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Kelvin Hankerson
Donald Smith, Jr.

Timothy Love
Antony Henry
Eric Knight, Jr.

Floral Attendants

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Acknowledgements

The family of Mrs. Sherrie L. Smith wishes to express their deepest appreciation and sincere thanks for your prayers, flowers, cards, and presence during our time of bereavement. May God continue to bless you.

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Sherrie Smith

DECEMBER 16, 1972 - JUNE 8, 2021

Saturday, June 19, 2021
11:00 AM

Mt. Hermon AME Church
401 NW 7th Terrace
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

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Reverend Vincent Mitchell, Presiding Elder
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The Love Story of Sherrie La'Trece Hankerson Smith

“There’s a sweet, sweet spirit in this place and I know that it’s the spirit of the Lord...”

This is the love story portraying the life of Sherrie La'Trece Hankerson Smith. Sherrie was a wonderful woman that was loved, will be missed, and will always be cherished. Our “Sweet Sherrie,” as she was affectionately called by many of her family and friends, was an amazing wife, mom, daughter, sister, niece, aunt, friend, and the best encourager ever.

Sherrie’s love story started on December 16, 1972 as the oldest child of her loving parents, JJ and Renee Harris Hankerson. Her birthplace of Fort Lauderdale, Florida is where she would spend her childhood, grow up, make many lifelong friends, go to school, attend church, work, play, marry the love of her life and raise two beautiful daughters.

With a love for education, Sherrie matriculated through Broward County Public Schools attending Northside Elementary, Sunrise Middle and graduating from Fort Lauderdale High in 1990 where she ran track. She continued her education at Whiddon-Rogers Education Center earning a clerical degree which allowed her to climb the ladder of success from a file clerk to a data entry/billing position to the administrative assistant during her twenty-two-year tenure at Lang Detective Agency, Inc. In 2014, Sherrie was led to embark on a career change to Seminole Middle School as the volunteer coordinator and eventually a Secretary II. As Sherrie attempted to head to work on the morning of June 8, 2021, God called her from this labor of love to receive her heavenly reward.

Sherrie’s love for Christ began at an early age. Having been reared in a loving Christian home, Sherrie professed Christ at Mount Hermon A.M.E. Church where her parents are still faithful members. Her love for Christ and fellowshiping with others was nurtured here as she grew up attending Sunday School, singing in the L. A. Myers Youth Choir, the Rejuvenation Choir and serving on Usher Board #1.

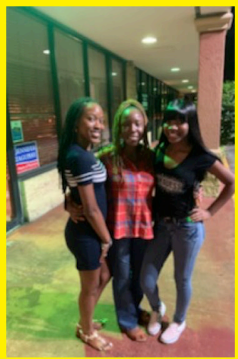
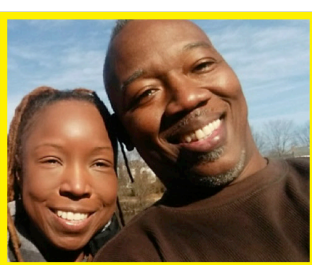
Her hometown is where she would meet her soulmate and the love of her life, Donald Smith, Sr. The kindred spirits of Sherrie and Donald grew into a love story romance and they were married in the home of her parents after a four-year courtship. Since she was marrying an identical twin, Sherrie asked her dad to ensure that he guided her to Donald and not to the best man Ronald. Their twenty-four-year marriage was able to stand the test of time because these best friends still played the dating game, sang in the choir together, faithfully watched Wheel of Fortune together and just genuinely liked each other. Up until Donald’s death six months ago on December 21, 2020, their marriage was a beautiful blueprint for other couples to follow. This anointed union was blessed with two beautiful daughters, D’Andria and D’Anna - their heart and joy, two people they loved the most. Donald’s passing created a new family dynamic that caused the girls to shower their mom with even more love, as D’Anna would do her hair to rejuvenate her and this new threesome would enjoy ‘girls night’ on the 13th of every month as a way to stay close and connected.

On January 3, 2021, Sherrie posted, “Happy Anniversary my sweet, sweet love... We are supposed to be in Naples right now! BUT... I’ll see you later my handsome and we’ll resume from there!” Sherrie’s earthly love story with Donald may have ended last December but God in His infinite wisdom had plans to reunite these two heartbeats eternally. The heavenly Father that Sherrie loved dearly was preparing her mansion in the sky waiting to reunite Sherrie with her soulmate, Donald, as their beautiful love story continues...

The love of family was very important to Sherrie and Donald and they spent most Sunday afternoons at family dinners watching the Miami Dolphins or the Miami Heat games. They had many happy times together because if there was anywhere Sherrie loved to be, it was with her family. As the oldest granddaughter on both sides, she was a role model, friend and confidant to her cousins. On May 28, 2021, she was so excited when her sister and best friend Demita gave birth to her niece and Sherrie had the honor of choosing her first name, Ava! Sherrie and Demita born five years apart were not twins but because their birthdays (December 16 and 18) were so close their parents ‘made’ them have birthday parties together. Of course growing up as kids they hated this but, as they grew older and closer as sisters and friends they made it a point to celebrate their birthdays together every chance they got!

Sherrie was renowned for her sweet, sweet spirit and for always making it a point to reach out to family and friends to let them know she was thinking of them with either a phone call, text, song, poem, email or post. One of Sherrie’s text messages on Mother’s Day can be a text message to all of her family and friends today: “So, so blessed that I have the chance to love you and for you to love me. So grateful that our blood runs the same stream of Jesus The Christ! Your sweet spirit I am blessed to know. I love you soooo!!”

Donald, the love of her life preceded Sherrie to clear the path for these two soulmates to resume from here. Loved ones that will miss Sherrie until they meet again are her daughters D’Andria Renee and D’Anna Renee; parents JJ and Renee Hankerson; step-son Donald Smith, Jr.; sister Demita (Eric) Knight; brother Antony (Vanessa) Henry; maternal grandmother Mary Striggles Harris; mother-in-law Poltha Lee Smith; In Laws: Ethia Carter, Michael (Valerie) Smith, Ronald Smith, Melissa Smith and a host of uncles, aunts, cousins and friends.



Order of Service

Rev. Henry E. Green, Jr. - Officiating

Processional

”My Cherie Amour”

Final Viewing

Worship in Music

“Trouble Don’t Last Always”

Invocation

Rev. Willie Thomas

Reading of God’s Word- Rev. Alvin Jones

Old Testament | Psalm 34:1-8

New Testament | 1 Corinthians

Reflections (Two Minutes Limit Please)

As a Friend- Kimberly JnBaptiste

As a Cousin- Robyn Printemps & Rania Mills

As a Daughter- JJ Hankerson

Tribute to My Mom

D’Andria Smith

A Song for My Mom

D’Anna Smith

Obituary

“You Are the Sunshine of My Life”

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Worship in Music

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Words of Comfort

Reverend Henry E. Green, Jr.

Recessional

”Open Arms”