



## Ms. Rosetta Smith

February 23, 1930 - February 20, 2024

Rosetta Elizabeth Wyatt-Smith was born on February 23, 1930, to Ivory D. Terry and Fannie Elizabeth Gordon-Terry, in Kansas City, Mo. She made her transition at Saint Luke's East Hospital on February 20, 2024. She was preceded in death by her great - grand parents, Robert and Nannie Gordon, mother and father Ivory and Fannie Terry, husbands, Herman Robinson, Eugene Wyatt Sr. and Charles Smith, one son Eugene Wyatt Jr.; two brothers, Ivory G. Terry and Owen Terry, and two sisters, Theresa Cunningham and Sara Francis Browne.

Mother graduated a year early with the class of 1946 from Lincoln High School. She continued her education taking music class from the Conservatory of Music and Mrs. Weddington Music School in Kansas City, Mo. She was blessed to use her training, not only playing and singing as choir director and soloist for her home church of 48 years, Canaan Baptist Church, under the Pastoral Care of Reverend R. B. Pope and under the leadership of Pastor Tony Cobbins. She also became Vice President of the New Era District Choir. This all followed her membership at Jamison Temple Church where she gave her life to Christ and sang in their gospel choir at age 14. Upon moving to John Knox and Summit Grove Senior Apartments, she attended and sang for John Knox choir and the Church of Christ choir.

Mother also prided herself in keeping up with her sons and what they were doing in school. She did this by becoming and serving two terms at George Melcher School PTA, one year as President and another year as Vice President and showed her interest in others' children, as well as her own. She was also a member of Lincoln High School PTA and Mothers' Group.

Mother worked several jobs during her life-time and retired from Kriegel's Jewelry Store as a collector and prided her-self as being good at it. Mother was also an entrepreneur and had her own jewelry business, in which she sold her jewel-ry at in-home parties. I liked when she did them at our home because then we could get enjoy the food that was served.

She made a bad salmon salad (Yummy). She called herself a "tough old babe". She loved to shop and dress and had more shoes, bags and clothes than you could imagine or even think of asking for. Living at our home, with Marvin and I. she would notice every time I put on some- thing and she would say, "You've got a lot clothes, shoes etc.", as if I didn't get it from her. (Lol).

Mother was academically sound and a Godly woman, using Godly principles and wisdom as a leader. She was a great woman and Our Queen, raising us in the same manner. She loved and helped others. She was caring and certainly had grace concerning me (I'm the oldest). Brett says he learned from our mistakes (he's the youngest). Anyway, I want to end with this. She called Marvin her sweet son-law. Well, he was my husband of 59 years. When we had his services, one month prior to her transition, Mother had done some grieving. The night before his service she said she was ready to go. She was getting her nails polished for the service and was told we would be laying him to rest. So, she said she could wait and she did. Three days later, she was admitted to the hospital. She had a relationship with her sweet son-in-law and together, they were a mess. She called him "her buddy". They were always betting who was going to eat the most food, and gain the most weight, but

they were both so skinny. But in the end, they both ended up on the same medication and were both gaining weight. All the talking and laughing they did over it was really funny to me. He loved her and she loved him. They ran one last race that I know will be a tie. The word of God says, and when Jesus comes back blowing His the dead shall rise first.

I'm going to say this again since I'm doing all the writing, Moma, "I love you and will miss you forever" Carolyn Mother leaves to cherish her memories, two daughters Carolyn Shackelford (Kansas City, Mo). and Linda Johnson (Denver, Co.), two sons Maurice Robinson ( Cynthia); (Kansas City, Mo.), Brett Wyatt (Sheilahn), (Mendota, Mn.), four grandsons, Maurice Deon Robinson (Yolonda) (Austell, Ga)., Eric Townsend, (Mn.) , Stanley Cushon, (Louisiana), and Dell Smith. (Kansas City, MO), five granddaughters, Marla Shackelford (Lee's Summit, Mo.), Monette Smith (Lee's Summit, Mo.), Kimberly Robinson, (Olathe, Ks), Bre'lahn Nash (Timothy) (Hawaii), and Lau-ren Wyatt (Lee's Summit, Mo.). She also leaves a sister, Nannetta Nash (Independence, Mo)., eleven great-grandchildren, nine great -great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2024, 11am at the Watkins Heritage Chapel. Interment Forest Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10am-11am at the chapel. Services conducted by Lawrence A. Jones & Sons. Condolence may be shared on the website.

# Tribute Wall

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