



Mrs. Erma Grace Suggs-Smith

February 3, 1944 - March 14, 2017

IN LOVING MEMORY OF ERMA GRACE SUGGS-SMITH February 3, 1944 – March 14, 2017 Erma Grace Suggs-Smith was born February 3, 1944 in Greene County. She departed this life on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 in Durham, North Carolina. She was educated in Wayne County public schools and graduated from Norwayne High School in Fremont, North Carolina. As a young woman, Erma worked for Westinghouse Electric Corporation in Newark, New Jersey and the East Orange Board of Education. She selflessly relocated to North Carolina to care for her aging parents, James William and Elleather Johnson Suggs, who preceded her in death. She married her long-time love, James, on May 7, 1993. After relocating to North Carolina, she began working at Durham Public Schools and retired in May 2006. She was a member of Fisher Memorial United Holy Church of America in Durham, where she was baptized. Erma was a loving wife, sister, aunt and friend who will be missed dearly. She is survived by her husband, James E. Smith; one step-son, Martin J. Smith (Candice) of Hollywood, California; one sister, Verlene Beasley of Charlotte, North Carolina; one brother, Henry L. Suggs of Wilson, North Carolina; three nieces Valerie Y. Morgan (Donell) of Virginia Beach, Virginia; Vanessa Suggs Wallace of Union, New Jersey; and Vickie L. Suggs-Jones (Gregory) of Raleigh, North Carolina; one nephew Warren D. Best (Anita) of Charlotte, North Carolina; one great-niece Max Grace of Raleigh, North Carolina; one step-grandson (Jaden) of Hollywood, California; best friend of 56 years, Joanne Malone (Jimmy) of Chesterfield, Virginia; and a

host of loving cousins, relatives and friends. Erma's home going service will be held Tuesday, March 21, 2017, at Fisher Memorial United Holy Church of America, 420 E Piedmont Ave, Durham, NC 27707. Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., service will begin at 12:00 p.m. and the interment will be at Glennview Cemetery, located at the intersection of NC Highway 55 and Riddle Road, Durham NC immediately following the service. The repast will then be held in the Fellowship Hall. But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. [2 Peter 3:13 NASB] A special note of thanks to the staff at Liberty Home Care and Hospice & Eno Pointe Assisted Living for the continued care of our loved one, especially Ms. Tracy Moore.

Cemetery Details

Glennview Memorial Park

NC Hwy 55
Durham, NC 27713
(919) 596-8102

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 21. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

Fisher Memorial United Holy Church of America
420 E Piedmont Ave
Durham, NC 27707-1832
(919) 682-7416

Service

MAR 21. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Erma Grace Suggs-Smith*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *I also worked with Erma in Accounts Payable at Durham Public Schools. She was a dedicated and hard working co-worker. We kept in touch by phone calls and birthday cards after her retirement. She was as a good friend. She was also a dedicated daughter. I remember how diligently she looked after her father when he was moved to the nursing care facility. She went almost everyday at lunch to take care of something for him. I am so sorry for your loss Smitty. Erma loved you dearly. You always provided Erma with great support and the most wonderful gifts that made her so happy. I remember one time Erma came in with a new beautiful watch. I ask her about it and of course it was a gift from Smitty. One thing I will always remember about Erma is how healthy she ate. We could always count on our office smelling so good in the afternoon. Erma always brought fresh fruit and cut it up to make her a fruit salad for her afternoon snack. It was always a joke that her father could pick the best cantaloupe. Erma you will be missed but not forgotten. We will see each other again one day! My prayers go out to Smitty and the family.*



Sheila - March 21, 2017 at 06:57 AM

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“ Faye Love purchased the *Treasured Lilies Spray* for the family of Mrs. Erma Grace Suggs-Smith.



Faye Love - March 20, 2017 at 07:48 PM



“ Our love thoughts and prayers are with the entire Suggs-Smith family.

*The Danzy Family
Roselle, NJ.*

Bobbie Danzy - March 20, 2017 at 07:17 PM

RS

“ Robin and Rodney Sowell purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of Mrs. Erma Grace Suggs-Smith.



Robin and Rodney Sowell - March 20, 2017 at 04:42 PM

ET

“ *Smitty and Family:
Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God's comfort bring you peace and joy in knowing that Erma is alright . We will miss and remember that wonderful smile and friendly personality.
Elaine and Ernest Thompson*

Elaine Thompson - March 20, 2017 at 01:57 PM

DC

“ I worked with Erma in Accounts Payable and always admired how hard she worked and how loyal she was as a friend. We always sent each other birthday cards even after I retired. I will miss that. I also remember Erma as always dressing very nicely and would comment on how nice she looked. She would respond Smitty bought it. Smitty, remember this is not goodbye it is only see you later.



Denise Cash

Denise Cash - March 20, 2017 at 09:54 AM

EN

“ EME Group - NYC purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Erma Grace Suggs-Smith.



EME Group - NYC - March 17, 2017 at 01:46 PM