



## Mrs. Windolyn D. Smith

May 7, 1947 - March 5, 2023

### Obituary

Windolyn Doris (Dot) Smith was the youngest child born to the union of Winston Watson and Georgia Lee Beene May 7, 1947, in Hope, Arkansas.

Dot later moved to Kansas City, MO at the age of seven years old. She matriculated through the Kansas City Public Schools and graduated from Central High School in 1965. During her high school years, she actively participated in many school activities such as being VP of American Field Service and National Honor Society. Dot also was a member of the NAACP Youth Council, participating in protests and marches. She obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education at Kansas Wesleyan University. She furthered her education at UMKC with earning Masters and Educational Specialist degrees. She was a member of the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

Dot was employed at the Kansas City School District for 43 years. She excelled as a teacher, Instructional Coach and as a Reading Specialist. Making a positive impact on the children's lives throughout her teaching career.

Dot met and married her high school sweetheart, Frederick Smith, a decorated Vietnam Veteran November 29, 1969. To this union their beloved son, Derrick Omari was born. Fred and Dot enjoyed a life of traveling, playing

golf, had a fascination with riverboats, entertained and enjoyed family fellowships. They also enjoyed weekly couples' night outs. She truly adored their grandson, Markus, and great niece and nephew Simran and Inesh.

Dot accepted Christ at an early age. She was an active member of Gilbert Memorial A.M.E. Church where she wore many hats, such as singing faithfully in the choir, a President of the Women's Missionary Society, and participated in various committees until her health failed.

Both parents, sister Sarah, and nephew Clarence Lynn, preceded her in death.

Dot departed this earthly life on Sunday, March 5, 2023, at University of Kansas Medical Center.

Her legacy lives on through her devoted husband, Frederick; son, Derrick Omari (Brandi); grandson, Markus Winston Smith; nephew, Scott Fulton (Mamta); great niece and nephew; Simran Fulton and Inesh Fulton; special brother-in-law Clarence Fulton; and a host of family and friends.

Funeral services will be held March 11, 2023, 12:00pm at St. James UMC. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11am-12pm at the church. Service conducted by Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel. Condolences may be shared our website.

To send flowers  
to the family or plant a tree  
in memory of Mrs. Windolyn D. Smith, please visit our floral store.

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AS

“ A Memorial Tree was planted for Mrs. Windolyn D. Smith  
We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at Lawrence A. Jones  
& Sons Funeral Chapels-Missouri - Lawrence A. Jones & Sons  
Funeral Chapels  
Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for Mrs. Windolyn D. Smith** - May 25, 2023 at 10:53 AM

DS

“ Grandma's garden table basket was purchased for the family of  
Mrs. Windolyn D. Smith by Dr. Kim Sethna. Send FlowersWith  
Deepest Sympathy Love, Kim Sethna and FamilyDr. Kim Sethna

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**Dr. Kim Sethna** - May 25, 2023 at 10:53 AM

AF

“ Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Windolyn D.  
Smith by Art and Rose Mary Wash and Family . Send  
FlowersPlease accept our deepest heartfelt sympathies for your  
loss. Dots beautiful spirit and infectious smile will be missed. Our  
prayers, thoughts and love are with you during this difficult time.Art  
and Rose Mary Wash and Family

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**Art and Rose Mary Wash and Family** - May 25, 2023 at 10:53 AM



“ A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Mrs. Windolyn D. Smith.  
Plant a Tree

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May 25, 2023 at 10:53 AM

MH

“ Dish garden with fresh flowers was purchased for the family of Mrs. Windolyn D. Smith by MARILYN HICKS. Send Flowers Loving memories of a beautiful spirit a cherished friend and classmate. Marilyn Hicks MARILYN HICKS

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**MARILYN HICKS** - May 25, 2023 at 10:53 AM

DJ

“ Basket garden was purchased for the family of Mrs. Windolyn D. Smith by Diane Johnson. Send Flowers From Robbie, Florine, Diane and our families. Diane Johnson

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**Diane Johnson** - May 25, 2023 at 10:53 AM

LF

“ Indoor garden basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Windolyn D. Smith by Love, your DHC family . Send Flowers You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Love, your DHC family

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**Love, your DHC family** - May 25, 2023 at 10:53 AM

KH

“ A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Mrs. Windolyn D. Smith by Koi House. Plant a Tree We never got the opportunity to meet Aunt Dot in person, but she still managed to bring so much joy into our home (and dorm rooms) throughout the years. Our deepest condolences to everyone. Koi House

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**Koi House** - May 25, 2023 at 10:53 AM

CF

“ Dearest Dot, may your beautiful spirit soar high above the trees. ,watching over your lovely family. Those we love can never be more than a thought away..your precious memories will live forever.  
Clarence and Scott Fulton and Family

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**Clarence and Scott Fulton and Family** - March 10, 2023 at 03:37 PM

AE

“ Beautiful, sweet loving Dot was my sister in “love” for over 55 years. Her presence made our family all the better. I loved her dearly and I will dearly miss her. Our entire family will be devoted to standing strong at Fred’s side.

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**Alice M. Ellison** - March 09, 2023 at 07:14 PM

JH

“ Our condolences to her family. One of our most cherished memories is a week-end that we spent in her home visiting with family and friends. Dot touched the life of many through the years in education and just being a very dear friend and inspiration with her very presence and personality always a smile on her face. Many blessings were granted the ones who met her. May her family find peace and comfort in this time with the presence of God who she knew so well.Jan and John Holdman and family

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**Janice F Holdman** - March 09, 2023 at 11:07 AM

DF

“ She will always be in our hearts as a person who lived the song " Lean on me" for her kids and grand kids. She will be remembered for her selfless act and loving gestures. May she rest in peace .  
Dr. Kailash N. Singh & family

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**Dr. Kailash N. Singh & family** - March 08, 2023 at 09:36 PM

AM

“ We spend a lifetime creating memories! These last few days have been a time to remember Dot. She was a dear friend of my cousin, Charlean, and this how I met Dot in the halls of CHS. Little did I know that we would join each on the career path working for KCPS. I am so thankful to have had Dot in my life for not only did she influence me professionally but was a true friend. It is my prayer that the family and friends will treasure the memories of Dot, and will allow God to bless you with peace.

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**Alma McConnell** - March 07, 2023 at 04:46 PM

JW

“ To the family of Windolyn Smith -you are in my prayers. She was an excellent teacher. She always had a smile on her face. May she rest in peace, Hold onto those precious memories of her.

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**Joyce White** - March 07, 2023 at 04:39 PM

PR

“ The family have my deepest sympathies and condolences! 🙏🙏

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**Phyllis Ragsdale** - March 06, 2023 at 04:32 PM