



Minnie Lee Smith

July 12, 1939 - February 7, 2024

Minnie Edmonds Smith, 84, formerly of Chattanooga, was known by many names by many people who loved her most-Minnie, Baby Ray and Aunt Minnie, Ms. Minnie-but most of all her favorite was Mom and Granny. After tirelessly making the world a better place, Minnie finally rested on the evening of February 7, 2024, at her Cartersville, Georgia residence. Behind her, she leaves a unique and unmatched legacy of love, kindness and humor on everyone she touched. She was a faithful and attentive member of Prospect Baptist Church, The Avondale Association: Wheeler Avenue Neighborhood Watch, and the Chattanooga Citizen Police Academy. Minnie was born in Eutaw, Alabama on July 12, 1939 to the union of the late Willie James Edmonds, Sr. and Birtha Mae Williams. She was the third of ten children that were blessed to this union. She was baptized at an early age in Bessemer, Alabama. She was educated through the Bessemer City School System and graduated from Dunbar High School Class of 1957. She was very active in sports. After graduating, Minnie moved to Chattanooga, Tennessee to study Cosmetology. She was a highly accomplished, licensed Cosmetologist for well over fifty years. During her education, she met and married Glen Smith on June 29, 1958, to that union one daughter, Gwendolyn Denise, was born. Minnie loved our LORD Jesus Christ, her family, her flowers, and the Atlanta Falcons, her favorite football team. Minnie was preceded in death by her husband of forty years, Glen Smith; her brothers, Willie J. Jr., Phillip J. (Swannee), Willie L., Augusta L, Cornell, and David L. Those left to cherish

her memories are daughter, Gwendolyn (Michael) Fletcher; stepdaughters, Phoebe Fields and Deidre Anderson; two granddaughters, Ebonee (Demingus) Copeland and Rashauna Hammonds; great-grandchildren, Tyreon Davis, Mekhi Gibson, Camren Fields, Emory Hooks, and London Copeland; sisters, Birtha (Curtis) Burston of Chattanooga, Vasti (Odis Jones) McFerrien of Birmingham, AL, and Lula (Teresa) Peterson of Bessemer, AL; sisters-in-law, Marjorie Edmonds of Pleasant Grove, AL and Jerilyn Edmonds of Ft. Worth, TX; five step-grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren; special friends, Rosetta Harden and Henry Dudley. Minnie will lie-in-state on Friday, February 16, 2024, from 12-5 p.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Saturday, February 17, 2024, at 11 a.m. at Prospect Baptist Church with Pastor Lance Dorsey as the eulogist. Burial in Lakewood Memory Gardens, East.

Cemetery Details

Lakewood Memory Gardens East

4621 Shallowford Road
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

FEB 16. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Service

FEB 17. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Prospect Baptist Church
734 Dodson Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37406

Tribute Wall

KJ

“ *Kim Jones-McReynolds lit a candle in memory of Minnie Lee Smith*



Kim Jones-McReynolds - February 19, 2024 at 12:59 PM



“ *Deborah Davis lit a candle in memory of Minnie Lee Smith*



Deborah Davis - February 18, 2024 at 07:49 PM

PH

“ *you will be miss here in chatt. tenn we love you G.IG as we call you here .A real GIG cooking and talker win need i no your baby gwen will be ok and the kids the she had you to thank for life and the life of the kids so gwen keep praying god have her and you love pat*

Patricia Harris - February 17, 2024 at 10:04 AM

DJ

“ *She loved family! A beautiful birthday celebration.*



Deborah Edmonds Jones - February 17, 2024 at 12:51 AM

AB

“ *Our prayers are going up for the family..Mrs. Minnie will always be remembered she in our heart. Love the Buckner Family*



Anna Butler - February 16, 2024 at 05:42 PM

ER

“ *From the Moore and Wheeler Ave. Family praying for comfort*

Elecia Gayle Reed - February 16, 2024 at 12:29 PM

BM

“ *Ben & Glenda Morgan lit a candle in memory of Minnie Lee Smith*



Ben & Glenda Morgan - February 16, 2024 at 08:27 AM

MT

“ *Marva Taylor lit a candle in memory of Minnie Lee Smith*



Marva Taylor - February 16, 2024 at 04:59 AM

AW

“ *Deepest condolences to the family of Minnie.*




Allene Ward - February 15, 2024 at 09:49 PM

WJ

“ *Ms Smith was in the CPAAA when I was over it. Always had that smile and didn't mind putting me in my place.*

Wayne Jefferson - February 15, 2024 at 07:36 PM

 Stephanie Davis

“ *JUST BEAUTIFUL INSIDE AND OUT....MISSING MY NEIGHBOR AND THOSE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND HER WORKING IN HER YARD,,,*



Stephanie Davis - February 15, 2024 at 07:19 PM

DR

“ *Sending Condolences To The Family Absent From The Body, Is Present With Our Father. Take Your Rest Cuzin. The Readus, Hatten, & Lumpkins Family...*



Doris Readus - February 15, 2024 at 12:38 PM

BW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Barbara Woods - February 14, 2024 at 03:34 PM

BW

In Memory of Minnie Smith, a life well lived. "Love ya".

Barbara Woods - February 14, 2024 at 03:36 PM

DJ

“ A life well lived!



Deborah Edmonds Jones - February 13, 2024 at 03:12 PM

VL

“ Vanessa McCaulley Lowery sent a virtual gift in memory of Minnie Lee Smith



Vanessa McCaulley Lowery - February 13, 2024 at 12:15 PM

VL

Gwen praying God will give you strength during this time and the days to come

Vanessa McCaulley Lowery - February 13, 2024 at 12:19 PM

AB

“ Alethea Bonner lit a candle in memory of
Minnie Lee Smith



Alethea Bonner - February 13, 2024 at 12:13 PM

AB

Prayers are with The Smith Family!!!
Ms. Minnie was such a sweet spirit

Alethea Bonner - February 13, 2024 at 12:15 PM



“ Sandra Madry lit a candle in memory of
Minnie Lee Smith



Sandra Madry - February 13, 2024 at 09:54 AM

RC

“ Robert Carroll lit a candle in memory of
Minnie Lee Smith



Robert Carroll - February 12, 2024 at 11:05 AM

RC

Robbie & Robert Prays for the lost of a lovely lady, who will forever be
missed but always loved

Robert Carroll - February 12, 2024 at 11:09 AM



“ *Lawanda Graves lit a candle in memory of Minnie Lee Smith*



Lawanda Graves - February 12, 2024 at 11:04 AM

RE

“ *From Judy & Ronica Ellis Family from Detroit.
We will always Love and keep you in our Hearts and Prayers.
RIP*

Ronica Ellis - February 11, 2024 at 07:46 PM

PL

“ *Pam & Jared Lampley lit a candle in memory of Minnie Lee Smith*



Pam & Jared Lampley - February 11, 2024 at 01:01 PM

PL

“ *My deepest sympathy in your time of need. May God continue to keep you safe in his arms. Love you always BFF! Love your God son and your BFF Pam Lampley!*

Pam & Jared Lampley - February 11, 2024 at 01:00 PM

MS

“ *Myron Smith lit a candle in memory of Minnie Lee Smith*



Myron Smith - February 09, 2024 at 03:46 PM

TM

“ *Thelma Murray lit a candle in memory of Minnie Lee Smith*



Thelma Murray - February 09, 2024 at 01:47 PM

MF

“ *Melissa Francis lit a candle in memory of Minnie Lee Smith*



Melissa Francis - February 09, 2024 at 12:11 PM



“ *Connie Williamson lit a candle in memory of Minnie Lee Smith*



Connie Williamson - February 09, 2024 at 08:41 AM



Tina Moore a neighbor for several years Minnie was a friend and best beautician ever

Tina Moore - February 18, 2024 at 06:09 PM