



Ms. Dorothy J. (Temple) Smith

December 19, 1946 - March 2, 2024

Ms. Dorothy “Dot” Jean (Temple) Smith, 77, of Peoria, IL went home to be with the Lord at 3:35 pm on Saturday, March 2, 2024 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center surrounded by her family.

Dot was born on December 19, 1946 in Belzoni, MS to Judge and Cora (Edwards) Temple. She married Richard Smith and to that union two sons, Michael and Jeffrey were born.

Dot retired from Caterpillar, Inc., as a machine operator in the Transmission Business Unit where she proudly served for over 35 years. Dot loved taking care of her grandchildren. She loved to cook and prepare big family meals during the holidays. They were crazy about her macaroni and cheese and spaghetti. Dot loved to dance, laugh and had a good sense of humor. She loved to buy pretty things and shop at Bergner’s Department store. Dot loved to dress and when taking photos, she would waste no time to strike a pose. She loved caring for her plants and made sure her lawn was well groomed. Dot was a fierce protector of her family and wanted to make sure they were taken care of. She was a loving and caring person that would share whatever she had with anyone.

Dot was a lifelong member of St. Paul Baptist Church where she was a devoted usher and a member of the “Sisters in the Sanctuary” Cleaning

Committee.

Dot leaves to cherish her most precious memory two sons, Michael (Diane) Smith of Peoria, IL and Jeffrey (Nicola Bullen) Smith of Peoria Heights, IL; two brothers, Robert Earl Temple of Peoria, IL and Charles Edwards of Adelanto, CA; four sisters, Ethel Temple, Martha McCall, Linda (Eric) Richards and Mildred (Lee Street) Smith all of Peoria, IL; five grandchildren, Marc (Whitney) Smith, Mario Fields, Trey Wilson, Alexandra Smith and Alexcia Smith; three greatgrandchildren, Marc Smith, Jr., Amora Smith and Harmony Smith and one on the way; daughter-in-love, Tina Scott of Peoria, IL and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Robert "Main" Temple and Johnal Smith, Sr.; three sisters, Jerry Laster-Gore, Denise Smith Hogan and Ella Louise Smith; two nephews, Johnal Smith, Jr. and Mark Temple; one niece, Sharon Laster; one great nephew, Brandon Smith and one great niece, Italy Smith.

Funeral services will be held at 10 am on Saturday, March 9, 2024, at St. Paul Baptist Church with a visitation beginning at 9 am. Rev. Dr. Deveraux Hubbard, Pastor will officiate. Dot will be laid to rest at Parkview Cemetery.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at SimonsMortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Parkview Cemetery

2001 N University St
Peoria, IL 61604
(309) 688-0733

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 9. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul Peoria
114 W. Forrest Hill Avenue
Peoria, IL 61604

Celebration of Life

MAR 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Dorothy J. (Temple) Smith*



Simons Mortuary - March 11, 2024 at 10:48 AM



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Simons Mortuary - March 08, 2024 at 03:03 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Burial at Parkview Cemetery*



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GC

“ *Condolences to Dorothy’s family and friends. Even though we didn’t see each other often we still had those childhood memories of growing up together on the numbered streets in PTown.* ”

Gloria Carter - March 09, 2024 at 09:43 PM

JW

“ *Jennifer W lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Smith* ”



Jennifer W - March 09, 2024 at 11:19 AM

AW

“ *Your smile and kind spirit will be missed* ”



Angela Walker - March 08, 2024 at 01:13 PM

BC

“ *Brenda Cayson lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Smith* ”



Brenda Cayson - March 08, 2024 at 10:14 AM

VK

“ To the Smith & Temple Family-I was deeply saddened to learn of Dorothy's passing. She always had a smile on her face. I enjoyed the talks we had. She was loved & will be missed. May God comfort & keep you as you contend with your loss.



Vickie King - March 08, 2024 at 08:54 AM

VB

To Ethel & family - I am sorry for your loss and will pray for you and your family to be continually comforted by the Holy Spirit during your time of bereavement, Dorothy was always pleasant to have around, and has, and will continue to be missed.- Valerie & Kenny Bayliss

VAL BAYLISS - March 08, 2024 at 03:09 PM

DJ

“ To the family of Dot, prayers and condolences to you all, she was my mother twin they had the same first name even though my mother has already gone to glory she will always call me little Dorothy and talked about how good friends they were, and the fun they had. As we were to leave after our long conversation. we always gave each other hugs and said love you take care of yourself. Rip my friend I am going to miss our long talks.

Denise Jackson - March 07, 2024 at 08:47 PM

TM

“ Mrs. Dot was a wonderful person. She always took time out to talk to me, I met her when she worked for CAT TBU-- She will be truly missed.

Theresa McAfee - March 06, 2024 at 10:13 AM

KC

“ *Kathy Collins lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Smith*



Kathy Collins - March 05, 2024 at 07:47 AM

PH

“ *Phillip Hickman lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Smith*



Phillip E. Hickman - March 05, 2024 at 07:38 AM

CW

“ *Sending deepest sympathy & love from our Randle family to yours! Words can't express how much you'll be missed. You were always so pleasant & kind. I always enjoyed our chats! RIP! 🌹🌹🌹 🙏🙏🙏*



Catherine Randle Watson - March 05, 2024 at 02:23 AM

JH

*sending condolences to my family Dot and I have been friends for 60 plus years.
Going to miss you my sis and best friend
May you rest in peace forever
We was always kind to each other
Michael and Jeffrey, much love to you both.*

joyce Howard - March 06, 2024 at 11:43 AM