



# Your Smile

Your smile has gone forever,  
Your hands we can not touch,  
Thank God for tender memories,

Of the one we love so much.  
It broke our hearts to lose you,  
But you did not go alone.  
For part of us went with you,  
The day God called you home.

In memory we go back along each road we have trod,  
And bless the years we had with you,  
And leave the rest with God.

Proverbs 3:5-7 (KJV)

<sup>5</sup> Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. <sup>6</sup> In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. <sup>7</sup> Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil.



From Your  
Loving Children



## Active Pallbearers

Franklin Minor  
Shelbert Gregory  
Garland Smith, III

Michael Minor  
Kevin Miles  
Jewel Smith, III

## Honorary Bearers

Kenny Minor  
Roland Minor  
Eric Smith

Ronnie Smith  
Bruce Smith  
Wilfred Smith

## Flower Bearers

Jericho's Deaconess Ministry  
Christine Smith  
Falonda Smith  
Katherine Williams  
Mary Minor  
Roberta Terrell  
Nieces, Relatives and Friends

## Acknowledgement

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The family wishes to express appreciation for all visits, phone calls, cards and acts of kindness during Maria's sickness and sorrow. May God bless all of you and may his love and peace always continue to shine.

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# Celebration of Life

## Maria Lou Minor Smith



*Sunrise* "Mariah" *Sunset*

December 20, 1925 November 11, 2017

Saturday, November 18, 2017  
11:00am

Jericho Baptist Church  
8435 Jericho Road  
Ruther Glen, Virginia 22546

Reverend Stacy Dabney, Officiating





## Life, Love and Memories



## The Order of Service

- The Prelude .....Annette Young
- Musical Selection.....Choir  
*I Shall Wear a Crown*
- Processional ..... Pastor and Family
- Invocation ..... Reverend Michael J. Stringfellow
- Scripture  
Old Testament ..... Reverend Fred Minor  
New Testament .....Bro. Roderick Roye
- Prayer of Comfort ..... Deacon Wilbur Thomas
- Musical Selection .....Mrs. Brenda Anderson  
*Bless Is He Who Comes In The Name of The Lord*
- Acknowledgments/Obituary Reading ..... Church Clerk
- Reflections.....Mrs. Bianca Mitchell  
Mrs. Vera Hamilton  
Deaconess Lenora Stringfellow
- Solo .....Doris Thomas  
*God Has Done What He Said He Would Do*
- The Eulogy ..... Pastor Raleigh Harris, Jr.
- Recessional Hymn ..... *See You In The Rapture  
I'll Fly Away*



## Her Life

*Maria Lou Minor Smith (Mariah)*, was called to her Heavenly home on Saturday, November 11, 2017 @ 1:30 pm. Maria was born as the second child to the Late Rev. Harry and LouVinia Minor on December 20, 1925, in Stoney Creek, Va.

She became a caregiver to her family and also accepted Christ as her Lord and savior at a very young age.

Maria was preceded in death by her parents Rev. Harry & Lovinia, her brothers, Ginial and Thurston and her husband Genie Smith, Sr. Maria was called to glory just ten days before her husband's 10th year anniversary. Maria was married February 10, 1951 for 56 years to the late Genie Smith and they had six children. Her family was first in her life; however, her community could always depend on her for a helping hand.

Maria was a very hard worker and while raising her children and taking care of her husband, She was employed as a domestic worker and took care of the employer's children. She worked at Regency Square Mall in Richmond for number of years, Kelly Temp Agency and Kings Dominion.

She was a faithful member for over fifty years at Second Baptist Church in Ruther Glen, VA, where she was a Missionary member, a Choir member and a Deaconess. Later she joined her husband at Jericho Baptist Church in Ruther Glen, VA, where she served as a Choir member, and Deaconess. Maria was a member of The Friendship Club in Ruther Glen, VA, and they fellowshipped at different homes for many years. Maria not only taught her children about Jesus Christ, but she led others to the Lord.

She was known for making great potato salad, fried chicken and baking cakes, but her fruit cakes were second to none. Maria also enjoyed canning fruits and vegetables, sewing and kept things very cleaned around the house. Her children would call her a perfectionist in housekeeping.

She leaves to cherish her memories her six children; Lenora Stringfellow (Rev. Michael), Hattie A. Gregory (Ronald), Genie N. Smith, Jr. (Susie), Patricia N. Smith, Brenda L. Anderson (Curtis), Coretta C. Smith (caregiver); nine grandchildren; Shelbert "Maric" Gregory, Rachel Stuckey, Bianca Mitchell, Nikoshia Williams, Casey Garrett, LaQuan Anderson, Melissa Smith, Dana Miles and LaTonya Anderson; nine great grandchildren; Aalyah, Kenrick, Timothy Jr., Aalya, Jordan, Lauren, Ahmad, Gabriel, Morris and Aria; one sister, Mamie Smith (Jewell); one brother Fred Minor; three sister in-laws, Rosetta Minor, Clara Washington (Henry) and Orlean Johnson; devoted friends; Doris Thomas, Henrietta Rock, Laceshia Washington (adopted daughter and caregiver); a host of devoted nieces, nephews, cousins, other family members and friends.