



## Mrs. Valery Jean Smith

June 8, 1948 - May 15, 2023

Our beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin and friend took flight on May 15, 2023 following a brief illness at the age of 74 years. Valery Jean Smith was born on June 8, 1948 in St. Louis, Missouri to Falcon and Flora (Collins) Breeland.

She was a graduate of Vashon High School in St. Louis, MO. Valery married and left her hometown with her husband Porter Smith, Sr. to reside in Saginaw, MI in 1967 to this union two children born.

Valery retired from AT&T after 30 years of service in 2000. Valery joined Mt. Olive Institutional Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Marvin T. Smith. She became a member of the Heavenly Hands and V.I.P. Ministries. Valery loved to travel and after retirement traveling became her way of life with her sisters Penny and Marie the GOLDEN GIRLS. Valery loved to also spend her Saturdays playing bingo which was her favorite hobby as well as being a true Los Angeles Laker Die Hard Fan. She had a love for helping people and opening her home to anyone who was in need. Valery would give you the shirt off her back and would not think twice about it. Her favorite bible scripture was, "I Can Do All Things Through Christ Who Strengthens Me" Philippians 4:13.

She never missed a day calling her daughter just to say, "Hey Lil Girl, what's

up”? Her daughter is going to miss hearing those words. Valery best friend was her great granddaughter, Lyric. She would call her every morning to awake her for school and on a bad day would even get up to make sure she had her favorite food when she got out of school. Her great-grandchildren meant the world to her.

Valery leaves to cherish her memories, one son, Porter Smith, Jr.; one daughter, Portia (Johnny) Donald, Detroit, MI; one step-daughter, Veronica Smith, St. Louis, MO; one step-son, Portea Lyons Smith, Lansing, MI; two grandchildren, Jasmine Allen and James Morris Young, both of Saginaw, MI; two great-grandchildren, Lyric Coleman and Mason Young, both of Saginaw, MI; three adopted grandchildren, Demarcus Davis, Devario and Dominique Castell; six sisters, Jean Chambers of Detroit, MI, Murdis Gilbaux, Mamie Woods, Brenda Breeland, Carolyn (Jamie) Mattz, all St. Louis, MO and Penny Williams, of Saginaw; two brothers, Bruce (Betty) Breeland and Clarence Breeland, St. Louis, MO; three sisters-in-law, Michelle (Larry) Parsons, Pamela Jones and Renea Smith, all of Saginaw; four brothers-in-law, Stanley, Ronnie and Gordon Clark, all of Memphis, TN and Perry Smith, Omaha, NE; one aunt, Doretha Darris, St. Louis, MO; god-sister, Norma Jean Reid; four god-children, Rodney Green, Dactrick Dunn, Wilbert “Lando” Dunn and Derek Riley, all of Saginaw; many nieces and nephews, cousins including two special cousins, Dale Caine and Jean Schwartz, friends including special friends including Versie Jumper, Terri Lindsay and Onnie Holden.

Valery was preceded in death by her grandson, Glenn Coleman II; parents, Falcon and Flora Breeland; grandmother, America Pugh; step-daughter, Ingrid Smith Lee; brothers, Jordon Upchurch, Leon and Vernell Breeland; sister, Emma Jean Patton; aunts, Earline Nesbitt, Catherine Collins and Bessie Shannon; uncles, Sammy, Thomas, Frank, and Clyde; nephew, Glen Simon, Jr.; mother-in-law, Faye Smith; sisters-in-law, Sandra Smith, Ann Rodgers and Althea Clark; brother-in-law, Charles Clark.

A private service will take place at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

SM

“ *Sonandra Mounger-Edwards lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith*



Sonandra Mounger-Edwards - June 27, 2023 at 07:38 PM

KJ

“ *Kevin Jordan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith*



Kevin jordan - June 07, 2023 at 06:49 PM

PC

“ *Pam Jumper Cisco lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith*



Pam Jumper Cisco - June 03, 2023 at 07:55 PM

AM

“ *Audrey McKandes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith*



Audrey McKandes - May 30, 2023 at 07:21 AM

BH

“ *Condolences to Portia and the entire family. Condolences to her very large Extended Family especially Penny. Hold on to the many memories & the joy she brought to all.*  
*Barbara Hill*



Barbara Hill - May 29, 2023 at 10:13 PM

CG

“ *Connie Gray lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith*



Connie Gray - May 29, 2023 at 07:17 PM

TF

“ *Tomekia & Patsy Willis & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith*



Tomekia & Patsy Willis & Family - May 29, 2023 at 06:42 PM

EH

“ *Edna Hamilton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith*



Edna Hamilton - May 29, 2023 at 06:41 AM

TB

“ Trina Brooks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith



Trina Brooks - May 28, 2023 at 01:31 PM

VJ

“ Virginia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith



Virginia Johnson - May 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM

VM

“ Veronica K. McClain lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith



Veronica K. McClain - May 26, 2023 at 11:08 AM

CM

“ Cheryl D. Moore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith



Cheryl D. Moore - May 26, 2023 at 09:15 AM

CJ

“ Chris Jernigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith



Chris Jernigan - May 25, 2023 at 11:00 PM

MM

“ Moty And Geraldine Mckinney lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith



Moty and Geraldine Mckinney - May 25, 2023 at 08:47 PM

MM

Val was a beautiful person. I loved her smile. Can't believe she is gone.

Moty and Geraldine Mckinney - May 25, 2023 at 08:49 PM

KR

“ Aunt Valerie as we call you sister.  
You will be truly missed.  
Our last laughs and memories was at adias wedding thank you for always making me feel welcomed with open arms .your job here on earth is finished and your new journey in heaven shall begin .I know your crown is so beautiful until we meet again.  
Love your niece Keke



Kyiaa rodgers - May 25, 2023 at 01:00 PM



“ *Lisa Burrell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith*



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**Lisa Burrell** - May 25, 2023 at 12:33 AM

BC

“ *Betty Cliatt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith*



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**Betty Cliatt** - May 24, 2023 at 02:24 PM

RU

“ *Rueda lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith*



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**Rueda** - May 24, 2023 at 10:02 AM

DJ

“ *Darlene Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith*



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**Darlene Jones** - May 24, 2023 at 09:35 AM

TA

“ *Tay lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith*



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**Tay** - May 23, 2023 at 07:10 PM

NH

“ *Nora Hollis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith*



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**Nora Hollis** - May 23, 2023 at 07:08 PM

YO

“ *Yomie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith*



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**Yomie** - May 23, 2023 at 07:08 PM

RR

“ *Rosemary Ruth lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith*



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**Rosemary Ruth** - May 23, 2023 at 04:21 PM



“ *Darlean Donald lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith*



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**Darlean Donald** - May 23, 2023 at 04:10 PM



“ *STACY lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith*



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**STACY** - May 23, 2023 at 09:39 AM



“ *Shirley Norman and family*



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**Shirley Norman** - May 23, 2023 at 09:20 AM



“ *Janie Surles-Cork sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith*



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**Janie Surles-Cork** - May 22, 2023 at 05:55 PM

MS

“ *Mary Ann Stewart sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith*



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**Mary Ann Stewart** - May 22, 2023 at 03:29 PM

MW

“ *Maurice&Marie Washington sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith*



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**Maurice&Marie Washington** - May 22, 2023 at 01:04 PM

SS

“ *Sharon Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith*



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**Sharon Sanders** - May 22, 2023 at 10:50 AM

SP

“ *Shelaine Parrish lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith*



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**Shelaine Parrish** - May 22, 2023 at 10:06 AM

MD

“ *Marlean Donald lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith*



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**Marlean Donald** - May 21, 2023 at 12:50 PM

VB

“ *Velissa Batts sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith*



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**Velissa Batts** - May 20, 2023 at 12:54 PM

PH

“ *Pat Hill sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith*



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**Pat Hill** - May 20, 2023 at 11:44 AM

TR

“ *Trudy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith*



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**Trudy** - May 20, 2023 at 08:03 AM

KC

“ Karen Cork lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith



Karen Cork - May 20, 2023 at 06:00 AM

NW

“ Nakisha West lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith



Nakisha West - May 20, 2023 at 01:41 AM



“ Mary Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith



Mary Lawrence - May 19, 2023 at 06:33 PM

DW

“ Dwandra Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith



Dwandra Williams - May 19, 2023 at 01:56 PM

MG

“ Michael And Delphine Greene lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith



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Michael and Delphine Greene - May 19, 2023 at 04:13 AM

NA

“ Thk u Val for the friendship u exstented to me. U and Penny made some of my days the next days. I wish me and my sisters had the relationship that u and her had. PRAYERS, For Porsha , Penny and the rest of the family.

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Nancy - May 18, 2023 at 10:36 PM

LF

“ L.D Frierson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith



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L.D Frierson - May 18, 2023 at 05:14 PM

LW

“ Linda Jumper Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith



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Linda jumper williams - May 18, 2023 at 12:06 PM

AM

“ Audrey Mckandes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith



Audrey Mckandes - May 18, 2023 at 11:38 AM

RB

“ Rochelle Brewer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith



rochelle brewer - May 18, 2023 at 10:17 AM

ED

“ Emma Donald sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith



Emma Donald - May 18, 2023 at 09:50 AM

ED

Porsha and Penny sending prayers, condolences ,so to your here your beloved mother/ friend has passed 🙏❤️

Emma Donald - May 18, 2023 at 09:58 AM

SW

“ Stephanie Washington lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith



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**Stephanie Washington** - May 17, 2023 at 10:07 PM

BW

“ Love, prayers, hugs and condolences to the family, extended family and friends. May God comfort each and everyone of us 🙏 ✨ 😭 💖



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**Bernice Williams** - May 17, 2023 at 09:24 PM

CB

“ Condolences to Penny and the entire family!



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**Charline Bodiford** - May 17, 2023 at 08:02 PM

LM

“ LOUDEAN MOULTRIE lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith



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**LOUDEAN MOULTRIE** - May 17, 2023 at 07:28 PM

MV

“ *Monica Vaughn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith*



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**Monica Vaughn** - May 17, 2023 at 04:49 PM

KS

“ *Kathy Shaw lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith*



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**Kathy Shaw** - May 17, 2023 at 04:05 PM

IH

“ *Ida Helton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith*



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**ida helton** - May 17, 2023 at 02:35 PM

CC

“ *Cheryl Cooper lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith*



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**Cheryl Cooper** - May 17, 2023 at 02:03 PM

TM

“ *This One Here Hit's Hard!! You were like a mom to me. Our hours long conversations laced with laughter and wisdom will be missed. I Take Great Comfort In KNOWING She Is Home Now. Porter and Portia you both know how much I loved her and I know that she loved me. I'm here for ya'll. Take your much deserved rest.*



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**Tara Moten(Niecy)** - May 17, 2023 at 12:15 PM

CW

“ *Sending condolences to Val's family. I'll truly Will miss her. May God y'all. Love Cookey*



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**Cookey Williams** - May 16, 2023 at 11:09 PM

CM

“ *Cheryl D. Moore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith*



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**Cheryl D. Moore** - May 16, 2023 at 06:07 PM

CP

“ *Carrie Polk lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith*



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**Carrie Polk** - May 16, 2023 at 04:23 PM

SC

“ *Shanelle Castell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valery Jean Smith*



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**Shanelle Castell** - May 16, 2023 at 02:36 PM

SC

“ *Porsha,Porter,Penny,Lyric I send heartfelt condolences to the family*



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**Shanelle Castell** - May 16, 2023 at 02:36 PM