



Frances Smith

November 23, 2014

Frances Smith, 95, of Chula Vista City, CA, formerly of Marshall and Boonville, passed away on Saturday November 22, 2014. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2014 at 11 am at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Marshall. Visitation will be held from 5-7 pm on Friday, December 12, 2014 at H.T. May and Son Funeral Home in Boonville, and from 10-11 Saturday, December 13 at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Marshall. On November 22, 2014 at 3:21 pm, Nettie Frances Hardiman Smith was called home to be with the Lord. Nettie Frances was one of four children born on February 24, 1919 to Pink Alexander Hardiman and Ida Melvina Patterson Hardiman in Moniteau County, MO in Linn Township. She is preceded in death by siblings Herbert, Ida "Tuffy", Dorothy "Pinky" and Lillie Hardiman. Frances was also raised with her cousin Lela Patterson May whom she revered as a sister.

She was raised in Bunceton, MO on her parent's farm and most everyone called her Frances. She was the eldest of four girls. She accepted Jesus Christ as her personal savior at an early age and was baptized at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Bunceton.

She completed high school in Bunceton in May 1939. Later she attended Lincoln University for one year and stayed with her cousin Milton Hardiman, head of the foreign language department. She returned to Bunceton and in March 1942 married George William Harper of Boonville, MO. They had two sons George Rantie Harper and Otis Alexander Harper. They lived on a farm in Bunceton until 1957 when they moved to Boonville.

Frances became a member of Morgan Street Baptist Church where she sang in the choir and taught Youth Sunday School for many years. She loved to sing and received the opportunity to sing solo several times at Baptist Conventions. She enjoyed the weekly prayer and bible study sessions rotating in homes called the Circle. She loved serving in the community and was devoted to visiting the sick in their homes or hospital. She felt compelled by these selfless acts as she knew many of them did not have families or a loved one to talk with and receive the Lord's word. Frances learned at a young age how to share her faith through her mother, "Mother Pink". One of her favorite seasons of the year was Spring when she would attend basket dinners at many of the rural churches.

Half of the congregation would be family because her mother was one of twenty-one

children. What about that for a weekly reunion!

George William Harper passed away suddenly in June of 1973. It would be eight years before she would remarry. Frances met and married Waite H. Smith in 1981 and moved to Marshall, MO. Waite had one son Waite H. Smith Jr. and two granddaughters, Elisa and Erika Smith. Shortly after moving to Marshall she joined Mt. Olive Baptist Church where she continued working in the church and community. She loved her Pastor and Church family, speaking of them often.

Frances and Waite were members of a motor home club enjoyed traveling and meeting new friends. Both retired, they bought a motor home and would routinely leave the day after Christmas destined for Yuma, AZ to escape the cold weather. They would remain in Yuma until March before returning to Marshall.

Waite Jr. lived in the Los Angeles area with his family and passed away in 2003. Otis lives in San Diego with wife Shirley George Rantie lives in Oakland. Frances loved spending time with her family and friends from Missouri that live in Los Angeles. She was especially fond of her nieces Forecee Hogan Rowles and LaReese Hogan and nephew Force Rantie Hogan, relishing their personal time with each other. She would often travel to Los Angeles for weeks at a time to spend quality time with them.

Waite Sr. passed away in March of 2009. Frances continued to live at home in Marshall until 2010 before her failing health. She had fallen several times and blamed herself for being clumsy. Concerned, Otis and his wife Shirley, decided to move her to San Diego to reside with them. While living in San Diego Frances attended New Genesis Southern Baptist Church with Otis, Shirley and family. She attended bible study and sang in choir through most of 2013. She was welcomed with open arms. Church members were in awe of her ability to find scripture, read it aloud, elaborate on the lesson and quote scripture verbatim at the age of (94) at the time. Everyone called her "Mom or Mother Smith". Every Easter the church gives gifts to the oldest and youngest person and the parent with the most children present. Frances was all smiles being presented with a lemon cake each year. Her response was "I thank the Lord every day and praise him for all of His blessings. He allowed me to spend time with family and friends". Everyone called her "Mom or Mother Smith". Some of her grandchildren called her "Nanny" and "Gigi" for great grand momma. One thing for sure is she was and is loved!

Frances was placed in Hospice on November 14, 2014 and was lucid until her passing.

Her great great grandchildren gave her hugs and kisses and told her she was loved every day until the end. She would smile and hold their hands. During her last days Otis read chapters from Psalms and prayed with her. These were precious moments Frances enjoyed and she would simply respond "thank you Lord". She thanked the Lord until he called his Angel home.

Frances is survived by; sons George Rantie Harper and Otis Alexander Harper, husband of Shirley grandsons Otis Rantie Harper husband of Cinnamon, great grandchildren

Devyn Nevaeh and Dailyn Jianna Harper, grandson Robert Alexander, husband of Melissa, great grandchildren David and Taylor Alexander, great granddaughter Alexis Alexander Hill, wife of Brandon and great great grandchildren Jaxen, Jordan and Addison "Addi" Hill, granddaughter Elisa Smith Edgar wife of John, great grandchildren Bria, John Jr., and Caleb Edgar, granddaughter Erika Smith Howe wife of Nathan, great grandchildren Jordan, Devin and Ethan Howe, nieces and nephews Forescee Hogan Rowles wife of Steve, children Xavier and Trinity Rowles, daughter Shaneeka Rowles with sons Kingston and Princeton, LaResee Hogan, daughter Despree, Rantie Hogan husband of Sharon, Sandra Hardiman Mosley, Wanda Hardiman Thompson, Perry Hardiman husband of Amanda, Charles Hardiman husband of Gloria, brother in-law William Morgan, cousin Lucille Gibson 102 years young, and a host of great and great great nieces, nephews and cousins.

Comments



“ Hello, I am just finding out about the loss of Mrs. Smith. Before I moved to Colorado, I attended church with the Smiths. She was a lovely, lovely person. We shared many conversations. She always made time to offer me words of encouragement and was so endearing. I am so sorry for your loss and pray Gods comfort on all of you.

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“ Love is not place or time or thing; It is the joy a smile can bring. Love is sweet peace though your heart cries; It is the starlight in your eyes. Love finds away through joys and sorrows; It fills all yesterdays, now, and tomorrows. Love lives in hearts, souls, and emotions; It lives in memories, plans, and devotions. Love is strong, gentle, and kind; It is a stabilizer that does not bind. Love never pretends, wears no disguise; It is deeper than oceans, higher than skies. Love is the spirit in you and me, The spirit of truth that sets us free. Love breaks the barriers of distrust and fear; It is life's freeway to all we hold dear. Love is all this and much, much more- It is the key that unlocks any door. This poem describes our Mother that we enjoyed sharing with everyone! God is Love and She loved the Lord. We the Family thank everyone for your Prayers, Condolences kind words and gifts. The Harper Family

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“ To the Smith and Harper Families:
Please accept my deepest condolences for your loss. She was a great inspiration to everyone, and will be greatly missed.
Sincerely,
Ogden W. Lacy, Jr and family

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“ Otis, Rante and family’s
To be remembered in the hearts of those that love you is to never die. Your mom lives on in our hearts.
So sorry for your loss.
Much love
Terry & Linda Palmer

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“ Uncle Otis, Aunt Shirley and family, I am very sorry for the passing of “Mama Haper”.
To live 95 years is absolutely remarkable. I am honored that I was able to come to know her. She was one of the sweetest women I have ever come to know in my life and is a reflection of your family. My prayers are with all of you. Love you, Monica

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“ To the Harper – Smith Family what a beautiful life and a loving spirit that will live forever in our hearts. Otis, God bless your family during this time. Revelations 21:4.

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“ Sorry for your loss. There are tremendously great and wonderful people in this world that we never get to know. Ms. Frances sounds like that person. And although I never had the opportunity to know Ms. Frances, I felt her kindness through her smile and spirt. Thank you Ms. Frances. My condolences to you and your family.

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“ To the Haper family and extended family members, we would like to extend our condolences to the family.
Peace and blessings
Lyle & Lola Smith
Las Vegas, nevada

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“ My prayers are with the family. With Sympathy. Bonita Butner

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“ I'm saddened to learn of the passing of Ms. Frances. She was an absolutely sweet lady with such a wonderful spirit. To her family, my sincere sympathy and prayers for your loss.
Anthony Ray

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“ Much love and appreciation to all the family and friends, as you know—Aunt Frances never met a stranger, and EVERYBODY was family—she would flash her big smile, give a big hug, and you knew she loved you! We will all miss her very much—she was beautiful inside and out! Love to all, Forescee

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“ TO The children Rantie and and Otis (Shirley) Forecee (Steve Rowles) LaReese and Rantie Hogan and family. I will continue to pray for you. Frances will be truly missed by family and friend.

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“ To the family. I am sorry for your loss.

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“ For we know that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. To the family may the God of all comfort, comfort you and your family. We are praying that God will give you super natural strength.

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“ Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. We are sorry for the loss of your Mother. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

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“ Sorry to hear of the passing of Ms. Frances. She was a beautiful lady with a very big heart and kind spirit. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family. May God bless you all.

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“ To our entire Hardiman, Harper, Smith, Rowles Family: Our love and prayers are with you. Otis and Forescee, you have been a constant relative to keep up with your family. Otis and family our Heavenly Father sees and knows the love you showed your mother. We all were blessed with her singing, regret that I can't be with you now. Love, Carrie Mae and Family and Edna Mae Hill Piphus.

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“ To the Smith & Harper families.
so sorry to hear of the passing of our cousin Frances she was a lovely person with a beautiful smile,a beautiful voice and a big giving heart.Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not to your understanding .In all thy ways acknowledge him and, will direct. your path.may God Bless you we will keep you in our prayers
Mr & Mrs Frank Bruce.& family

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“ I’m sorry for your loss. I didn’t know Frances personally, but I do know that she was loved and will be missed. I hope you will be comforted by what the Bible says at 2 Cor. 1: 3, 4 “the Father of tender mercies and the God of all comfort.”
And God also promises someday no one will have to suffer from death or the sadness of losing a loved one to death. You can read about that at Is. 25:8 and Rev. 21:4. Again I’m deeply sorry for your loss. ~ Edna Long

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“ To the Harper/ Smith Families;
Our sincerest condolence on the passing of Ms. Frances. A great singing voice that will forever sing in the memories of all who were blessed to hear it. May God grant you peace.
Best,
The Colemans

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“ I would like to express my sincere condolences to your family. The Bible is a great source of encouragement during times like this. May the “God of all comfort” (2 Corinthians 1:3) comfort you.

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