



Doris Jean Smith

February 20, 1944 - July 10, 2020

Her Journey

Doris Jean Smith, affectionately known as “Dot”, peacefully transitioned to eternal life with our Lord and Savior on Friday, July 10, 2020. She was surrounded by her loving family.

Doris was born on February 20, 1944 in Mobile, Alabama to the late Leroy and Lovie Mae Pruitt. She was the fourth of eight close and loving siblings. Doris graduated from Central High School in Mobile, Alabama in 1962. Throughout her high school years she was a majorette, a member of many social clubs, a very popular person and an excellent student.

Doris was divorced and a single mother of five children. In 1969, Doris decided to make a better life for herself and her family by relocating to Alexandria, Virginia, where she was employed with Fairfax Hospital. Doris’ heart was so filled with love that she later became a foster parent, caring and nurturing children as if they were her very own. She was the neighborhood “Ma” and “Grandma.” Doris loved everyone and everyone loved her.

Before relocating to Yorktown, Virginia, Doris became a member of Macedonia Baptist Church, where she worshipped and served the Lord. Doris lived in Yorktown, Virginia for 20+ years until she later returned to Northern

Virginia to live with her son and daughter-in-law. On a regular basis, Doris volunteered at Holiness Tabernacle in Woodbridge, Virginia, where she fed the homeless and worked at the food banks.

Doris loved to play bingo and enjoyed the family game nights. She taught everyone how to play Phase 10, her favorite card game. She also loved to cook and was known for her famous homemade dressing.

She was preceded in death by her father, Leroy Pruitt, Sr.; her mother, Lovie Mae Pruitt; her daughter, Chrisianthia D. Lambert; her brother, Leroy Pruitt, Jr.; her sister, Emma M. Pruitt; and her brother-in-law, James Smith.

Doris leaves to cherish her memory her four children, Derrick A. Smith of Woodbridge, VA (former wife Janet Walker); Juan R. Smith (Renee) of Woodbridge, VA; Fytinia L. Smith-Colvin (Carlton) of Woodbridge, VA; and Sonya M. Mercurius (Winston) of Fort Washington, MD; five siblings: Allie Smith of Alexandria, VA; Creola Smith of Temple Hills, MD; Virginia Goodman (Bobbi) of Chattanooga, TN; Rex Pugh-Pruitt (Brenda), Mobile, AL; Johnny Pruitt (Alice), and sister-in-law, Barbara Pruitt of Arlington, VA; ten grandchildren: Lovie Greene (Marshé) of Evans, GA; Whitney Smith of Jacksonville, FL; Winston Mercurius (Keisha) of Fort Washington, MD; London Colvin of Norfolk, VA; Paige Smith of Jacksonville, FL; Antonio Mercurius of Fort Washington, MD; Alexis Smith of Woodbridge, VA; La-tiff Ray of Woodbridge, VA; LaToya Carter of Locust Grove, VA; and Tarneesha Roberts of Front Royal, VA; nine great grandchildren: Kaela Canady of Evans, GA; Karter Smith of Jacksonville, FL; Ava Mercurius of Fort Washington, MD; LaTijah Carter-Benton, T'Leiyah Tolliver, Jesiah Carter, Crandell Edmonds Jr., Chosen Edmonds all of Locust Grove, VA; Micaya Boyd of Evans, GA; step-mother, Elouise Pruitt of Ocala, FL; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Tribute Wall



“ Jefferson Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Doris Jean Smith



Jefferson Funeral Chapel - July 17, 2020 at 04:55 PM

BG

Excellent program. Great reflections on a life well lived. Bill Gillespie

Bill Gillespie - July 19, 2020 at 01:22 PM

BG

Dot inspired so many and so so richly. Well done faithful servant.

Bill Gillespie - July 19, 2020 at 01:53 PM

CW

My heart goes out to each and every one of you. I will never forget some of conversations we had. Rest Well Dot

Cassandra Wright - July 19, 2020 at 02:45 PM

KT

Deeply missed and forever loved

Krystal Thomas - July 19, 2020 at 08:09 PM

MG

Still in disbelief...I love you grandma! ❤️ Rest well beautiful. 🙏

Marshe' Greene - July 19, 2020 at 08:18 PM

BO

Bro-in-law Johnnie Pruitt we feel your pain and truly our prayers are with you and your family during this most sadden time. May God's love and peace strengthen you.

*Billy and Bonita Durrah
Douglasville, GA*

bonita - July 19, 2020 at 09:39 PM

KP

I'm sorry we couldn't be there to share. Grandma Dot was always there for us. We were always welcomed and embraced as part of the family. Like my mom said, Dot was always thinking about other people and knowing about large families she did it in the most cost effective manner. She was an absolute BEAST in the kitchen. She was no nonsense and direct, sometimes to a fault. She was very caring and believe it or not, very funny. I've learned so much from her and can only hope to pass some of it to my own kids. Life is full and busy but Grandma Dot always made time for family. To Aunt Tina, Uncle Derrick, Uncle Juan, Aunt Sonia our deepest condolences. All of y'all are so precious to her and her legacy remains in you. Lean on each other in this time of need. Time will heal the hurt and let her memory endure. We love y'all dearly!

Kanesha Pittman and Family

Kanesha Pittman - July 21, 2020 at 01:41 PM

JS

Sorry to hear of your loss. Praying that God gives you peace and comfort in days to come.

*Spradley Family
Houston, TX*

J Spradley - July 24, 2020 at 08:12 PM

SH

Man oh Man Talking about a auntie i will cherish and love forever she taught me so much and always was able toy keep me level im truly truly gonna miss her Dot i love you with everything she would call me her Sharon

sharon - August 03, 2020 at 09:41 AM



“ *Doris Jean Smith*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *I love you! Life will never be the same! You are the greatest I have ever known! Being privileged to be in your presence was both compelling and extraordinary. I would love to have for you is a steadfast love. I'm grateful that I was able To witness the joy that you bring in the life of so many others. I promise you that I will look over all of those that you love! I will truly miss you! My commitment runs deep for your entire family and this was all made possible when Lovie and I connected!*

*Love,
Chris*

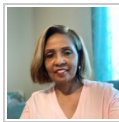
Chris Jackmon - July 19, 2020 at 10:14 PM



“ *Lorenda Pruitt lit a candle in memory of Doris Jean Smith*



Lorenda Pruitt - July 19, 2020 at 04:38 PM



SWEET REST AUNT DOT!

Lorenda Pruitt - July 19, 2020 at 04:38 PM

MW

“ *Melvina Wormley lit a candle in memory of Doris Jean Smith*



Melvina Wormley - July 19, 2020 at 10:51 AM

EJ

“ *Erica Johnson lit a candle in memory of Doris Jean Smith*



Erica Johnson - July 19, 2020 at 08:18 AM

EJ

“ *My heart is so heavy right now. You will truly be missed. I still remember the day over 40 years ago when you were giving me life lessons as you cared for my kids . You always treated me like one of your daughters and always made me feel welcome and loved. Until I see you again. Love you and will be there to support your legacy* ❤️

Erica Johnson - July 19, 2020 at 08:16 AM

AW

“ My heart is still heavy for I have known Doris for 30 plus years. From the first time we met it was like we have known each other long before that, it was like we were friends from the start. Doris was a very loving person she had a heart of gold. She love doing and helping others. She loved her family dearly all spoken of them. We going to miss her dearly but we thank God for all the good remember we shared together.

Anita Wyatt - July 18, 2020 at 11:17 PM

KH

“ Miss Doris, I am going to miss our chats. Your presence will be felt always. Bingo has lost another faithful player. Hold a place for me!
💖

Kathleen Hinson - July 18, 2020 at 12:13 PM



“ Lorenda Pruitt purchased the Simply Elegant Spa thiphyllum for the family of Doris Jean Smith.



Lorenda Pruitt - July 18, 2020 at 10:43 AM

CC

“ Carcraft Collision Center purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Doris Jean Smith.



Carcraft Collision Center - July 18, 2020 at 10:23 AM

KD

“ I am sorry for your loss. My prayers are going up. May God kept you close in his heart . Love you family

Katrina dancy - July 18, 2020 at 09:29 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Doris Jean Smith.



July 18, 2020 at 09:25 AM

CN

“ I am truly sorry for your loss. May your mother/grandmother will be greatly missed and never forgotten. May her soul rest in eternal peace.

Chrishawna Norment - July 18, 2020 at 08:32 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Doris Jean Smith.



July 18, 2020 at 07:24 AM

LW

“ *Dot, It is so hard for us to believe that you have left us. But we know that you are in a better place.
We have all the good memories when we got together for fun or travel. We will never forget your big smile and your kindness to us.
Hoping one day to see you on the other side.
Love, Mal & LaVerne Williams*

LaVerne T. Williams - July 17, 2020 at 10:30 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Doris Jean Smith.*



July 17, 2020 at 05:05 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Doris Jean Smith.*



July 17, 2020 at 03:53 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Doris Jean Smith.*



July 17, 2020 at 01:35 PM

GI

“ As a tag-along I walked into your house...it was filled with warmth and welcome.

You allowed me to be quiet, which was much needed, but; you always took effort to make me smile!

Your smile and outstretched arms almost seemed to be racing each other to let us all know...

We were All Yours!

It's Your turn...

Gigi - July 17, 2020 at 01:31 PM

MG

“ Grandma,
Missing you is an understatement. The void left in our hearts is immeasurable and we have no choice but to fill it with all the beautiful memories you left us to cherish. Your legacy of faith, family, love, patience, beauty, style and grace will live on through all of us fortunate enough to know you. Until we meet again, I'll be loving and missing you.

“Your Shay Shay”



Marshe' Greene - July 17, 2020 at 01:19 PM

PD

“ Doris we will miss all the conversations we have had, all the trips you made to Mobile for Mardi Gras, which you really loved, and the houses we toured for you to move back home. We will really miss and will always love you,

Pat, Tre & Dai Bryant Dillard

Patsy Dillard - July 17, 2020 at 11:08 AM

GW

“ Your family are in my thoughts and prayers .

Gigi Winborn - July 17, 2020 at 08:58 AM

KT

“ A woman with enough style, grace, love and faith for two! What a blessing it was for me to have had her in my life long enough to have her share that same love with my own children. Missing and loving you always, Gran.

Krystal Thomas - July 16, 2020 at 11:46 PM

SP

“ Although I've only known Ms. Doris for a short while I will never for get her beautiful smile and her very comforting spirit. It was always a pleasure to be around her and she will truly be missed. RIHP Ms. Doris.

Sherrie Phelps and Family

Sherrie Phelps - July 16, 2020 at 05:30 PM

DA

“ She was 1 of Granny’s daughter’s. The Smith’s are family. One thing I will always remember is her laugh. Whenever she laughed, I smiled. I can still hear it. Rest Aunt Dot. Rest.
Dawn ‘Missie’ Addison Hawkins

Dawn Addison - July 16, 2020 at 07:44 AM

WH

“ Grandma. I miss you more than you can imagine. This is so hard. I love you so much. We have been through it all together. You have been around and showed up to everything! I hope I’m a grandma just like you were. That was simply the epitome of LOVE as an action word!! Until we meet again. Karter and I love you so much.
Love, Whitney Chrisianthia



Whitney - July 16, 2020 at 06:44 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Doris Jean Smith.



July 16, 2020 at 04:48 AM

SO

“ How do I say good bye??? This is the hardest thing I have ever had to do!! I've NEVER lived in this world without you!!!! I'm the woman I am because of you. I will cherish all the wonderful memories. I am going to miss you calling me EVERYDAY asking if I have Ava - every time I said call her parents she don't live with me....LOL. Mommy rest easy and know we got each other to lean on. I LOVE you and missing you like crazy!!!

Sonya - July 16, 2020 at 01:14 AM

MW

“ Grandma Doris you hold a very special place in my heart, you've always treated me as though I was 1 of your biological grandchildren. I have so many childhood memories of you. The love and care you showed all of us is a testament to the person you were and the big heart you had. Even after I was all grown up you were right there once again comforting me when my grandmother passed. You were truly a gift to so many of us, and you've always kept us in check and I Love You to the Moon Grandma Rest Peacefully ❤️

Marquese Wimbush - July 15, 2020 at 11:15 PM

MW

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Marquese Wimbush - July 15, 2020 at 11:15 PM

NB

“ *I love you so much rip grandma Doris*



Nino Brown - July 15, 2020 at 10:16 PM

PE

“ *Love you Grandma Dot! We will miss you.*

Pierre Edwards - July 15, 2020 at 07:21 PM

BS

“ *Barbara Suthard lit a candle in memory of
Doris Jean Smith*



Barbara suthard - July 15, 2020 at 07:21 PM

MR

“*Dot, our Sister from another mother We met when you moved in the Berg, you and Terri became fast friends, then Bitty and me tagged behind our older sisters. We became family from that time on. We traveled together,, cooked partied, sharing our joys and sorrows together. Wasn't expecting you to leave us so soon, we hated to see you go. We know you are in a place where breathing is easy and sorrows are no more. Say hello to Chrissy and all our loved ones. Until we meet again we are going to miss your physical presence but you will always be in our heart. ❤️*

The Addison Family

Momma (Granny), Terri, Bitty and Sue

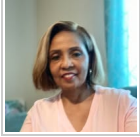


Myra ((Sue) Addison Rodney - July 15, 2020 at 06:16 PM

MW

My dear friend Doris. I will miss you, your smile, the way you laughed, and your loving kind ways. I will miss our sharing the love of our sons. You were so proud of your family, and rightfully so. There were so good to you. I know Juan best and he Wes so like his mom. My life is richer because I knew you, Doris. Rest peacefully in the palm of Gods hand.

madelyn Webb - July 15, 2020 at 08:07 PM



“ Until we loss you I never considered how words actually came together. So you are my Aunt, there should be a better word. Because of you! I don't think there was ever a time you didn't welcome me and my sister with love. As our children were born you just loved them. To say you are my aunt doesn't do justice to what you brought to my life. There should be a mamma auntie, or aunemomie. You had the biggest heart in the world, never allowing us to get away with anything but making sure we were safe and sound. You did those things with so much love. I have so many fond memories of being in your home that I will cherish forever. You were always beautiful inside and out. You encouraged the relationship with my father and I so now understand why there are auntiemomies they ensure that sibilings children never miss a mothers love no matter where they are. You did that in your home We were loved and treated as your children were. You are my Auntie-Mommie! Don't want to say good bye the loss is to deep and hurts so. Blessed sweet rest My Dear auntie. Kiss Chrissy and grandma and Daddy. DJ I LOVE YOU!

Lorenda Pruitt - July 15, 2020 at 05:12 PM

JG

“ Although I was not her biological grandchild, growing up she treated me just as if I was one of her own. From taking me on trips to whooping my butt with a roll of wrapping paper Grandma was there! When I tried to drop out of high-school she came to my house made me get out of bed drove me to TC Williams and enrolled me back in school. I thought i was bad but I knew better than to play with Grandma. I have nothing but good memories of Grandma and will always cherish them. To Lovie, Tina and the rest of the Smith Family I love you all thanks for sharing your Mom/Grandma with me! She will always hold a place in my heart.

Jacquelin Goard - July 15, 2020 at 05:09 PM

MR

“ Ms. Doris you always kept me in check when I was out of order. You were always so loving and caring. I love you Ms. Doris and I am truly going to miss you.

Monique Ross - July 15, 2020 at 05:03 PM

SP

“ I will always remember the love you gave me and all the memories

Sandra Priester - July 15, 2020 at 04:39 PM

LC

“ One thing I will tell anyone, Grandma was the most kind hearted, straightforward person that I have ever met but what she said to you was always out of love. She always had so much faith in us and knew exactly what Lovie and I was up to even before we would do it lol. We couldn't get anything past her. We will all miss her. Thanks Grandma for being our grandma and loving us no matter what choices we have made in life. We love you

Latoya Carter - July 15, 2020 at 04:37 PM



“ Mom you always found a way to get the family together to celebrate. I truly appreciated the family Thanksgiving's together and i especially loved your homemade stuffing (I always wanted you to make me my own pan to take home). I also loved the way you would open your door to any child and you welcomed them with open arms. RIHP and give Chrissy a huge hug from Aunt Libit. You will be missed by so many!!! 🙏🙏🙏

Janet Walker - July 15, 2020 at 04:36 PM