



Mrs. Joy Smith McManus

January 2, 1929 - October 13, 2019

The family of Mrs. Joy Smith Gunn McManus, age 90, announces her passing which occurred on Sunday, October 13, 2019, at her home with her family by her side.

Joy "Joybelle" Smith Gunn McManus, the youngest child of Orlando Godfrey Smith and Mary Fannie Harris Smith was born in Durham, North Carolina on January 2, 1929.

Joy attended the Durham City Schools and graduated from Hillside High School in 1944. Early in her adulthood, she was a beautician. Joy later graduated from the Practical Nursing School at Hillside High School. She worked for many years at Duke Hospital (Prevost ward) until her retirement.

At an early age, Joy attended St. Joseph A.M.E. Church and in her adult life she was a member of Mount Gilead Baptist Church in Durham, North Carolina. She was married to the late James Marshall Gunn and the late James McManus.

Joy was predeceased by her brothers, Orlando Smith, Rell Alfred (Pido) Smith and Stanley (Boog) G. Smith.

She leaves to cherish her memories four daughters, Vivian D. Gunn, Joanne G. Brown, Rose McManus Scale and Anjeanette McManus; three sons, James Marshall Gunn (Jackie), Alan Thomas Gunn and Charles McManus (Anne); nine grandchildren; twelve great grandchildren; one great-great grandchild and a host of other family members and loved ones.

A celebration of Joy's life will be held at Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc., 309 N Queen Street, Durham, North Carolina 27701 on Thursday, October 17th; Family Visitation at 12:00 noon and Life Celebration Service at 1:00 p.m., with Bishop Clarence Laney, Jr. delivering the eulogy.

Mrs. Joy Smith Gunn McManus will be laid to rest in Beechwood Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Beechwood Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 17. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc.
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Celebration of Life

OCT 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Joy Smith McManus*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joy Smith McManus.*



October 16, 2019 at 12:28 PM



“ *Please know that the family is being supported in prayer by the broad members of the community.*



Rose Mary Cole Howell (HHS 1967) - October 16, 2019 at 10:47 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joy Smith McManus.*



October 15, 2019 at 09:41 AM