



## Mrs. Evelyn Marie Smith

January 1, 1948 - August 21, 2025

SMITH, Mrs. Evelyn Marie - Age 77, transitioned from this life Thursday, August 21, 2025, at Henry Ford-Genesys. Home Going Service will be held 10:00 AM Saturday, September 6, 2025, at Southeast Christian Church, 4171 Lapeer Rd, Burton MI., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM, Eulogist Pastor Bernetta Driver, Host Pastor Kenneth M. Brown. Interment Flint Memorial Park G-9506 N. Dort Hwy, Family and Friends will assemble at the church Saturday at 10:00 AM. Mrs. Smith will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Friday, September 5, 2025. Evelyn Marie Smith was born on January 1, 1948, in Blytheville, Arkansas to District Elder James Smith and Mother Katherine Smith. To this union was born 18 children, 10 boys and 8 girls; Evelyn was their 14th child. She received her education in general studies through the Arkansas public school system at Harrison High School. Being raised under the fear and admonition of God, she couldn't help but hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ and received the gift of the Holy Ghost at the age of 18. Evelyn moved from Arkansas to Lansing, MI with her older sister, Lela Mae. There she would be under the pastoring of Bishop Warren. She relocated to Bay City, Michigan and eventually settled in Mt. Morris, MI where Our Savior Apostolic became her church home under the late Pastor Everette Farmer then the late Pastor Curtis Lytle. In 2015, she joined Christ the Rock Apostolic, under Suffragan Bishop Wilbert Reed and returned to Our Savior Apostolic Church in 2023. Her many years of dedicated service

demonstrated her love for Jesus. She served faithfully on the Usher Board, Missionary Board, taught Sunday School and sang in the choir. No task was too small concerning the House of God; she would take baptismal garments home to wash and serve on the cleaning committee. In those days, church didn't have a timer; tarrying service, fast and shut-ins would go on through the night. Revival services would end after midnight and feet washing and communion was revered. Evelyn was a partaker of them all. She was a willing servant.

In 1973, she married Zachary Sheely Sr. and gave birth to 7 children; 5 girls and 2 boys. Evelyn took pride in being a homemaker; she truly believed "Cleanliness is next to Godliness". You could always find her humming her favorite hymns or listening to the songs of Shirley Caesar, Tremaine Hawkins, The Mighty Clouds of Joy and Andre Crouch. Evelyn became a very active parent when her youngest child began school at Kurtz Head Start. Her volunteer services lead to employment in the Beecher School District. She expanded her skills and experience in other work fields including home health aide and retail sales. She had a gift for writing poetry and would steal away for quiet moments whenever she could. Her passion for cooking was undeniable. She was "Most Requested" for her corn bread dressing, southern style greens, sweet potato pie and homemade rolls. Evelyn was loved by her family, saints and many friends near and far including close friends, Doris Tillman, Marcia Fryer, Diar Houston, Michelle Willis, Joann Tucker, Evang. Sally Brooks, Reneatha and Tawana Player. Of all the things that she wanted or hoped to be, becoming a grandmother was the highlight of her life and when the great-grand children arrived, they stole her heart from everyone and affectionately called her G.G. Evelyn loved to celebrate holidays and special events with her family. On September 25, 2024 she was present to see her baby daughter get married to beloved son-in-law, Kedon Wilson. On November 16, 2024, she saw her beloved grandson, Joshua Cook joined in marriage to Lauren Martin. Evelyn turned 77 on January 01, 2025. A surprise birthday party was given on January 4th at Our Savior Apostolic Church to

commemorate her life. She attended the birthday party of great-grand daughter, Na'marie Jones on February 22, 2025. Sunday, May 04, 2025, grand daughter Courtney James graduated from U of M Flint and her Granny was there to celebrate with her. May 26, 2025, Evelyn was invited to spend the Memorial Holiday with grandson, Joshua Cook and the Martin Family. This would be the last family event she attended before her health rapidly declined. Evelyn Marie Smith leaves to cherish her memory: 7 children, Zachary Sheely Jr., Latasha Sheely, Shamekia Lipkin, Kendra James, Tracy Sheely, all of Flint, Kevin Sheely Sr. of Pontiac, MI) and Tara (Kedon) Wilson of Grand Blanc, MI; 23 grandchildren, Ashley of Fort Smith, AR, Joe, T'Keyah, Sherena, Joshua (Lauren), Leslie, Ananda (Joshua Fields), Shantea, Zach III, JaQuan, Tracy, Yasmine, Courtney, Kevin Jr, Xavier, Taina, Garrett, Carmello, laira, Wrylin, James, Dutchess and Siar including special granddaughter, Shamiya Johnson, all of Flint; 18 great-grandchildren, Christopher (Fort Smith, AR), Joshua, Malachi, Cameron, Alayah, Jahmeir, Remedi, Del Rico, Lliana, Londyn, Jordyn, Kylin, Kaden, Teresa, Na'marie, Jahsir, Zayden and Ca'marion; 4 sisters, Lela Mae Smith of Blytheville, AR, Mae Katherine Brown of Indiana, IN, Eva Mae (Michael) Wilson of Cleveland, OH, and Maxine Smith of Indiana, IN; niece, Diane Coleman and great-niece, Natalya Coleman, both of Omaha, NE; great-niece, Chelsea Winfrey of Blytheville AR; special daughter, Hope Vines; and a host of relatives, friends and the Saints of God. Evelyn was preceded in death by her parents, James and Katherine Smith; brothers, James Jr, Jonathan Smith, Clarence Smith Sr., Henry Smith, Paul Smith Sr., Harold Smith, Cornelius Smith, and Nathaniel Smith Sr.; sisters, Mattie Staten, Geraldine Archie, Ruby Sparks, Elaine McAtee, and Emma Torrence; and granddaughter, Shaniya Alyce Sheely. The Family would like to express its sincere gratitude for the love, prayers and support of loved ones, friends, the Our Savior Apostolic Church family, Christ the Rock Apostolic Church, the doctors, nursing staff and ICU Unit at Henry Ford Genesys Hospital.



# Cemetery Details

## Flint Memorial Park Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Public Visitation

SEP 5. 12:00 PM - 6:00 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

SEP 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Southeast Christian Church  
4171 Lapeer Rd.  
Burton, MI 48509

## Funeral Service

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SEP 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

Southeast Christian Church  
4171 Lapeer Rd.  
Burton, MI 48509

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gloria oke lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Smith*



**Gloria oke** - September 06, 2025 at 11:40 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Evelyn Marie Smith.

September 06, 2025 at 10:00 AM



“ *Bertha Moses lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Marie Smith*



**Bertha Moses** - September 05, 2025 at 05:37 PM



“ *I've only known Mother Smith for a short amount of time, but during the last few years, I found her to be a sweet and kind person. She was saved and a woman of God. My husband and I enjoyed having her in our home for the holidays. It was such a joy and delight. I won't forget our outing for "Girls Night Out". You will be greatly missed! So glad I had an opportunity to know you!*  
*Lady Felicia Martin*

**Lady Felicia Martin** - September 05, 2025 at 01:36 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Evelyn Marie Smith.



September 05, 2025 at 09:51 AM



“ SABRINA CLARK lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Marie Smith



SABRINA CLARK - September 05, 2025 at 12:04 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mrs. Evelyn Marie Smith.



September 04, 2025 at 04:14 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Evelyn Marie Smith.

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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Evelyn Marie Smith.

September 04, 2025 at 08:38 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Evelyn Marie Smith.



September 04, 2025 at 08:38 AM



“ *Auntie Sandy, Marsha, Annie & West Virginia Sheely Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Evelyn Marie Smith.*



**Auntie Sandy, Marsha, Annie & West Virginia Sheely Family -**  
September 03, 2025 at 09:33 AM



“ *Please accept our most sincerest condolences and sympathy. May the Lord comfort each of you during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Evelyn, was a precious and kind person. We had planned a vacation trip to West Virginia and now Evelyn is Walking Streets of Gold! God Bless this family. From: Sandy Sheely Pates in West Virginia and family.*

**Sandy Sheely Pates -** September 03, 2025 at 07:50 AM

JC

“ *Janice Shepherd and coreese purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Evelyn Marie Smith.*



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**Janice Shepherd and coreese** - September 02, 2025 at 12:42 PM

MH

“ *Maurice & Iris Hart lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Marie Smith*



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**Maurice & Iris Hart** - August 30, 2025 at 03:55 PM

ST

“ *Sharee Tolbert lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Marie Smith*



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**Sharee Tolbert** - August 29, 2025 at 10:05 PM

BS

“ *Brenda Johnson Shaw lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Marie Smith*



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**Brenda Johnson Shaw** - August 29, 2025 at 11:31 AM

JC

“ Having one of those moments and thinking of you right now. It hurts so much knowing im never gonna hear your voice again, get another hug, or be able to just come sit with you. Granny I adored you very presence, you meant so much to me. Even though I showed you that daily, it still feels like I didn't do enough!! Oh what I would do to hug, kiss your cheek, hold your hand, and say I love you just one more time. Going through the rest of my life without just don't even seem right. You were supposed babysit my kids and they were gonna love their GG. My sweet Grandmother, I love and miss you so much already. I thank God for all our time together. Love “Your handsome Grandson” lol thats what you called me, Josh!!



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**Joshua Cook** - August 28, 2025 at 10:18 PM

AN

“ Granny I am going to miss you more than anyone could ever imagine. I'm happy you're resting in the arms of the Lord and not suffering anymore. I love you sooo much



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**Ananda** - August 27, 2025 at 06:00 AM

TJ

“ Tracy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Smith



Tracy Johnson - August 26, 2025 at 04:42 PM

DC

“ I just to say you are a beautiful person and I'm going to miss you so much Aunt I know you are at peace!!!!

Dianne Smith Coleman - August 26, 2025 at 11:57 AM

HD

“ HHS Division purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Evelyn Marie Smith.



HHS Division - August 26, 2025 at 11:38 AM

MM

“ I will Remember Mother Evelyn' Smith Beautiful Smile and Kind Heart My Condolences To the Family May GOD Comfort each and Everyone of You 🙏❤️ Sister Minnie Mastin

Minnie Mastin - August 25, 2025 at 08:14 PM

VM

“ Vernon Marthrel sent a virtual gift in memory of Evelyn Smith



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Vernon Marthrel - August 24, 2025 at 11:04 PM

LA

“ LauraLegardye lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Smith



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LauraLegardye - August 24, 2025 at 09:42 PM

RA

“ Ramona lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Smith



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Ramona - August 23, 2025 at 06:15 PM

AS

“ Aileen Spence sent a virtual gift in memory of Evelyn Smith



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Aileen Spence - August 23, 2025 at 04:38 PM

AS

“ *Aileen Spence lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Smith*



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AS

“ *Aileen Spence sent a virtual gift in memory of Evelyn Smith*



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**Aileen Spence** - August 23, 2025 at 04:37 PM

PD

“ *R.I.P Aunt Evelyn gone but never forgotten. Resting from her works and now with Jesus in his kingdom. Prayers for the family and freinds*



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**Paris Dillard** - August 23, 2025 at 08:19 AM