

Pallbearers

Vernon Forrest, Jr.
Kevin Baker
Napoleon Johnson

Jerome Baker, Jr.
Victor Guye, Jr.
Freeman Walker

Flower Attendants

Church Mothers of Cathedral of Faith COGIC

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and
I will give you rest.”

Matthew 11:28

Acknowledgement

The family of the late Mrs. Gertrude Walker Smith, with grateful hearts, wishes to express our sincere appreciation for the flowers, prayers, and other thoughtful expressions of love during our time of bereavement. Thanks to all of you, mother-in-law, Louise Robinson and family, extended family, Earnestine Baker and family, Lois Anne Scales and family, John & Paula Scott, Jackie Fleming, Will & Fannie Baker and the Church family.

~ The Family

Arrangements in care of:



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Mother Gertrude Walker Smith



Sunrise

August 25, 1920

Sunset

March 12, 2019

Service

10:00 AM, Saturday, March 23, 2019

Cathedral of Faith COGIC

2591 West Beaver Street
Jacksonville, Florida 32254
Elder Earl Matthews, Officiating

Celebration of Life

Grandma Gertrude Smith was born in Chicago, Illinois on August 25, 1920 to the late Carrie Lee and Matthew Walker Sr. and peacefully departed this life on March 12, 2019 at the age of 98. Gertrude attended the local schools in Chicago, and in her adult years she retired from Ekco Housewares, Inc. in Franklin Park. Gertrude was united in holy matrimony to the late Johnnie Smith in Chicago, Illinois. While living in Chicago, she attended Grace Deliverance Tabernacle Church where she was a faithful member until relocating to Louisiana, the hometown of her husband. Gertrude resided in Louisiana for two years until the passing of her husband. Then she relocated to Jacksonville, Florida to live with her devoted daughter, Mildred Baker.

Mother Gertrude was a faithful and loyal member of Cathedral of Faith Church of God in Christ, in Jacksonville where she served as a Mother of the Church for many years as well as a treasurer of The Mothers Sunday School Class until recent failure of health. She loved to fellowship with the mothers of the Church. Mother Gertrude also participated in activities at the Clanzel Brown Community Center. She loved her pastor, Bishop L. Hall, Sr. and all of her church members.

In earlier years, Gertrude enjoyed fishing and traveling throughout the states with her husband, she also loved sewing, quilting, and spending time with her family. She was a very quiet person, but her presence spoke volume. Her granddaughter Maya also stated that she was a comedian, she was very funny.

Gertrude was preceded in death by her parents, Carrieree and Matthew Walker Sr.; husband, Johnnie Smith; brothers, Freeman Walker, Luther Walker, Samuel Walker, and Issac Walker; sister, Emma Murphy; granddaughter, Hope Sherri McNeal; and great-grandson, Robert Lee Haynes Jr.

Gertrude lived a long Christian life and leaves to cherish her loving memories and legacy, a devoted daughter, Mildred Baker; brother, Abraham Walker; sisters, Pauline Walker and Elizabeth Rich; grandchildren, Frank Baker Sr. (Rose), Betty Forrest (Vernon Sr.), Larry Baker and Yvonne Guye; 6 great-grandchildren, Vernon Forrest II, Frank Baker Jr, Victor Guye Jr, Maya Guye, Kevin Baker and Deandre Dempsey (Atlanta, Ga); 10 great great-grandchildren, Kayla Forrest, Sa'Niyah Forrest, Damiana Forrest, Xavier Forrest, Triniti and Kynnadi Haynes, Makel and Makayla Guye, Jaylen Baker and Messiah Forrest; church members, Mother Doris Sams, Bernice Wright, Pleasant Ginn, Sisters Howard and Karen Wallace; a host of nieces, nephews, cousin, sister-n-law, friends and neighbors. Grandma for 98 years God allowed you to stay in our lives. We celebrate your life today, we love you and you will truly be missed. Your family.

Order of Service

Elder Anthony McCray, Sr., Presiding

Musical Prelude

Processional

Selection Cathedral of Faith Choir

Invocation Elder Anthony McCray, Sr.

Scriptures:

Old Testament Deacon Vernon Forrest

New Testament Missionary Marilyn Rue

Selection Choir

Poem Ms. Triniti Haynes

Great Great-Granddaughter

Pastoral Expressions:

Bishop Gary L. Hall, Sr., Pastor of Cathedral of Faith COGIC

Reflections (*Two Minutes Please*)

As A Granddaughter Mrs. Betty Forrest

As A Grandson Mr. Frank Baker, Sr.

As A Church Member Mother Pleasant Ginn

Selection Choir

Resolutions & Acknowledgements Sis. Ivey Howard

Sermonic Selection Ms. Carmelyn Kinsey

Words of Comfort Elder Earl Matthews, Pastor

Pentecostal Church of God In Christ

Recessional

Interment

Restlawn Cemeteries
2600 Ribault Scenic Road
Jacksonville, Florida 32208



Repast

Charles "Boobie" Clark Recreation Center
8793 Sibbald Road