

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
I found that place at the close of day.*

*If my passing has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Ah yes, these things, I too, will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much
Good family, Good friends, good times,
A loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief;
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

Author unknown

Floral Bearers

Nieces

Pall Bearers

Nephews

Expressions of Gratitude

We wish to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to our friends for your many comforting acts of kindness and sympathy shown during the passing of our loved one.
May God bless each one of you.

The Family of Ms. Elizabeth Smith Willis



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"Sympathetic and Efficient Service"

A Celebration of Life For Ms. Elizabeth Smith Willis



**Sunday, May 16, 2021
2:00 PM**

**Shoal Creek Baptist Church
Shelby, NC**

Pastor Michael Isaac, Officiating

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Officiating Minister.....Rev. Michael Isaac

Selection.....The Camp Sisters

Scripture Reading
 Old Testament.....Rev. Michael Isaac
 New Testament.....Rev. Michael Isaac

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Esther Littlejohn

Selection.....The Camp Sisters

Remarks.....(Limit 2 Minutes).....Mr. Larry Corry, Deacon
 Rev. Ruby Miller, Friend
 Ms. Angela Nance, Friend
 Ms. Angela Maddox, Friend

Selection.....Ms. Angela Maddox

Words of Comfort.....Rev. Maurice Miller

Recessional Selection

Interment
 Shoal Creek Baptist Church Cemetery
 Shelby, NC



Obituary

Ms. Elizabeth Alberta Smith Willis, 89, of Shelby, NC passed away on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at home surrounded by her family. She was born August 1, 1931 in Cleveland County, NC to the late Levi E. Smith and Fleeta Camp Smith.

At a young age, Elizabeth joined Shoal Creek Baptist Church where she was a musician for many of the church choirs; she was a Sunday school teacher, Vacation Bible School teacher and Summer Youth Ministry for the children of the church. She was on many church committees and a true servant of God through her years of service at Shoal Creek Baptist Church.

Elizabeth was a graduate of Camp High School, and she furthered her education and graduated from Fayetteville State University in 1956 with a Bachelor of Science in Education. She also obtained her Masters of Science in 1983 from Western Carolina University. She was employed by Cleveland County Schools for 37 years where she taught at Philadelphia School, Lattimore Elementary, and finally retiring from Union Elementary.

Elizabeth was the epitome of a strong black woman, and she ensured her family was taken care of until her final days. She loved arts and crafts, teaching children to play the piano, traveling and spending time with her family. She was also a member of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority where she did avid community service in the Cleveland County with her sorority sisters. She was also a member of the Women's Auxiliary of the Ebenezer Association in Cleveland County where she was recognized for her loyal and dedicated services.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her parents, and her brother William Edward Smith, her Goddaughter Wysesheena M. Hurt, and a host of in-laws whom she loved and cared deeply for.

Left to cherish her lifetime of memories that took our breath away are her daughter Adrienne L. Dawkins of Shelby, NC and a granddaughter she reared as her own S. Michele Willis of Gastonia, NC; her beloved grandson Anthony Neal of the home, and her granddaughter of her heart of arts and crafts Alyea Neal. She was also blessed to leave an impression on her great-granddaughter Dynam Neal. She also is survived by her siblings Versia Gilmore, Frances Seary, Ruby Moses (Carey), Willie Mae Miller, Joseph Smith (Philann), Levi B. Smith, John Smith (Merlene), Waymon "Gene" Smith, Gwen Campbell (Marsh) and Alberta Short; her Godsons' Derrick Hopper and Keith Dawkins and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.