



Nada Joanne Smith

July 21, 1950 - February 2, 2026

Ms. Nada Joanne Whitaker-Smith was born on Friday, July 21, 1950, in Griffin, Georgia, to the late Alfred Whitaker and Carrie Lindsey-Whitaker. She accepted Christ at an early age and had a deep and abiding love for the Lord. She graduated with honors from Giffin High School in 1968 and was later accepted into Spelman College.

Ms. Smith later relocated to Chattanooga, Tennessee, where she was employed by the United States Postal Service, from which she retired. She was a faithful member of Greater Tucker Baptist Church, where she especially enjoyed singing in the choir. In her leisure time, Ms. Smith enjoyed watching her favorite game shows and spending quality time with her family. She had a favorite saying which was “You know it” and “all the time”.

She was preceded in death by her one brother, Louis Whitaker; two sons, Aaron Smith and Travis Smith; one sister Brenda White. She leaves to cherish her loving memory three daughters: Sonja Houllier of Durham, North Carolina, Sabrina Smith and Traci Smith of Chattanooga, Tennessee; one sister, Geraldine Gates; two brothers, Larry Whitaker of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Ira Whitaker of Conyers, Georgia; eight grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends. She will lie-in-state on Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will be on Friday, February 20, 2026, at 12 noon at Greater Tucker

Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Gary Hathaway as the eulogist. Burial in Lakewood Memory Garden, East.

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

FEB 19. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1076

Funeral Service

FEB 20. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Greater Tucker Baptist Church
1115 North Moore Road
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1212

Burial

FEB 20. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Lakewood Memory Gardens East
4621 Shallowford Road
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Tribute Wall



“ *Scratch offs subway sandwiches at North Chattanooga Post office*

John Millsap - February 25 at 09:46 PM



“ *Family photo with Nada and her kids in order from left to right- Traci, Sabrina, Sonja (Michelle), and Travis*



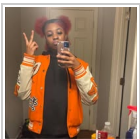
Sonja H - February 21 at 06:34 PM



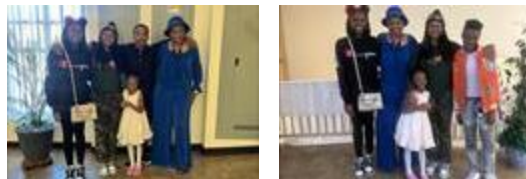
“ *Brenda and Luther Dennis purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Nada Joanne Smith.*



Brenda and Luther Dennis - February 19 at 02:44 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Caliyah Edwards - February 13 at 07:21 PM

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TRACI SMITH - February 13 at 06:44 PM

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“ *Rest in paradise mom! 💙 I'm going to miss our conversations on the phone, even though it took forever to get you off the other end. 😭 I'll always love you, until we meet again... 🌹*



TRACI SMITH - February 13 at 06:40 PM



“ *Rest well. Nada. May God give your family peace and strength.*

Bobby J. Storey

Mr.B - February 10 at 08:19 PM

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“ *I will miss you talking about the word in Sunday School and about your daily (4) mile walks on the levy. RIP 🙏🙏🙏*

Caroline Walker - February 10 at 05:37 AM

DG

“ *In honor of Ms. Nada Smith. Thank you for allowing and welcoming me into your home when I was a teenager. Sonja was my childhood friend and I always felt welcomed when I would come by. Thank you for the inspirational quotes you would post on your page.*

Dee Griffin - February 07 at 11:49 PM

LH

“ *Laretta Harriso lit a candle in memory of Nada Joanne Smith*

Laretta Harriso - February 07 at 06:24 AM

BS

“ *I have a lot of amazing memories with my beautiful mom but the one that stands out the most is her having a great sense of humor and a joy for life. She would always know how to make me laugh and keep a smile on my face. No one could ever replace her. Love you for the rest of my life! Rest in peace you beautiful angel!*

Bri Smith - February 07 at 06:20 AM

BS

“ I have a lot of amazing memories with my beautiful mom but the one that stands out the most is her sense of humor and joy for life. She would always say something to make me laugh and keep a smile on my face. No one could ever take her place and she will always be with me in spirit. I will love you for the rest of my life my dear mother! Rest in peace beautiful angel!

Bri Smith - February 07 at 06:17 AM



“ You Will Be Missed Cuz. I'll Always Love You 🌹🕊️🕊️🕊️



Malva Henderson - February 06 at 12:44 PM



“ We used to love to see Cuz do the SHAKE. She was even PAID to do it. No one was senior than my cousin Nada. R.I.Paradise Cuz 🌹
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Malva Henderson - February 06 at 12:20 PM

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“ I will miss u mom. Rest in peace. ❤️❤️❤️



Sonja H - February 04 at 04:14 PM



“ *Nada and I worked together at the Post Office. She was always pleasant and professional* ❤️

Alfred Brummitt - February 04 at 02:57 PM

DW

“ *I really enjoyed working with Miss Nada. She was the best Foster granny anyone could have. She really loved my kids and me. We became great friends and did things together. She was very supportive. I am really really going to miss her. I am praying for her family and loved ones. I pray that God bless and strengthen you all during this time of bereavement* 🙏❤️.



Danielle Williams - February 04 at 05:42 AM

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“ *Forever in our hearts Nanna Nada, prayers of comfort to the family n friends, RIHP from your church friend & Harrison coworker!Ms. Latimer* 💔🙏



CASSANDRA LATIMER - February 04 at 01:30 AM