



Mrs. Josephine Dicks Smiley

August 20, 1931 - July 8, 2023

Mrs. Josephine Dicks Smiley was born on August 20, 1931, in Aiken, South Carolina to the late Farry Bell Bates Dicks and the late Samuel Dicks. She departed this life and gained her eternal wings on Saturday, July 8, 2023.

Mrs. Smiley attended Strom Branch Academy and graduated from high school in the Adult Education Program. She was employed for more than thirty years at the Youth Development Center in Augusta, Georgia until her retirement. She was a faithful member of the Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church where she organized the Gospel Chorus and was an active member of the same. Josephine organized the Strom Branch Association Alumni Academy.

Besides working and attending church, she loved music and played the piano for multiple churches throughout the Central Savannah River Area (CSRA). Her playing and love for music led her to a successful recording career. She and her recording groups were known as "Josephine Dicks and The Gospel Rocks", (comprised of she and two of her sisters, Nazarene and Leola) and "Josephine Dicks and The Inspires." She recorded numerous CDs under the Dela Joyce Label.

Mrs. Smiley was preceded in death by her parents; her daughter, Joyce Nero Streaty; grandson, Gregory L. Nero and eleven siblings.

She leaves to cherish precious memories: her son, The Reverend Delbert L. (Joann Stewart) Nero; two sisters, her twin, Nazarene D. Morgan, and Leola N. Dicks, al of Aiken, South Carolina; grandchildren, Shantel Nero, Cory (Anita) Green, Kelby (Kim) Nero, Keith (Tasha) Robinson, Sonyatte (Anthony) Watkins and Nashayne Streaty; host of great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins; a devoted caregiver, Crystal Smith and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral service will be 2:00 p.m., Saturday, July 15, 2023 at Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church, 130 Independence Boulevard, Aiken, South Carolina 29803. Reverend Dr. Chauncey A. Scott, Pastor, Eulogist, Reverend Kenny Sanders, Presiding. Interment to follow in the church cemetery. Mrs. Smiley will lie in-state one hour prior to the service.

Public viewing will be held from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., Friday, July 14, 2023 at Jackson Brooks Chapel, 606 Main Street, New Ellenington, South Carolina 29809. Flowers can be delivered to Jackson Brooks Chapel in New Ellenington, South Carolina.

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Cemetery Details

Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery

130 Independent Blvd.
Aiken, SC

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUL 15. 2:00 PM (ET)

Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church
130 Independent Blvd
Aiken, SC 29803

To view the service for Mrs. Smiley, please click on the link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1244182462949500/>

Tribute Wall

ED

“ Ernest D. purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mrs. Josephine Dicks Smiley.



Ernest D. - July 13, 2023 at 10:02 PM

NH

“ Aunt Joe, My heart is sad, but I know you are glad to be singing "He Captured my Soul" and Study War No More! From the Yellow Oldsmobile to the Blue Van to all the beautiful songs you wrote. Number 13 really misses number 12!!!! Love you

Niece Hurmay - July 13, 2023 at 06:11 PM

HW

“ Hurmayonne W. purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Josephine Dicks Smiley.



Hurmayonne W. - July 13, 2023 at 06:01 PM

KN

“ I love you Grandma!! I will never forget the conversation we had that evening in golden corral and at kfc as well.



Kelby Nero - July 13, 2023 at 10:10 AM

WD

“ No one could make the piano talk like my Aunt Josephine. It wasn't Christmas until aunt Joe played and lead the Gospel Chorus in Shirley Caesar's "Oh What A Wonderful Child." I'm going to miss my aunt Joe, an unforgettable woman in many ways. RIP Auntie.

Wanda Dicks - July 13, 2023 at 09:24 AM