



Ms. Benzina B. Smith

January 18, 1943 - October 14, 2024

Ms. Benzina Brabham Smith-Hills, 81, was born on January 18, 1943 to the late Alfair Myers and the late Henry Richardson, Sr., both of St. Matthews, South Carolina. She was married to and the widow of the late Robert Hills. She entered into eternal rest on Monday, October 14, 2024 at her residence.

Benzina attended the schools of Lexington County and was a graduate of Lakeview High School, Class of 1959. She retired from the University of South Carolina, where she was employed in Custodial Service.

She was a devoted member of New Beginnings Baptist Church, in Cayce, South Carolina, under the leadership of Pastor Alfreda Crum. She faithfully served in the Hospitality Ministry.

Benzina was a member of the Eastern Stars, New Hope Grand Lodge, of Columbia, South Carolina.

In addition to her parents, Benzina was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Hills; two brothers, Robert Lee and Timothy Richardson; one aunt, Shirley Bookhart.

Those left to cherish her memories are four sons, Ricky (Cynthia) Myers, Tyrone (Princess) Brabham, Kenneth Hill, Sr. and Ronald (Monica) Smith, Sr.;

daughter, Stephanie Smith Jackson, all of Columbia, SC; two brothers, Kevin Myers and Henry Richardson, Jr., both of Columbia, SC; six sisters, Barbara Hammock, Ruth Ann Myers, Alfreda Lomax, Rosalinda Adams, Cheryl Thomas, Karen Best, all of Columbia, SC; five aunts, Christine Ferguson, Martha Oree, Margaret Huff, Gloria Brabham, and Lenora Wise, all of Columbia, SC; fourteen grandchildren; Fourteen great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; special colleagues, Elease Jones and Ralphella Rhinehart and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

Funeral service will be 1:00 p.m., Monday, October 21, 2024 at Friendship Baptist Church, 1237 House Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29204. The Reverend A. A. Dicks, Sr., Pastor, Pastor Alfreda Crum, officiating. Interment to follow in the Crescent Hill Memorial Gardens. Ms. Smith will lie in-state at the church one hour prior to the service time.

Public viewing will be held from 2:00 p.m.until 6:00 p.m. Sunday, October 20, 2024 and from 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m., Monday, October 21, 2024 at A. A. Dicks Funeral Home.

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Cemetery Details

Crescent Hill Memorial Gardens

2603 Two Notch Rd
columbia, SC

Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT **21**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Friendship Baptist Church
1237 House Street
Columbia, SC 29204
(803) 799-8906

To view the service for Ms. Benzina Smith, please click on the link: <https://fb.watch/voK1o8Xocf>

Tribute Wall

DP

“ I was saddened to hear about the passing of Mrs. Benzina. I met her many years ago as a teenage while working at Columbia College. I enjoyed being in her company because of her beautiful smile and laughter. I really enjoyed talking with her because she had a way with words that was calming on hectic work days.

Please know my prayers are with you all at this time. I pray you find comfort in knowing to be absent from this world is to be present with Our LORD.

Blessings,
Deborah Pickett



Deborah Pickett - October 27, 2024 at 04:00 AM

DP

“ I was saddened to hear of the passing of Mrs. Benzina. I met Mrs. Benzina many years ago when we both worked at Columbia College. She was always so sweet and kind to me. As a teenager, I love talking with her because she had a beautiful smile, and a way with words. All the memories I have of her are sweet memories because she had a loving mother spirit. I pray that you all find comfort in knowing to be absent from the body is to be present with Our LORD. You are in my thoughts and prayers, and may GOD bless you all.

Blessings,
Deborah Pickett



Deborah Pickett - October 23, 2024 at 09:56 PM

NS

“ *Natalie Samuel lit a candle in memory of Benzina Smith*



Natalie Samuel - October 21, 2024 at 10:27 AM

RA

“ *Raines and Craig family send a condolences to the Smith and Myers family.*

Raines - October 20, 2024 at 04:08 PM

TF

“ *Our sincere sympathy and condolences and prayers to the family and relatives and friends.*



Tammy Harrison Edwards and Family - October 20, 2024 at 03:53 PM

MS

“ *Peace and blessings of love to Benzina and your family.*



Mrs. Inez & Kevin Speaks - October 18, 2024 at 11:37 PM

JS

“ To God be the glory. My sincere condolences are with the family and friends of Ms. Benzina Smith. I have known Ms. Benzina ever since my younger childhood years to be very close to my family. My mother Inez and Ms. Benzina were very good friends, and early on they were also co-workers. During the early years, when I met Ms. Benzina my mom and she were employed at the Columbia College campus cafeteria with the DANA FOOD SERVICE Co, in the dietary department. I remember Ms. Benzina's beautiful personality and her captivating smile. She was known for having a happy go lucky attitude which was an asset she possessed. She was so so sweet. I recently, within the past month had the pleasure of visiting with her and some of her family members. She always referred to me as one of her children. She was like a mother figure to me . She spoke with a gentle voice as she'd speak such kind words about everyone and everything. May God bless her soul as she takes her rest where sweet wild rose's grow 🌹🙏



James Kevin Speaks - October 18, 2024 at 11:33 PM

DJ

My condolences to the family. Make God bless and keep you all.

Dwayne Jackson - October 19, 2024 at 02:31 PM