



Turn Again To Life

*If I should die and leave you
Here awhile, be not like others,
sore undone, who keep long
vigil by the silent dust and weep.
For my sake turn again to life
and smile, nerving thy heart
and trembling hand to do that
which will comfort other souls
than thine.*

*Complete this dear
unfinished task of mine, and I
perchance, may therein
comfort you.*

Acknowledgments

We wish to express gratitude for the many acts of kindness rendered by all. We gratefully acknowledge your cards, calls, concern, support, visits, gifts and especially your prayers. We ask for your continued prayers and it is our prayer that God will bless each one of you.

Respectfully submitted,

The Family



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Homegoing Celebration For *Mary L. Smith*

Sunrise
January 1st, 1930

Sunset
March 14th, 2007



Monday, March 19th, 2007 - 11:00 am

Trinity U.A.M.E. Church

226-230 Warren St.
Newark, NJ

Pastor, Adolphus Scott
Officiating

Mary Louise affectionately known as "Lou", "Ant Weese", "Louise" and "Liz" was born on January 1, 1930 to the late Willie and Mary Smith of Camden, Kershaw County, South Carolina. She was the ninth child of thirteen children.

Mary Louise's early Christian experience and baptism was at Joshua Baptist Church. She attended the Zion Hill Public School System before moving to Newark, New Jersey in the late 1940's. When she became a resident of Newark, NJ, she met and married William Howard Fant and joined Trinity UAME where her in-laws were pioneers. She sang with the Gospel Chorus for more than fifty years, her favorite song was God Specializes and Jesus is Love. To this union there were six children.

She furthered her education at Newark Skills Center in Newark where she earned her GED. She continued at Newark Technical School where she received her certification as a switchboard operator. She worked for many years at RCA and Varnadoes. She also worked at Bambergers, IBT, the Sheraton and Hilton Hotels as a switchboard operator. She later took a course at New Community Corporation to become a Home Health Aide and worked until she became ill.

Although she suffered the past seven years, her only regret was that she smoked cigarettes that ultimately contributed to her failing health. She then encouraged others to stop smoking.

Mary Louise was a remarkable homemaker and an exceptional mother, full of wisdom. She loved to dance, sing and had a wonderful sense of humor. Her love for her family, for life and home was undeniable. She was blessed to see her family grow five generations.

She loved and treasured the long conversations with her friends and extended family Sophia Durant, Susan Ford, Mary Gatling, Aldine Sales and Ruth Turner. She appreciated and looked forward to spending time with her son Gregory and his wife Ann in Bowie, Maryland.

She understood human frailties too, because she strove to follow a righteous path most of her life. She did not want to be considered a saint. She recognized that in life mistakes would be made and many promises that she made she was unable to keep. She wanted to make a difference in someone's life. She would do what she could to ease the suffering of others.

On Wednesday March 14, 2007 God lifted her burdens, called her home and gave her peace. Let us rejoice at her home going and be glad. She suffers no more and all is well with our souls.

Mary Louise was preceded in death by one son Isaac Fant, a sister, MayBelle Jones, four brothers: Corbett, Sanders, Israel

and Clenty Smith, 2 grand-daughters, Penny Eudora Fant-Hendricks and Nichelle Yvonne Fant.

She leaves to cherish her memory her loving children, Almeta Fant, Sandra Yvonne Duncan, Robin Dale Fant, William Earl Fant and Gregory Charles Fant, a son in law Michael Morris of Rahway, New Jersey and a daughter in law Arlifulia (Ann) Fant of Bowie, Maryland.

She also leaves to rejoice 3 sisters: Ethel Milton of Eugene, Texas, Rachel Aiken of Columbia, South Carolina, Gladys Taft Salahud-Din of Newark, New Jersey, 4 brothers: Willie (WT) Smith of Washington, DC, Howard James of Columbia, South Carolina, Boyd Smith of Piscataway, New Jersey and Moses Smith of Newark, New Jersey. 1 brother in-law Leonard Salahud-Din of Newark, New Jersey, and 1 sister in-law Dorothy Smith of Piscataway, New Jersey. 18 grandchildren and 26 great grand children, 1 great great grandchild and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Special Thanks is extended to her very loving and caring physicians Dr. Gandotra, Dr. Bangor, Dr. Ramesh Kania, The Nursing staff at Muhlenberg Hospital in the E.R., ICU and CCU units, Muhlenberg Receptionists, Ashbrook Nursing and Rehabilitation, Belky Home Health Aide, Lirra Visiting Nurse and the Plainfield Rescue workers who made it possible for mom to be cared for; they responded to her calls and allowed her to maintain her dignity until her demise. May the Lord bless them all for their loving care and excellent service that she and the family were pleased with.



Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional:.....Clergy and Family

Hymn of Comfort:.....Jesus keep me near the cross

Prayer of Comfort:.....Minister

Scripture Reading

**Old Testament.....Psalm 121 Maggie Howard
Stapleton UAME Church
Staten Island, NY**

**New Testament.....John 15;1-9 Rev. Robert Clegg
New Covenant Missionary
Baptist Church, Newark, NJ**

Selection.....Desieree Morris

Resolution/Remarks

Poem.....Linda Norton

Selection.....Choir

Expressions of Love.....(2 min please)

Acknowledgements.....Carol Harkeem

Obituary.....Carol Harkeem

**Selection.....Evangelist Patricia Scott
Mt. Carmel UAME Church
Paulsboro, NJ 08066**

Eulogy.....Pastor Adolphus Scott

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