



Phyllis Smith

July 18, 1942 - November 22, 2021

Ms. Phyllis Smith, 79, of Piscataway, New Jersey made her transition on Monday, November 22, 2021 in Bowie, Maryland after a long-term illness. She was born in Newark, New Jersey to Charles E. Smith Jr. and Emma M. Smith. Phyllis was raised in Newark, New Jersey, where she graduated Westside High School. She was a successful funeral director for 40 years. Phyllis was preceded in death by her father, Charles E. Smith Jr., siblings Elizabeth, Eddie, Alexis DeBorris, Darryl, and Richard. She is survived by her son, Aaron (Ronny) C. Smith (wife Angela) of Bowie, Maryland; two grandsons; seven great-grandchildren; her mother, Emma M. Smith of Farmville, VA; siblings Charles E. Smith III of Farmville, Carol Boone (husband Raymond) of East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, and Marc Smith of Albany, New York.

Arrangements are in the loving care of Simplicity Cremation & Funeral Services www.simplicity.cfs.com in Glen Burnie, Maryland. Phyllis leaves a loving family of nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends to cherish her memories. Phyllis will be laid to rest in Farmville, VA. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Susan G. Komen foundation at Donate to Susan G Komen to help fight breast cancer (info-komen.org)

Tribute Wall



“ *Thinking of you today...I will never forget you!* ”

Lisa Gordon, Funeral Director - August 27, 2023 at 01:44 PM

“ I am a happily married man, age 49. I have only been married once. I been engaged twice but the very first woman i asked to marry me turned me down. I was 9 years old and i had gotten a \"gold\" ring i had gotten from a gumball machine. I built up the gumption to ask that \"special gal\" one day, and i asked right in front of everyone. I help up the ring with my little pre pubescent fingers and looked her right in the eye and said \"Will you marry me?\" Yeah yeah she was a little taller than me but so what-anyway-She smiled that beautiful smile and said nothing, and then someone said. \"You cant marry your Aunt thats yo family!!!\" I was devastated. I didnt know at the time that thats how that worked. Aunt Phyllis was a the moral compas of our family. She loved us all and always wanted the absolute best from us. She once had a corporate head hunting firm, and one year she hired me to work in the office. I was with her every day and learned a lot about busines, life, and ESPECIALLY, i learned about Aunt Phyllis! She equipped me office skills, people skills, phones skills. It was amazing watching her casually yet proffessionally talking with, ATT, IBM, coca cola and Hewlett Packard executives. Her dignity was not measured by success or failure; it was unflappable and steadfast. When it was quiet she would sing and whistle as her father used to and she would reminisce about Grandad (She really missed her father) As time passed I left her office and began college. Not long after college, Auntie sent me to \"talk to a friend-look proffesional\" \"Look professional?\" \"Meet a friend\"? I tought \"What\"? I almost didn't go, but i said \"fine\" I met the friend Some lady in her mid 50's, in a School, which i thought was odd. I brought Aunties friend lunch and we had a nice conversation \"nice woman\" i thought as i rose from the chair to leave. And upon leaving the Woman, Laura Trimmings said \"Youre hired Mr. Davis be here on the 15th for orientation\" \"What?!- im just here as a lunch Proxy for my aunt!\" I thought but instead i smiled, shook her head, and said \"Thank you\" just like that i was a Teacher, and for 17 years after that. See THAT was how Auntie Phyllis hooked a person up. I mean she really hooked you up! The lives i got to changed. The children, (some of whom i STILL interact with today in their adulthood) that i was allowed to help educate and

mold, had more value to me than silver and gold! Thank you Auntie! As the years passed she was always there for advice and a brutally honest opinion. Ill never forget the summer i worked for Aunt Phyllis at Whitney and Wood. Ill never forget \"Auntie Sweeta\" When im alone, i will whistle, think of you and Granddaddy and try to do the right things here. Until we meet again. Love eternally Your nephew Chris

Christopher Davis - December 15, 2021 at 12:50 PM

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“ *Ms. Smith was truly an example of class and professionalism always demanding the bar be set high and remain there My sincerest condolences to her son and the entire family.*

Jay T. Garrett - December 05, 2021 at 11:46 AM

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“ *Phyllis Smith*

Lisa Gordon - November 28, 2021 at 01:42 PM

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“ *Phyllis Smith was the best Funeral Director that ever lived. She paved the way for female Funeral Directors and helped many in the industry. She was a classy, intelligent woman and a great mentor. Mrs. Smith thank you for the mentoring and the motherly love. I'm going to miss how we brought each other things and I hope that when you could, you saw all the love messages that I texted you. Sincere condolences to Aaron as she loved you so! Lisa Gordon, Funeral Director and friend.*

Lisa Gordon - November 28, 2021 at 09:06 AM

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“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ *Simplicity Cremation & Funeral Services*

A Memorial Tree was planted for Phyllis Smith - November 26, 2021 at 03:39 PM