



## Golethia Smith

September 21, 1935 - January 28, 2022

On Friday morning, January 28, 2022, God with His eminent wisdom called His daughter, Mrs. Golethia Burton Smith, home to be with Him in Heaven. She was born on September 21, 1935, in Currituck, North Carolina to the late Edward Marvin Burton and Cora Lindsey Burton. She was the last survivor of her seven siblings.

She was married to the late Roy Thomas Smith, Sr. in Norfolk, VA on February 15, 1953. From this union, God blessed them with five children, Cora, Valerie, Cheryl, Roy Jr. and Wanda. She instilled in her children and grandchildren to always put your trust and faith in God no matter what you are experiencing in life.

Golethia, affectionally known as "Peaches", was a faithful and dedicated member of First Baptist Church South Portsmouth for over 30 years. She served as a Trustee, as the Usher Board #2 Ministry Leader and a Missionary. She enjoyed attending Sunday Services, Sunday School Class and Adult Bible School. She had a special love for her Pastor and Church family. She was very instrumental in the design and decorating of the Warren E. Amlet Fellowship Hall at the church.

She was employed for 30 years as a Buyer for the children's and ladies departments at Altschul's Clothing Store in Norfolk, VA until her retirement. She was a former member of the Greater Deep Creek Elks Lodge #1033 in Chesapeake, VA, where she served for several years as the Daughter Ruler. Golethia was a woman who liked things done in decency and in order. She

was a lady of sheer elegance with her very stylish clothes and shoes. Fashion etiquette was a must for her. She loved to shop, travel, watch WWF/WWE wrestling and talk on the telephone. Her favorite term of endearment was calling you "Baby Doll or Sugar".

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Roy T. Smith Sr., daughter, Valerie Bynum, grandson, Derrick Wilson and all of her siblings. She leaves to cherish her memories: daughters, Cora Freeman (Ray), Cheryl Smith, Wanda Smith, and one son Roy T. Smith Jr; Six grandchildren, Anthony Wilson (Monique), Myron Smith (Patricia), Roxy Powell, Shanica Smith, Ranese Carroll (Sidney) and Thea Smith. Five great grandchildren, Kailan Wilson, Kyra Wilson, Samaria Jones, and Gabrielle Freeman Jones, Raegan Carroll and one great-great grandson, Jekhani Vaughan and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and two very special friends, Mrs. MaeDella Perry and Mr. Reggie Allen.

# Cemetery Details

## Olive Branch Cemetery

2 Cpl J M Williams Ave  
Portsmouth, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 3. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.  
Chesapeake, VA 23323  
(757) 487-3700  
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## Service

FEB 4. 12:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church South Portsmouth  
1445 Centre Avenue  
Portsmouth, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Goleithia Smith



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - February 04, 2022 at 04:47 PM



“ It is with heartfelt condolences that I have to say farewell Mrs. Goleithia "Peaches" Smith, you are not here with us any longer in body, however your beautiful spirit will forever be in my heart. I will miss your powerful words of wisdom and love.



Daphne Waring-Sorrell - February 04, 2022 at 06:48 AM



“ 27 files added to the album LifeTributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - February 03, 2022 at 01:22 PM



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



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February 03, 2022 at 12:37 PM



“ Marie Norfleet Shepherd lit a candle in memory of Golethia Smith



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Marie Norfleet Shepherd - February 03, 2022 at 10:04 AM



“ To the Family~ Love knows no boundaries, even those who are divide by heaven and earth. So whenever you feel sad, just remember your heart are connected together. Hold on to Gods arms as you on Him as your Strong Tower during the transition of your love one. God is so AMAZING!



*With Sincere Condolences~*

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Juanita Harris-Jones & Family - February 03, 2022 at 08:16 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Golethia Smith.* ”



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February 02, 2022 at 03:19 PM



“ *Vicky Jennings lit a candle in memory of Golethia Smith* ”



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**Vicky Jennings** - February 02, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ *The Fletcher and Moore Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Golethia Smith.* ”



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**The Fletcher and Moore Family** - February 02, 2022 at 11:05 AM



“ *Robert Burton lit a candle in memory of Golethia Smith* ”



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**Robert Burton** - February 02, 2022 at 06:57 AM

RF

“ Robert Burton and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Golethia Smith.



Robert Burton and Family - February 02, 2022 at 06:55 AM

LP

“ To the family I send my deepest condolences when we lose a love, but God now has a angel named Gloethia Smith. 🙏



Linnea Palmer - February 02, 2022 at 02:53 AM

LP

“ Lighting a candle in memory of Mrs. Gloethia Smith



Linnea Palmer - February 02, 2022 at 02:45 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Golethia Smith.



February 02, 2022 at 12:15 AM



“ I am praying for the entire family. Much love to my lifelong friend and brother Anthony Wilson and family. What a wonderful sweet woman your grandmother was in my life growing up. I know she's with the Lord.

Joseph Fleming - February 01, 2022 at 09:50 PM



“ Joseph A. Fleming lit a candle in memory of Golethia Smith



Joseph A. Fleming - February 01, 2022 at 09:44 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Golethia Smith.



February 01, 2022 at 09:42 PM

ES

“ *To the Smith Family: I would like to extend our heartfelt condolences. May you find comfort in knowing that others care and may the many happy memories of her life sustain you now and in the years to come.*

*As the Past Exalted Ruler of the Greater Deep Creek Elks Lodge # 1033, I can certainly say that Golethia was an outstanding Daughter Ruler. Her employment as a buyer for a department store showed in her dressing because she was a stunning 'Fashion Bug.' She gained great respect from the daughters with her impressive leadership.*

*Edward Earl Fortson, Sr.  
Past Exalted Ruler  
Fortson's Economy Market  
Former Owner*

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**Edward Earl Fortson, Sr.** - February 01, 2022 at 03:22 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Golethia Smith.*



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February 01, 2022 at 07:36 AM

RF

“ *Rev. Kenneth Lillard & The Lillard Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Golethia Smith.*



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**Rev. Kenneth Lillard & The Lillard Family** - February 01, 2022  
at 02:06 AM

RL

“ *The Lillard Family offers its deepest sympathy and sincerest condolences to the Smith Family at the passing of Mrs. Golethia Smith. May God wrap His arms of love and comfort around you, and grant you His peace. God Bless You Always. Love, Rev. Dr. Kenneth Lillard & the Lillard Family - Horace Ronald, Rev. Dr. Calvin, Carlton Lillard & Families.*



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**Rev. Dr. Kenneth Lillard** - February 01, 2022 at 01:50 AM

RL

“ *Rev. Dr. Kenneth Lillard lit a candle in memory of Golethia Smith*



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**Rev. Dr. Kenneth Lillard** - February 01, 2022 at 01:40 AM

EB

“ *Elsie M BROWN lit a candle in memory of Golethia Smith*



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**Elsie M BROWN** - January 31, 2022 at 11:47 PM

LW

“ *Lisa Watkins lit a candle in memory of Golethia Smith*



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**Lisa Watkins** - January 31, 2022 at 07:42 PM

TF

“ *Thompson Family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Golethia Smith.*



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**Thompson Family** - January 31, 2022 at 07:33 PM

PB

“ *My deepest heartfelt condolences to the family & friends of Ms. Golethia Smith. My prayers are with you all. May Our Dear God strengthen you all during this time. I will truly miss her, the Love she has shown me throughout the years. Seeing her walking the aisles of First Baptist Church South Portsmouth and standing at the door ushering with the most welcoming beautifullest smile. Always giving me a word of encouragement. I so remember our last conversation and the warmth of her smile. Forever in my heart, Love Angel & Elder James Griffin, Enoch & Jared.... Our prayers are with you all* ❤️ 🙏  
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**Pepita Brown** - January 31, 2022 at 05:36 PM

LW

*Hi! I met your mom back when we had to go to the kidney doctor to get shots; we stayed in touch checking on each other; and I had to go to dialysis. Thank God finally got a transplant and your mom would call to check up on me; love hearing from her! But I'm going to miss her sweet calls and she was a beautiful, humble lovely person; RIP Ms. Golethia*



**Lisa Watkins** - January 31, 2022 at 07:48 PM

AW

*“ The love I have for you is unmeasurable and you will be truly missed. No more suffering. You've gained your wings and I've gained another angel. I ask the Lord to take the pain in my heart and replace it with peace and love. Love you forever, you first grandson Anthony*



**Anthony Wilson** - January 31, 2022 at 05:20 PM