



Mrs. Barbara Elaine Smith

October 18, 1950 - January 20, 2020

Barbara Elaine Smith, 69, the wife of Duane L. Smith, entered into eternal rest on Monday, January 20, 2020. Barbara was born on October 18, 1950, to the late Charles Edward Crawley Sr. and Vivian Geraldine Crawley. She was the third of six siblings, the eldest daughter.

Barbara gave her life to Christ as a young adult and was a member of Love and Hope Christian Church. Educated in the Newport News Public School System and at Riverside School of Nursing, Barbara worked as a Licensed Practical Nurse providing compassionate care to many throughout her forty-year career before retiring in 2014. While she worked in various nursing settings, it was apparent early on, that her calling was to assist those affected by substance abuse and mental illness. Barbara's children would lovingly joke and call her "Dr. Quinn"; her medicine bag was always close by.

Barbara will forever be remembered as a kind and loving person, always willing to help anyone in their time of need. She served in the Church Cuisine and Food Bank Ministry and enjoyed feeding those in need both at church and from her home as well. Barbara was also a wonderful baker, baking cakes for birthdays and other special occasions. Perhaps it will be the bunny cakes the children will miss the most, or maybe her world-famous cheesecake.

For many years Barbara was a member of the I.B.P.O.E. of W., Anchor Lodge

#1429; Newport News, where she enjoyed providing community service. It was here she met her beloved Duane. Barbara and Duane enjoyed life and loved spending time with their grandchildren. They enjoyed bowling and family trips and from time to time they would give lady luck a try.

She was preceded in death by brothers; Thomas C. Crawley, Douglas L. Crawley, and Larry E. Crawely.

She leaves to cherish her memory devoted husband, Duane L. Smith; one daughter, Felecia E. Carter; three sons, Melvin D. Carter Jr., Gerald L. Carter, and Michael J. Carter; nine grandchildren, Shatima E. Johns, Melvin D. Carter III, Yasmen M. Peartree, Quadriyan Cephas, Vivica G. Gray, Nicky Bowyer, Dylan Bowyer, Camren Carter, and Chantz Carter; three great-grandchildren, Nevaeh Reynolds, Madyson Best, and Melvin D. Carter IV; siblings Charles E. Crawley Jr. (Deborah), Annette M. Crawley, and Roy Braxton (Mary); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Previous Events

Smith Public Viewing

JAN **24**. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

M. E. Fisher Funeral Home
2117 Madison Avenue
Newport News, VA 23607

Smith Funeral

JAN **25**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Wesley Grove United Church of Christ
2308 Roanoke Avenue
Newport News, VA 23607

Tribute Wall



“ *M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Barbara Elaine Smith*



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - January 23, 2020 at 09:47 AM

CH

Just wanted to tell you aunt Barbara your pudg loves you and you will truly be missed love Candice and the family

Candice Hall - January 24, 2020 at 07:43 AM

SJ

“ *Happy birthday Grandma! This day is really hard for me with you not being here! I wanted to call you so bad to hear your voice and the fact that I couldn't I broke down. I miss you sooo much and so does Vaeh or Nae Nae as you called her. Lol so has gotten so big and I know you would be proud of her and the things that she is doing. We love and miss you Grandma!!!*

Shatima Johns - October 18, 2022 at 09:11 AM

AN

“ *My heartbeat will never be the same. I MISS YOU SIS!*



Annette - February 09, 2021 at 10:29 AM

A{

“ I woke up this morning to raindrops beating against my bedroom windowpane. I immediately thought of how you disliked driving in the rain but weathered the challenge. That's how you were built sis, nothing could deter you when you had a task to do, you were a strong fortress of determination, ethic, and values. Rest on baby girl, you deserve the reward.



Annette {Sister} - March 19, 2020 at 11:51 AM

AN

“ Missing you, it's like a dream to me that you are gone. But I know God has taken you to be with Him and that relieves some of the pain I harbor. Rest on girl, I'll join you and the rest of the family when my work here is done.



Annette - January 30, 2020 at 12:12 PM

PT

“ To the Family - I wish I could express the sorrow I feel just knowing you are bearing a loss so profound. May it comfort you to know that others care and are here for you. If I can help you in any way, please don't hesitate to let me know. God Bless You.



Portia Taylor - January 24, 2020 at 03:46 PM

TS

Thank you Portia for your kinds words. May God continue to bless you.
Annette & Family

The Family of Barbara Smith - January 25, 2020 at 07:17 AM

TF

Thank you very much Portia for your comforting words. May God continue to bless you.

The Family - January 25, 2020 at 07:33 AM

EB

“ *To the family of Barbara Crawley Smith; I send prayers and offer my condolences. You are blessed and loved of God.
Love you, Ernestine Bell (DeSoto, TX)*

Ernestine Bell - January 24, 2020 at 01:26 PM

TS

Thank you Earnestine for your words of comfort. Blessings

The Family of Barbara Smith - January 25, 2020 at 07:18 AM

DF

“ *Deacon Markem And Regina Folks sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Barbara Elaine Smith*



Deacon Markem and Regina Folks - January 24, 2020 at 12:20 PM

AF

Thank you for your prayers. They are of great comfort. Blessings

Annette and Family - January 25, 2020 at 07:20 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - January 24, 2020 at 11:00 AM

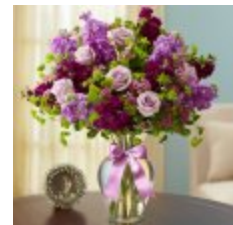
SJ

“ Words can not express the pain my heart feels right now. You were my grandmother but was actually my mother. You raised me you were there for me everytime i needed you. I am truly at a loss of words. Wry ou and granddaddy were my rock. Everything that you have done for Nevaeh and I will always be cherished. We miss you so much. Don't worry Im going to make sure granddaddy is taken care of. Rest in heaven my sweet Angel! I love you grandma and Im going to continue to make you proud.

Shatima Johns - January 24, 2020 at 09:38 AM

CL

“ Cathryn Collins D'Arcy, LMSW purchased the Shades of Purple for the family of Mrs. Barbara Elaine Smith.



Cathryn Collins D'Arcy, LMSW - January 24, 2020 at 08:43 AM

BL

“ Beverly A Love lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Barbara Elaine Smith



Beverly A Love - January 24, 2020 at 06:02 AM

TF

Thank you so much. Blessings

The Family - January 25, 2020 at 07:21 AM

MC

“ A beautiful Angel received her wings. Rest
well in the arms of the Lord 🙏❤️❤�



Marcelle Bolling Crawley - January 23, 2020 at 11:57 AM

TF

Than you for the kind words. Blessings

The Family - January 27, 2020 at 05:39 PM



“ 48 files added to the album Life Tributes



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - January 23, 2020 at 09:49 AM



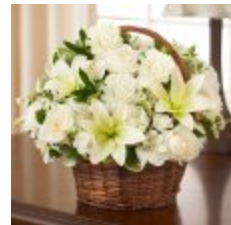
“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mrs. Barbara Elaine Smith.



January 23, 2020 at 09:33 AM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Barbara Elaine Smith.



January 22, 2020 at 06:38 PM

HM

“ *May GOD Bless Your Family With PEACE, LOVE And JOY (For Memories Shared). Continued Comfort And Strength.*



Henry Mitchell - January 22, 2020 at 03:36 PM

TF

Thank you for the kind words. Blessings.

The Family - January 25, 2020 at 07:22 AM

YF

“ *Yvette Gray And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Elaine Smith*



Yvette Gray and Family - January 22, 2020 at 01:23 PM

MT

“ *Annette and Family. My heart is aching for you. My God give you the strength you need at this sad time. I'm keeping you in my Prayers. Be Blessed and Be Encouraged. Pidgeo.*



Millie Taylor - January 21, 2020 at 09:10 PM

MT

“ *Millie Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Elaine Smith*



Millie Taylor - January 21, 2020 at 09:07 PM

BD

“ *Annette Crawley and family, I did not know you sister, but I feel your pain of loss. You have continually offered your condolences to so many people and I extend my heartfelt condolences to you and your family at this heartbreaking time. Be blessed and encouraged.*

Beulah Davis - January 21, 2020 at 08:40 PM

AF

Thank you so much. Blessings

Annette and Family - January 22, 2020 at 11:33 AM

MT

“ *Annette and Family. My heart aches for you. Keeping you in my Prayers 🙏 and in my Heart ❤️. Be Blessed and Be Encouraged.*

Millie Taylor - January 21, 2020 at 05:42 PM

AF

Thank you so much Pidgeon. Blessings

Annette and Family - January 23, 2020 at 08:54 AM

MT

“ *Millie Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Elaine Smith*



Millie Taylor - January 21, 2020 at 05:38 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Barbara Elaine Smith.*



January 21, 2020 at 04:34 PM

AC

“ *The sudden loss of my only sister has shattered my heart and emotions into a million pieces, unrelenting pain that only God and God alone can heal. I have no doubt, NONE; that she is in the Master's loving arms. Rest beloved, you will always live in my heart and memories.*



Annette (Netball) Crawley - January 21, 2020 at 09:30 AM

BH

My heart is heavy nd broken fir the liss if my friend. Fee fee named us CHiP's because of our names. Now the "C" has gained her wings. You will be truly missed by all that knew you. Rest peacefully.

Barbara Hill - January 21, 2020 at 11:40 AM

GC

Love You Mom! I'm going to miss you so much. The morning talks when I'm at work to see have you eaten and taking your meds, The way you answer the phone (Hey Gerald) morning I'm going to miss.

Gerald Carter - January 21, 2020 at 06:35 PM

JH

Another one of my friends have gone to glory. We're gonna miss you Barbara.

Julia Harvey - January 22, 2020 at 07:51 AM



My Condolences To The FAMILY

Lorraine Moore - January 22, 2020 at 10:22 AM

DG

My sincere condolences to the family..I will be praying that God will comfort and heal your hearts.

Donna Moss Gregory - January 22, 2020 at 02:12 PM

RM

Our condolences to the carter Smith family Randolph andliare praying for you all

Randolph and Alice mutz - January 22, 2020 at 02:24 PM

GM

My sincere sympathy to the Smith and Crawley families on your loss.

"Big D", Donald Mathis

Gloria & Donald Mathis - January 23, 2020 at 08:43 AM

AF

Our family humbly thank you for your prayers and blessings.

Annette and Family - January 23, 2020 at 08:58 AM

DK

From your first cry to your last breath I have loved you it's hard to say goodbye. All my love to my family.

Dorothy kemp-Boddie - January 23, 2020 at 09:42 AM

AB

My heart has been heavy since I received the news of the loss of my cousin Barbara. I was fortunate to be able to spend some time with her on my visit to Newport News. She will definitely be miss. To my family I pray that God gives you the strength doing this difficult time. She is in a better place now and feeling no pain

*Antoinette Purdie Burns
1st Cousin California*

antoinette burns - January 23, 2020 at 10:15 AM