



Claudia Smith

January 13, 1931 - June 14, 2013

Claudia Smith was born on January 13, 1931 in Charleston, Mississippi. She was the youngest of nine children born to Vera King and Rebie Curtis.

At the age of 12, she then moved to Chicago, Illinois with her family. She attended DuSable High School in Chicago.

Claudia married Starling Smith in March 1955, and dedicated herself to her family after moving to Chicago Heights in 1962 and then to Ford Heights in 1963.

Claudia continued her education at Prairie State College earning her GED and certification and then at Governors State University earning her degree in Social Services. She began her career as an Addiction Aftercare Counselor of the Alcoholism and Substance Abuse - Detoxification Program in Hazel Crest, IL, retiring in 1993. She achieved so many accomplishments throughout her years. She received an Honors Lifetime Member Award in 1996 for her constant support, dedication and loyalty to the Harvey 100 Club.

Claudia had a passion for cooking, sewing and gardening. She was supportive and dedicated to her family and to so many others. She was very spiritually inclined, motivated and always motivating others.

At an early age Claudia accepted Christ and was a member of the Liberty Baptist Church for a short time. She maintained her christianity in her own way throughout the rest of her life.

Claudia's life began declining when she suffered a stroke in December of 2012, but with the strength and fight she had, she held on for many months, before she was called to her heavenly home. She was preceded in death by her devoted husband, Starling Smith; parents, Vira King and Rebie Eddington; brothers, Isaac and Robinson; sisters, Corrine, Ethyl Mae, Rachel and Leonna; son, Mario; and daughter, Juanita.

Claudia leaves to cherish her memory, daughters, Valerie and Pamela; son, Charles Peter; 10 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; a very special friend, Bernadette; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives and many, many more friends.

Cemetery Details

Homewood Memorial Gardens

600 Ridge Road
Homewood, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

McCullough Funeral & Cremation Services (FH)
1621 East Lincoln Highway
Ford Heights, IL 60411
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Service

JUN 24. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Claudia Smith*

October 04, 2023 at 06:11 PM



“ *Acts 24:15 there is going to be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous...
Gail McGrew University Park, Illinois*



gail mcgrew - June 27, 2013 at 05:11 PM



“ *To the family of Claudia Smith, I recently read about the death of your loved one. As one of Jehovah's Witnesses, I am deeply concerned about the sorrow and distress that you must be experiencing. I would like to share with you some comforting news that has helped me during a time such as this. The Bible promises us that we will have the opportunity to see our dead loved ones again, Yes, in perfect health here on a peaceful earth. At John 5:28&29 Jesus Christ assures us that everyone in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out. And no one will ever say: "I am sick." (Isaiah 33:24) With the passing of time and the precious memories you shared with Claudia, I hope you can endure with the calmness of heart.*

V.G. - June 26, 2013 at 09:19 AM

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“ *Claudia has helped so many people in her life. She was kind and wise and so understanding of others. I will miss her always and never forget the happy times we spent in each other's company.*
Janice Thomas

Janice Thomas - June 22, 2013 at 08:43 PM