



## Mrs Catherine Johnson-Smith

January 26, 1940 - July 21, 2013

JOHNSON-SMITH, Mrs. Catherine "Cat" - Age 73, passed away Sunday, July 21, 2013 at Gentiva Hospice. Family hour 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 27, 2013 at Saints of God Church, 528 W. Pierson Rd., with funeral service commencing at 11 a.m. Pastor Alfred L. Harris, Sr., officiating. Interment Flint Memorial Park Cemetery, G-9506 N. Dort Hwy. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Mrs. Johnson-Smith will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12 noon-8 p.m. Friday.

Mrs. Catherine Hardy Smith fondly known as ("Cat") was born January 26, 1940 in Maplesville, Alabama. She was the third daughter of the late Chester and Ida Bell (Talley) Hardy Sr. Catherine accepted Christ as her Savior with Friendship Baptist Church in Aniston, Alabama. Her family relocated to Flint Michigan in 1956. Catherine graduated from Flint Northern High School. Shortly thereafter, she met and married Willie Johnson, and to this union born one daughter and two sons, Belinda Johnson Ryan, Derrick Johnson and Stacey Johnson. Catherine became employed with Winchester Hospital and later with Flint Metal Fabricating, a division of General Motors, where she worked diligently for 30 years before retirement. Catherine had recently become a faithful member of Saints of God Church, where she served on the Nurses and Hospitality Ministry until her illness prohibited her from participating. Prior to this Catherine was a faithful member of Antioch

Missionary Baptist Church. While at Antioch Catherine served on the Hospitality Guild. Upon her many hobbies she enjoyed studying God's Word, gardening, traveling, golfing and bowling. Prior to her illness Catherine was an active member of the 24 Carat and Fairway Ladies Golfing Leagues, Gray Power and Jolly Fun Seniors Bowling League, Big Sisters Organization and the Flint Majestic Red Hat Society Chapter of Flint, Michigan. Catherine will be remembered for her stylish dress and fashionable hats! But above all "Cat" loved serving the Lord!

She leaves to cherish her wonderful memories: loving husband, Richard L. Smith; one daughter, Belinda (Larry) Ryan of Atlanta, GA; four sons, Derrick Johnson of Atlanta, GA, Stacey (Julia) Johnson of Lansing, MI, Troy Smith of Richmond, VA, and Tyrone Smith of Phoenix, AZ; five grandchildren, Tiffanie C. Johnson of Seattle, WA, Christopher and Taylor Ryan of Atlanta, GA, Vincent Cokley of Lansing, MI, and Marcelos Smith of San Antonio, TX; great granddaughter, Alicia Smith of San Antonio, TX; three sisters, Samuel Mae Gray, Susie B. Brown and Earnestine (Jesse) Brown; brother, Chester Hardy Jr., all of Flint; five sisters-in-laws, Bettye (Wilbert) Aikens of San Leandro, CA, Evelyn and Renee Smith, both of Oakland, CA, Bonita Smith and Tomeka (Matt) Kimber of Pascagoula, MS; brother-in-law, Cedric Smith of Afghanistan; three nieces, Tracy Brown, Monica Pointer, and TaQuita Malloy of Flint; four nephews, Mansel Pointer of Flint, Tyreese (Donna) Pointer of Lexington, KY, Phillip Pointer of Fairfax, CA, and LaZerick (Michelle) Hill of Flint; a host of cousins, other relatives and too many friends to mention.

Catherine was preceded in death by her parents Chester and Ida Bell Hardy; and special niece, Stephanie Brown.

The family would like to express a special thanks to Fannie Barfield, Frances Duncan, Kathleen Etherly, Kathy McGaughy, Mary Brady, Ruth Ann Riley, David Phinisee, Pastor Alfred L. Harris, Sr., and the Saints of God Church

Family, Dr. Ravikumar Peddireddy, MD, Anderson Cancer Institute of Houston TX, and Gentiva Hospice Center.

# Cemetery Details

## Flint Memorial Park Cemetery

G-9506 N. Dort Hwy.  
Mt. Morris, MI 48458

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JUL **26.** 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Inc., Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
(810) 789-6666  
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com  
<https://lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

## Family hour

JUL **27.** 10:30 AM (ET)

Saints of God Church  
2200 Forest Hill Avenue  
Flint, MI

## Service

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JUL 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

Saints of God Church  
2200 Forest Hill Avenue  
Flint, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs Catherine Johnson-Smith*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Geneva Akins (gi-gi) lit a candle in memory of Mrs Catherine Johnson-Smith*



Geneva Akins (gi-gi) - July 29, 2013 at 01:38 PM



“ *Linda Cooper lit a candle in memory of Mrs Catherine Johnson-Smith*



Linda Cooper - July 29, 2013 at 07:54 AM



“ *I was saddened to hear of the passing of Cathy, whom we all knew as Cat. We worked together at Flint Metal Center Fab. She was a joy to work with and always had words of wisdom to share. May God comfort you in your sorrow and keep you in His care.*

Sheila Lomax - July 27, 2013 at 10:38 PM

ET

“ I will never forget the year 1956 when uncle Chester/Aunt Ida Bell plus all my cousin' I thought in the world left Anniston, Alabama and relocated in Flint. I grieved and I never thought the pain /huge hole in my heart would ever fill from missing so much love from one family. For me, the realization was, I had loss a lot of love yet it was the first time i knew love could hurt so badly and cried my heart out however throughout the years I learned a great lesson, Love never dies but the relationship continues and that's when we gather around the good stuff! Memories that time cannot replace, memories of a lovely parent or a love one will always be in our hearts/souls forever and a day.



Today, my heart is breaking again as it did in 1956 thinking of Cat as an integral part of my life' history but when i think of the 23rd Psalm all is well in my soul and Cat'.

To her family, Christ had Mercy on her suffering and she accepted his loving call to say hello to eternal life and with that thought, i can let her spirit go in peace.

Her memories of love, caring /doing, traveling and that never ending effortless smile and envisions images of Cat swing that golf club will always be apart of memories in my heart, thoughts and prayers as yours.

.To Cat' children hold on to each other and remember her thoughts through prayers.

Cats' first cousin: Eunice Talley in FT Worth, TX.

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Eunice Talley - July 27, 2013 at 11:54 AM

MA

“ *Mr And Mrs James August lit a candle in memory of Mrs Catherine Johnson-Smith*



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**Mr and Mrs James August** - July 26, 2013 at 06:50 AM

RA

“ *Dear Johnson-Smith Family  
I had the pleasure of meeting your loved one thru the sport of bowling. We all bowled on the Monday Morning Ladies League. Cat, was the life of the league. She had a smile that would light up a room. She will be deeply missed by all. God Bless.  
Lelia & ReGina Adams*



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**ReGina Adams** - July 25, 2013 at 08:01 PM

MR

“ *Mrs. Freda Ratliff-Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs Catherine Johnson-Smith*



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**Mrs. Freda Ratliff-Williams** - July 25, 2013 at 07:41 PM

SI

“ I can not put into words how much you have meant to my family.I have been so drawn into my own grief that I took for granted you would always be around.Auntie Cat ,your family has been a part of my life before I was even born.And you were there for everything.So many many many memories and laughs.I thank God for blessing my Mom with a life long sister and friend who looked after us all after she passed away.Barb and Cat together again.....I love and miss you ....coochie-cooo! Sonya Boozer-Iv..ory and family

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**Sonya Boozer Ivory** - July 25, 2013 at 01:33 PM

SI

“ Sonya Boozer Ivory lit a candle in memory of Mrs Catherine Johnson-Smith



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**Sonya Boozer Ivory** - July 25, 2013 at 01:23 PM

HC

“ Hilda Craig lit a candle in memory of Mrs Catherine Johnson-Smith



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**Hilda Craig** - July 25, 2013 at 11:15 AM

KR

“ *Derrick and Family,*

*I was stunned to see Cat's obituary. We played softball together and worked at the same plant (Flint Metal Fab). She was a great person and a lot of fun. When ever I would see her after those years she was always the same.....always calling me Redd. Those times with Cat and getting to know her will never be replaced. I know that she love her children very, very much for she spoke of you all often. May the peace of God carry you during this time and know that she is in a better place.*

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**Kendall E. Reaves** - July 25, 2013 at 10:52 AM

AH

“ *Mrs Smith was one of the most warm and friendly people you could ever meet. Her smile was infectious and being around her was always a pleasant experience. . Praying for the comfort of God's arm to surround you!*

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**Anthony and Carol Hill** - July 24, 2013 at 10:11 PM

PS

“ *Peggy Stribling lit a candle in memory of Mrs Catherine Johnson-Smith*



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**Peggy Stribling** - July 24, 2013 at 08:23 PM

LC

“ *LORIA CORDER lit a candle in memory of Mrs Catherine Johnson-Smith*



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**LORIA CORDER** - July 24, 2013 at 07:14 PM

MC

“ *Maudie Coley lit a candle in memory of Mrs Catherine Johnson-Smith*



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**Maudie Coley** - July 24, 2013 at 07:13 PM

BD

“ *Brenda Dilworth lit a candle in memory of Mrs Catherine Johnson-Smith*



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**Brenda Dilworth** - July 24, 2013 at 02:37 PM

VT

“ Greetings Family,

*God has blessed each of you with a soldier for the Lord. Cat fought with dignity and grace, Cat never gave up and when her fleshly body became weary, God allowed her to rest. Hold on family, God has allowed each of you to press on with the strength and love of Cat, she endured to the end and now you can rest in her peace. Heaven welcomed her home this past Sunday morning, July 21, but know this - weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning. All is well, Catherine is now at peace, inside of Heaven's Gates.*

*2 Timothy 4: ...6For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. 7I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:*

*We love you and are here for you. Doris Woolfolk - Thomas & Family*



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**Vonda Thomas** - July 24, 2013 at 09:51 AM

GE

“ *Dear Hardy, Johnson and Smith Family and Friends, I offer my sincere condolences in the loss of Cathy. She was a wonderful sister, daughter and my friend from the days when we lived on Black Street. Our parents worked at the same GM facility and we as kids shared many good times together. She will be missed. My family and I wish you peace and comfort. The Teer Family*

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**Gail Teer Edwards** - July 23, 2013 at 10:23 AM

LI

“ Dear Johnson-Smith Family and Friends,  
I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your dear loved one. Please accept my sincere condolences. I too have lost several loved ones in death, and the pain is fresh, even with the passage of much time. Thankfully, I have found relief in knowing that "The Most High God" is the "Hearer of Prayer", and a source of tremendous comfort in times of grief and distress. (Psalms 83:18, Psalms 65:2) Please be assured, death will soon be "swallowed up forever" and we will have the opportunity to see our dead loved ones again. (Isaiah 25:8) My family and I wish you and yours peace. (Phillipians 4:7)

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**Lisa** - July 22, 2013 at 10:44 AM