 🙏❤️



Mary J - October 17, 2020 at 09:34 PM

PK

“ Pamela-Louise King lit a candle in memory of Ms. Stephanie Smith



Pamela-Louise King - October 17, 2020 at 08:45 PM

AN

“ Alicia Nelson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Stephanie Smith



Alicia Nelson - October 17, 2020 at 07:14 PM

BR

“ *BrindaLaury lit a candle in memory of Ms. Stephanie Smith*



BrindaLaury - October 17, 2020 at 10:48 AM

RC

“ *Rose Coleman lit a candle in memory of Ms. Stephanie Smith*



Rose Coleman - October 17, 2020 at 09:50 AM

SC

“ *To the family. Praying that God will surround you with his love and comfort through this time. Rest in heaven Stephanie*



Sandra Coleman - October 17, 2020 at 08:54 AM

NL

“ *Nola Levelston lit a candle in memory of Ms. Stephanie Smith*



Nola Levelston - October 17, 2020 at 08:28 AM

LJ

“ *Lisa Jones lit a candle in memory of Ms. Stephanie Smith*



Lisa Jones - October 17, 2020 at 04:45 AM

DF

“ *My Deepest Sympathy For This Family, That's Been In My life for many years. I am So Sorry For Your Loss. May God Comfort You In these Times, Of Sorrow.*



Debra M Fenn - October 17, 2020 at 04:11 AM

MW

“ *Maurice And Marie Washington lit a candle in memory of Ms. Stephanie Smith*



Maurice and Marie Washington - October 16, 2020 at 09:30 PM