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Frances Smith

Nov. 12, 1932 - June 30, 2023

Frances Smith, 90, of Morganton, NC, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, June 30, 2023.

Born in Rutherford County, NC on November 12, 1932, she was the daughter of the late Laxton Toney and Leona Jones Toney.

Frances was a member of Calvary Free Will Baptist Church. She loved her church and church family. Frances enjoyed sewing, crocheting, and quilting. Ever an artist, she also loved to draw red birds. Mrs. Smith was a kind-hearted person who would do her best to help others, and she never met a stranger.

Frances is survived by her sons, Michael D. Smith (Teena) and Jerry D. Smith (Sonya); step-son, James Lee Watts (Gladys); grandchildren, Michael Smith (Helen) and Kellie Smith; great-grandchildren, Toby and Noah Smith; sister, Etta Bivens Hagan; and half-sister, Evelyn Jones.

In addition to her parents, Frances was preceded in death by her husband, James Farrow Smith; and brothers, Furman, Fred, and Clifford Toney.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 3 p.m., Sunday, July 2, 2023 at Sossoman Funeral Home. The graveside service will follow at Burke Memorial Park with Pastor

Freddy Lindsey officiating.

At other times the family will be at the residence of Michael and Teena Smith, 3051 Franklin Lane, Morganton.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Lymphoma Research Foundation, Wall Street Plaza, 88 Pine Street, Suite 2400, New York, NY 10005.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



Aunt Francis you will be truly missed sending love to heaven for you

–Debra Mckee



Ms. Smith sure led and lived the life of what a true Christian is . Never taking, but always giving . Never speaking to you without her asking " how We are " . Always Smiling and as hardworking and faithful as anyone I ever knew . She loved with her whole heart and was a beautiful soul , both inside and out. You will be surely missed by all who knew you Frances ,and Always in our memories and hearts . This is not good bye , but it's an I will see you again in the presence of God . Sweet Peace To You And Your Family . Thank you family for sharing your sweet mother .

–Doc & Gail Slone



You have ended your suffering and now you are with James and Jesus we know you are happy and will be missed We love you and will see you again

–James Lee and Gladys Watts

—Shirley Smawley



I’m very sorry I just found out I wanna apologize and I want

to give my sympathy to the family and everybody there I loved her very much and she will definitely be missed I want to pray for the family and tell them my sympathies y’all have a blessed and wonderful day thank you and God bless

—Dawna Todd



Aunt Francis you will be missed. I love you and me and my family will miss you. Don't have too many parties with uncle James and moma. We love you.

—Doria Hudgens and family



Frances has left many hearts mourning her. Especially those closest to her in life. For those people I am leaving my condolences. But, we all must remember that she has gone to be with our Father in Heaven. She has been greeted by those who have gone on before her including the Love of Her Life, James Smith. I am sure there is rejoicing going on there. James will be greeting her with open arms and to help guide her through Heaven to see all the wonders prepared for everyone who has accepted Christ's gift of Eternal Life. I hope that your mourning contains a little Celebration for her as she continues Eternity with the Father, Son & Holy Spirit.

—Steven Sutherland



Frances was one of the most kind hearted lady's I ever had the privilege of knowing. I worked with her at Alba



Waldensian, she loved helping people. She Loved the Lord & would most always talk to you about her Lord. I Love Frances. Heaven sure gained a Lovely Angel. Love you Francis !!! Prayers for her family.

—Norma Speagle

The Heavenly Lord,received a beautiful Angel,we will miss you dearly.Thank You Aunt France's for all you have done,over the years.All the wonderful Cooked meals and Goodie's.All the laughter and friendship. Rest In Peace. Love you dearly.

—Hannah Smith and Robert Smith

Fly high Aunt Frances tell everyone I said hey I will see ya again love you

—Brian & Cheryl Sutherland



I have known Frances she was my late husband Randy Barnes aunt she was a very sweet lady and I loved her just like she was my aunt. My sonatthew Enjoyed when she would come over to see us we will truly miss those visits but now she is in with her husband James and my husband Randy and they're going to have a great time until we get there we love and will miss you Frances.

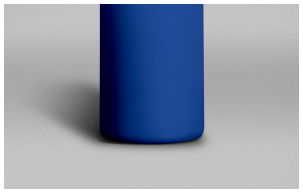
—Kim barnes

My heart hurts for all of you. I send much love and prayers, dear ones.

—Penny Black



YOU WILL ALWAYS BE MISSED I DO LOVE YOU AND I KNOW YOU ARE NOT IN ANY PAIN AND ARE IN THE ARMS OF



JAMES BOTH OF YOU ARE WATCHING OVER ALL OF US

–Gladys Watts

Aunt Frances, Dean and I have been so blessed to have had you as a part of our lives. You are one of the most loving people I have ever known and anyone who has known you must also love you. I look around my home and have reminders of you everywhere.-- the Calla Lillies in my front yard; the screen paintings on the wall above my dining room table; the many crocheted scarves you gave me: the curtains you gave me; but above all, the love I received from you. Dean and I miss you and feel you left this world before your time. You were the most youthful and vibrant 90-year old we have ever known. --Delight Van Horn

–Delight and Dean Van Horn



Aunt Frances you have always been such a kind and loving person. You always took time to help family and friends in any way you could. Your life truly reflects the nature of a genuine Christian. I know heaven welcomed you with open arms.

–Gayla Kerley



I love you mawmaw. You will be missed by me and plenty of others. But we all know your with pawpaw and having fun in heaven.

–Angela watts



Aunt Frances you will be missed and you are deeply loved by me and many many of your family members

–Cindy Isenhour



Mawmaw you will be missed but you will be with Pawpaw

–Janice Buchanan