



## Mrs. Ardetha S. Smith

November 10, 1941 - December 5, 2020

Ardetha S. Smith was born on November 10, 1941 in Duplin County, North Carolina to the late Roy and Estha Stallings. She departed this life on December 5, 2020, at her home.

Ardetha has left behind to cherish her life, husband, Joel; daughter, Laquinta N. Andrews; son, Maury L. Smith; three grandchildren; and a host of extended family members and friends.

A private family service of celebration has been scheduled for Thursday, December 10, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph AME Church, 2521 Fayetteville Street, Durham, North Carolina 27707; with a private family visitation from 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

The service of celebration will be streamed live at <https://www.stjosephame.org/>

In lieu of flowers, the family would like for you to please consider making a contribution to a the St. Joseph AME Richard Allen Young Adult Council (RAYAC) Adopt-A-Family Christmas charity. The Adopt-A-Family program has received applications from five families that are in need. If you would like to provide a monetary donation, please donate via Givelify or CashApp and indicate RAYAC or Adopt-A-Family in the memo/for section. Donations to St.

Joseph AME Church may be done so through <https://www.stjosephame.org/copy-of-home>

Cards and condolences for the family may be sent to:

Maury Smith

7 Calle Luna Ct

Durham, NC 27707

Mrs. Ardetha S. Smith will be laid to rest in Beechwood Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Beechwood Cemetery

3300 Fayetteville St  
Durham, NC 27707  
(919) 560-4154

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 10. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph AME Church  
2521 Fayetteville St  
Durham, NC 27707  
(919) 683-1379

## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Ardetha S. Smith*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *Helen Hicks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ardetha S. Smith*



**Helen Hicks** - March 23, 2021 at 06:37 PM



“ *My heartfelt sympathies to the family. Mrs. Stallings (Smith) was an awesome science instructor at Allen High School. She was my favorite teacher, and a very classy lady! May she rest well in Heaven. 🙏❤️🙏 Candle*

**Helen Hicks** - March 23, 2021 at 06:34 PM



“ *Chiquita Moore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ardetha S. Smith*



**Chiquita Moore** - January 13, 2021 at 07:08 PM

JD

“ *Jan Dillard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ardetha S. Smith*



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**Jan Dillard** - December 18, 2020 at 05:34 PM

CW

“ *So very sorry to hear this news. Ardetha was a very kind and humble coworker at Social Services. May God cradle her in His arms and cradle the family also.*

*Constance Wright*

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**Constance Wright** - December 15, 2020 at 09:41 AM

QL

“ *Lori and Queen Lawrence extend our deepest sympathy on the passing of Mrs. Smith*

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**Queen Lawrence** - December 14, 2020 at 02:31 PM

JP

“ *Jeannine Parker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ardetha S. Smith*



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**Jeannine Parker** - December 11, 2020 at 10:05 PM

FB

“ Joel, Maury and Laquinta,

*We were deeply sadden concerning your loss!  
We pray that God will give you the strength  
and peace to endure in the coming days,*

*Frank & Edna Byrd*



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**Frank Byrd** - December 11, 2020 at 08:29 PM

DF

“ Rest In Peace Ardetha Rest In Peace 🙏

*Bro. Joel and Family*

*Please know that we are praying for your strength and uplift  
especially now. God blessed you with a loving wife, mother and  
relative. She will be remembered by her smile and always positive  
words she shared whenever we saw her and you.*

*May the Lord Bless and keep all of you!*

*The Fitts Family*

*Maxine, David Sr. & David Jr.*

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**David Fitts** - December 10, 2020 at 07:04 PM



“ Very Beautiful person RIP

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**Timm Mcmm** - December 10, 2020 at 11:56 AM

YW

“ *She was a beautiful woman. Dignified, friendly, intelligent, and a truly sweet spirit. I regret I didn't get a chance to know her longer. She is missed!*  
Yvette Whitley



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**Yvette Whitley** - December 10, 2020 at 08:45 AM

EM

“ *Precious Family: I feel helpless not being able to embrace and share our personal loss together, but as a songwriter created “When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be! When we all see Jesus and Ardetha, we'll sing and shout the victory.”*

*Love you Joel, Maury & Family, LaQuinta & Family and Nina & Family.*

*Aunt Eunice “Nete “ Murphy-Adams, Vicki Sellars, Dwight Murphy, Damyko & Pamela Sellars*

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**Eunice Murphy-Adams** - December 09, 2020 at 07:12 PM

BP

“ *Barbara Parker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ardetha S. Smith*



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**Barbara Parker** - December 09, 2020 at 05:48 PM

BP

“ *Barbara Parker lit a candle In loving memory of Aunt Ardetha. I Barbara Parker*

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**Barbara Parker** - December 09, 2020 at 05:41 PM

BB

“ *Bernice Baggett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ardetha S. Smith*



**Bernice Baggett** - December 09, 2020 at 04:59 PM

RM

“ *Robert & Angeline Baggett McCall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ardetha S. Smith*



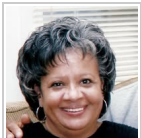
**Robert & Angeline Baggett McCall** - December 09, 2020 at 04:55 PM

CT

“ *Cynthia Tucker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ardetha S. Smith*



**Cynthia Tucker** - December 09, 2020 at 11:57 AM



“ *Karen Long lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ardetha S. Smith*



**Karen Long** - December 09, 2020 at 04:57 AM

EG

“ Ernestine Graham lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ardetha S. Smith



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**Ernestine Graham** - December 08, 2020 at 04:48 PM

VJ

“ Vincent, Priscilla, & Michael Joiner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ardetha S. Smith



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**Vincent, Priscilla, & Michael Joiner** - December 08, 2020 at 04:45 PM

BS

“ Brenda D Stallings sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ardetha S. Smith



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**Brenda D Stallings** - December 08, 2020 at 10:09 AM