



## Sylvia B. Smith

April 11, 1936 - November 7, 2020

“I have fought a good fight, I finished my course; I have kept the faith; henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not only me but unto them also that love his appearing. II Timothy 4.7

Sylvia Delores Perry Shaw Boone Smith, 84 was called by God to her heavenly home on November 7, 2020. She was a Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, neighbor, and friend to many. Born April 11, 1936, she was the only child to the late Booker T. and Verniece Shaw of Portsmouth, VA. They loved her and taught her strong Christian values. At an early age, she was baptized at Ebenezer Baptist Church. Dr. Harvey Johnson was the pastor. She was an active member of many organizations. Sylvia had a special love for her Daddy. She was a great caregiver to both of her parents until their death.

Sylvia attended primary and secondary schools in Portsmouth, VA attending I.C. Norcom High School, Class of 1954. She was a member of the Marching Band and Honor graduate. She attended Norfolk State College, majoring in Home Economics. During Sylvia's childhood, she established a sister bond relationship with Grace Troy-Howey of Richmond, VA.

At a young age Sylvia married James A. Boone, Sr. From that union three children were born; James, Valerie and Eldridge. God sent her a Godly Man, Napoleon Smith, Jr. who assisted her in raising the children. The family attended New Hope Baptist where the Smith family was rooted and grounded

in the Lord.

She worked 25 years for Rice's Nachman starting as a Unit Control Clerk on Granby St. in Norfolk, VA and completing her tenure as a Sales Manager at Tower Mall, Portsmouth Va. Later she took a position with Hallmark Cards as a Distributor to local grocery stores traveling throughout the Hampton Roads and Eastern Shores. She worked several years for Sears until she retired, as a Merchandiser.

Sylvia was strong in the Lord and the power of His might. She was a worker who labored in the vineyard. At New Hope Baptist Church, she was member of the Senior Choir, The Busy Bee and The Missionary. She was a member and Past Matron of Venus Chapter #42 Order of Eastern Star-PHA. In Fayetteville, NC under Watch Care Ministry, she attended Simon Temple AME Zion Church where Dr. Brian R. Thompson presides. While in Fayetteville, NC. She was involved with an organization called Seniors on the Move, she enjoyed craft activity classes, chair exercise and educational seminars. In her classes she knitted hats and crocheted mats for the homeless and cancer awareness. She was happy to get rid of her flip phone and obtained a smart phone so she could stay connected browsing the internet, listening to gospel on YouTube, and taking selfies. Her hobbies were playing the piano, sewing, crocheting hats and blankets, and she also loved to sing songs.

Sylvia's legacy lives though three generations which included three children: James A. Boone, Jr. of Hagerstown, MD, Valerie Annette Scales (James) of Fayetteville, NC, Eldridge A. Boone (Alberta) of Portsmouth, VA; seven grandchildren; Tanika, Michelle, Monique, Ashley, Jonathan, Cris, and Gabriella; seven great-grandchildren Alvin, Ke'Anna, Michael, Jayden, Mikaela, Dylan, Cari and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives. Sylvia was preceded in death by her parents Booker T. and Verneice Shaw; Her husband Napoleon Smith, Jr..

Please note that J.T. Fisher Funeral Services is following all Federal and State guidelines as it relates to COVID-19. Effective Sunday, November 15, 2020,

midnight the following will change;

Reduction in public and private gatherings: All public and private in-person gatherings must be limited to 25 individuals, down from the current cap of 250 people. This includes outdoor and indoor settings.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **15**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy  
Chesapeake, VA

## Visitation

NOV **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.  
Chesapeake, VA 23323  
(757) 487-3700  
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<https://www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com>

## Service

NOV **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

J. T. Fisher Funeral Services Chapel  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy  
Chesapeake, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ *J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Webcast in memory of Sylvia B. Smith*

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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - November 16, 2020 at 10:48 AM

**LB**

*Earth has no sorrow that God can't heal. There will always be comfort in The Lord. My prayers are with you all*

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**Lucretia Brown** - November 16, 2020 at 12:04 PM

**AR**

*May The Peace of the Lord Jesus be with the family. May his arms wrap around you and comfort you from this day and every time you think of your Mom and this day. In Jesus Christ name I pray, Amen*

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**Antonio Reid** - November 16, 2020 at 12:38 PM

**PF**

*To God be the Glory, I'm here watching the home going services for my cousin/aunt Sylvia. May she rest in prefect peace. Love, Blessings and condolences.  
Love, Cousin Petra*

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**Petra Felton** - November 16, 2020 at 01:03 PM



“ *J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Sylvia B. Smith*



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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - November 13, 2020 at 05:02 PM

ME

*Jimmie,Annette,Eldridge. Truly our hearts and prayers go out to you and your family. Your mother and my husband "Big Earl" worked together several years at Sears. They thought the world of each other. After I met her I witnessed her sweet warm spirit and personality. You all have much to thank God for the wonderful blessed mother He gave to you. Hold onto your precious memories of her! Much love to you all.  
William & Carol Earl*

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**Mr/Mrs William & Carol Earl** - November 15, 2020 at 09:48 PM

TR

“ *Sending prayers to cousins Annette, Eldridge and Jimmy, We're sorry about the loss of Cousin Sylvia, she will be sincerely missed. We enjoyed every time we got together. Sylvia was a lot of fun. you will remain in our prayers for peace and comfort.*

*Love from your cousins Terry,Bobby and Brandon*

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**Terry Richardson** - November 16, 2020 at 09:50 PM

EW

“ *With Sympathy, May your heart be filled with warm thoughts and treasured moments of your dearly departed.*

*Evette Williams*

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**Evette Williams** - November 16, 2020 at 03:42 PM

LD

“ *My condolences to Jimmy, Eldridge and Annette for the lost of your Mother. Praying for the family 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏*

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**Linda Davis** - November 16, 2020 at 03:34 PM

WW

“ *Walson & Christine Williams lit a candle in memory of Sylvia B. Smith*



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**Walson & Christine Williams** - November 16, 2020 at 12:04 PM

PP

“ *P. Yvonne Poole lit a candle in memory of Sylvia B. Smith*



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**P. Yvonne Poole** - November 16, 2020 at 12:02 PM

CJ

“ *Carol Johnson lit a candle in memory of Sylvia B. Smith*



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**Carol Johnson** - November 16, 2020 at 10:39 AM

FF

“ *Sending our deepest condolences to the family and lifting you up in prayer during this time of bereavement. Cousin Sylvia will truly be missed. May the Lord provide strength and healing during this most difficult time and may you find comfort and love in celebrating her life and memories.*



*Love,*

*Dororthy, Kenya, Tameeka and Yanell Felton*

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**Felton Family** - November 16, 2020 at 10:15 AM

BW

“ *Beatrice Black And Nedra Wilkins lit a candle in memory of Sylvia B. Smith*



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**Beatrice Black and Nedra Wilkins** - November 16, 2020 at 08:37 AM

IG

“ To Eldridge, Valeria and Jimmie

*I am so sorry to hear that your mother will no longer be here with us. It is hard for me to imagine how you all maybe feeling. Losing a mother is one of the deepest sorrows a heart can know. There is no one in this world like your mother, your mother was special and will be with you always. All of the wonderful things she brought into this world will live forever. Treasure the laughter and embrace the memories. Know that you mother's bright light is there and will be looking down on you all, always. Going back in time remembering all the fun we all had growing up on Beechdale Road. Stay strong in the days to come GOD will strengthen you all.*

*LOVE Idell Streater Gatling*

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**Idell Streater Gatling** - November 16, 2020 at 05:02 AM

LC

“ To my cousins Jimmy Annette and Eldridge I will miss our times together with Sylvia. We had some great times with our families coming together for many occasions. Sylvia will always be in my heart and memory. Much love to all of you and the rest of your families

*She is now with Nanny and Granddaddy Cantu , Uncle Bruce Aunt Vernice. Mom and Herman.*

*Im praying this covid19 virus will go away soon so our families can come together again. I believe Sylvia will be looking down on us with a smile.*

*Much Love, Cousin Cookie*

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**Lucille Chichester** - November 15, 2020 at 09:22 PM

RD

“ Heartfelt sympathy and prayers go out to the entire family of Sylvia B. Smith. Miss Sylvia was a beautiful person that truly loved God and her family. She was a Virtuous Woman and was truly Good to Gabriella and I. She will truly be missed. Some years ago, She gave me an angel with opened arms that lit up when plugged in. As I light up the Angel, her fond memories come to mind. I know that she has the gift of eternal life. I say RIP Miss Sylvia and I know that I have been TOUCHED by an Angel, and Angel named Sylvia Smith. Love always, Ruth and Gabby

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**Ruth Davis** - November 15, 2020 at 12:22 PM

WC

“ Sending prayers of comfort to the family of Mrs. Sylvia Smith during this time. Condolences from Corinne Gibson and Wilberta Carter your Busy Bee Sisters.



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**Wilberta Carter** - November 15, 2020 at 10:44 AM

AL

“ My Heart goes out to the family may GOD comfort you and put his arms around you and bless you love you all dean.

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**Ardenia LANE** - November 15, 2020 at 07:58 AM

EH

“ I offer sincere sympathy and prayers to the family of Sister Sylvia Smith. Sylvia was such a loving and kind individual whom I met through the Order of the Eastern Star, PHA. I will never forget her caring, thoughtful ways and beautiful smile. Of course, our loss is heaven's gain.

*Family, may God bless you throughout this difficult time.*

*Estherine J. Harding, HPGWM, OES of Virginia, PHA*

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**Estherine Harding** - November 14, 2020 at 04:34 PM

JS

“ My deepest condolences to the Smith family..I had the pleasure of meeting Sylvia when we worked at Sears..I found out later on that we were connected..My father was Jack Kidd and I'm his youngest daughter Joyce.I will always remember Sylvia's laugh and smile..She was a joyful person and I truly enjoyed working with her...Rest in peace sweet lady.. from the Stukes family.

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**Joyce Stukes** - November 14, 2020 at 04:20 PM



“ To my cousins, Jimmie, Annette, and Eldridge along with your families, I am sending my heartfelt condolences on the loss of your Mother, Sylvia. I can remember the fun times we had together especially with you, your Mom, Aunt Venice and Uncle Booker T. How I love them so much! I praise God for the life of Sylvia. She was a sweet, loving, and caring mother and grandmother. Sylvia was a loyal, caring and dedicated daughter. She loved her church and was an active part of many auxiliaries until her health failed. And how she loved to travel! Sylvia would share her trips to this place and that place as well as the trips to come! Shd was a happy and fun person to be around.

What a time it must have been when she met her Savior! What a family reunion it was when she saw her husband, Smitty, her Father and her Mother! I can see the smile on her face right now! I know you will miss her! You took special care of your Mother. You made sure that she wanted for nothing. That's because you were raised to love each other, the way she was raised. Family stay together, love each other, and don't forget to put God first!

*I love you!*

*Marita (Cookie) Powell  
Moyock, North Carolina*

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**Marita Powell** - November 14, 2020 at 11:04 AM

MP

“ *Marita Powell lit a candle in memory of Sylvia B. Smith*



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**Marita Powell** - November 14, 2020 at 10:26 AM



“ Wendy Riddick sent a virtual gift in memory of Sylvia B. Smith

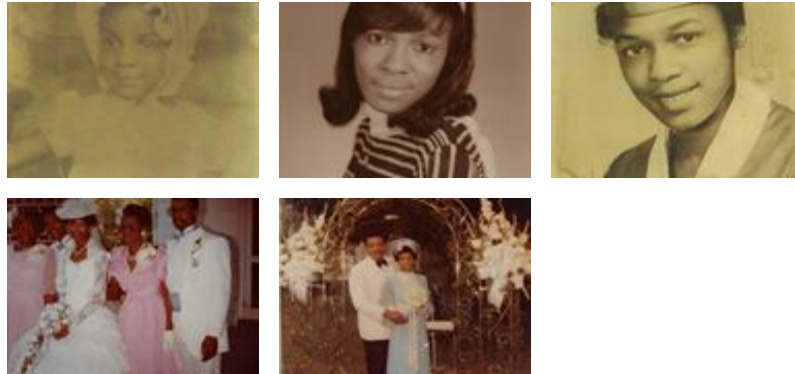


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Wendy Riddick - November 13, 2020 at 07:03 PM



“ 30 files added to the album Life Tributes



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J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - November 13, 2020 at 04:55 PM



“ the Cantu and Felton family purchased the Divine Light for the family of Sylvia B. Smith.



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the Cantu and Felton family - November 13, 2020 at 03:08 PM

AJ

“ To Jimmie, Annette and Eldridge it is with heartfelt sympathy to hear of the loss of your mother transition, On behalf of my mother Marie E Johnson who has passed (Son) Anthony (Tony) Johnson, (cuz) i will keep you and the family in my prayer. She will be missed. May God keep you and the family in his care. Keep the memory close to the heart

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**ANTHONY JOHNSON** - November 13, 2020 at 08:15 AM

AJ

“ ANTHONY JOHNSON lit a candle in memory of Sylvia B. Smith



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**ANTHONY JOHNSON** - November 13, 2020 at 08:07 AM

JH

“ So sorry to hear the passing of our dear neighbor and friend Sister Sylvia Smith. She would always share encouraging uplifting conversations. She would talk about the Lord and her family. She had a warm heart full of happiness and joy. Her smile and greeting would light up a room. May your memories and the Lord comfort .



*Vaughan and Jetta Hunt*

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**Jetta Hunt** - November 12, 2020 at 07:14 PM

DW

“ To Jimmie, Annette and Eldridge it is with heartfelt sympathy to hear of the transition of your dear mother. May the beautiful memories of your dear mother bring comfort to each of you. My prayers are with you all. Your former neighbor from the Maplewood Park community.



Daphne Waring-Sorrell - November 12, 2020 at 05:20 PM

CB

“ Sending my sincere condolences to the family. I worked with Ms Smith at Rices Nachman for years. I always enjoyed working with her & running into her years later. May the peace of God be with the family.

Cheryl Bellamy - November 12, 2020 at 01:44 PM

RF

“ May God bless the family of Sister Sylvia. Her spirit of encouragement will always be remembered. May each of you find solace in knowing that you are loved and prayers are being offered on your behalf.



Rev Joyce Foster - November 11, 2020 at 02:49 PM

EI

Jimmy, Annette, Eldridge, I am so sorry to hear of loss of Sylvia. My condolences to you and all the family. I pray God will comfort you and give you peace and strength during this difficult time. She will be missed greatly. Love you, 🥹

Eunice Ingram - November 12, 2020 at 12:47 AM

PD

*To the family of the late mother Sylvia B. Smith, we send our Golden Prayer 🙏 for you in your hours of loss and grief. We Sincerely Pray for the ❤️ Children, Family, and loved one .Amen Pastor Helen Johnson Davis and Family of God. The Acts of the Apostles Christ Cathedral Church 431 Crawford St. Suite 335 Portsmouth, VA 23705-1615 757-920-9576 ... pastorhelen7@Gmail.com... You are loved and missed for an Eternity.*

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**Pastor Helen Davis** - November 12, 2020 at 04:15 PM