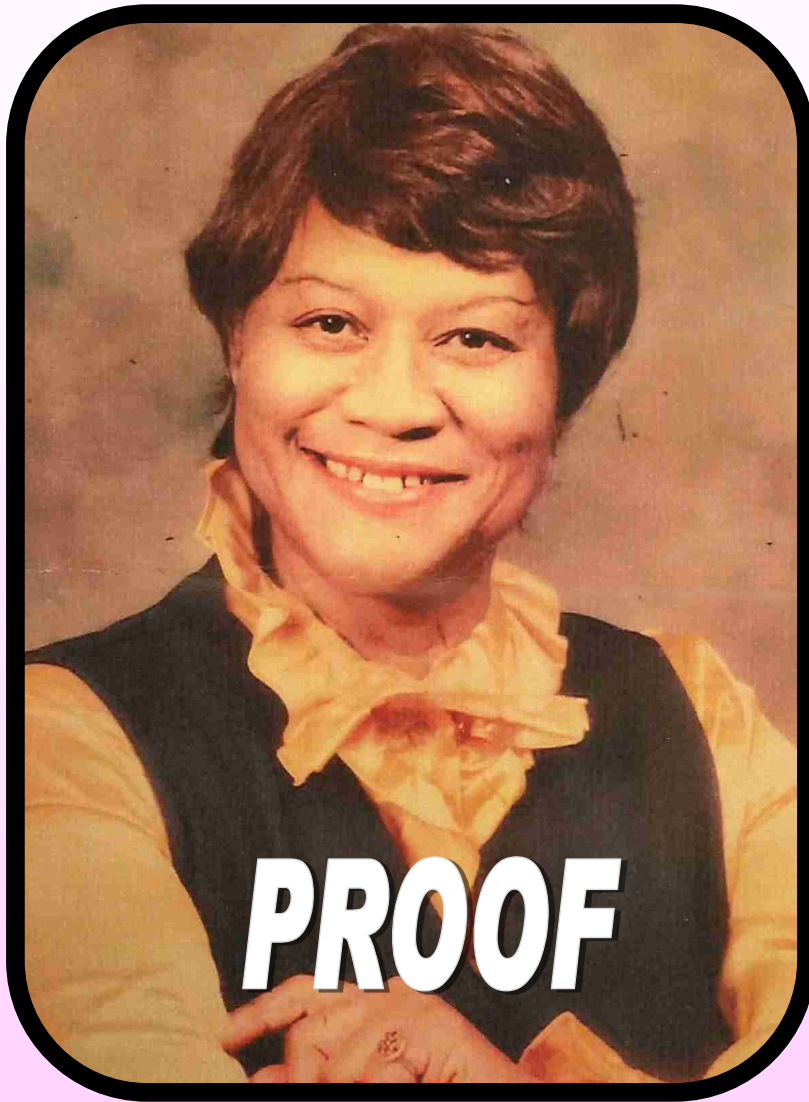


Celebration of Life for

*Mrs. Albertha Moore Smith*

Sunrise: March 9, 1916 ~ Sunset: December 3, 2020



Friday, December 11, 2020

1:00 PM

The Adams Chapel  
510 Stephenson Avenue  
Savannah, GA 31406

The Reverend Romanus Ezeuqwa, M. S. P., Pastor Celebrant



## Obituary

**Mrs. Albertha Moore Smith**, 104 years old, entered into eternal rest on Thursday, December 3, 2020. She was the daughter of the late Mr. Nathan Moore and Mrs. Minnie Beatrice Moore.

Mrs. Smith received her early education at Saint Benedict the Moor Catholic School; graduated in 1937 from Beach Senior High School. She received her Bachelor of Education Degree from Georgia State University; completed one year of graduate studies in Education at John Carroll University in University Heights, Ohio; and received her Master's Degree in Education from New York University in 1955. Additionally, she completed numerous Post Graduate Courses in the field of education.

Mrs. Smith exhibited exceptional entrepreneurial skills leading the charge for building and establishing the first lunchroom that served hot meals for students at Montieth Elementary School during her first full-time teaching assignment. She extended her community involvement by enlisting students and parents to help plant a vegetable garden next to the lunchroom so that students could have garden fresh vegetables on a daily basis. Mrs. Smith enriched the lives of many students with her innovative and effective teaching methods (Montieth Spencer Elementary, Herty Elementary, Richard Arnold Middle School, and so forth) for which she was elected Teacher of the year twice; once at Montieth Elementary and once at Sol C. Johnson Elementary. In addition to years of teaching students, she supervised numerous first year teachers with the development of effective teaching strategies. The outstanding leadership, dedication, and personal involvement regarding teaching and developing young minds for 30 years as a full-time educator and 20 years as a substitute teacher. This is a testament to her genuine care, concern, and love for children and the educational professional. Mrs. Smith and her husband also worked untiringly helping citizens register to vote.

Mrs. Smith was a dedicated and active member of several organizations including the National Educational Association, The Georgia Association of Retired Teachers, and a lifelong member of NAACP.

Mrs. Smith was a devout Catholic of St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church, and a member of several Catholic organizations, such as the Council of Catholic Women, The Legion of Mary, and the Red Hatters. She loved her Parish and was also the interim organist for St. Benedict. Mrs. Smith loved traveling. She enjoyed traveling throughout the United States (Hawaii), the Caribbean Islands, and some areas in Asia (China; Japan). She lived a very full life. Mrs. Smith loved her family, friends, and extended family. She demonstrated unselfish, dedicated, and loving service to her family, citizens of her community and state. She was recognized by President Obama, Senator Jackson, Savannah's 2nd District, family, and friends during her 100th birthday celebration (March 09, 2016).

Mrs. Albertha Smith was living at Habersham House in Savannah during the latter part of her life (since 2007). She was ninety-one years old when she entered Habersham House Assisted Living facility in Savannah. She was very active there, playing the piano and participating in all the activities, and shared her life experiences. She had an exuberant personality (kept you laughing) and was very creative.

Mrs. Albertha Moore Smith departed this life on Thursday, December 03, 2020 at Habersham House in Savannah, GA. She is survived by her loving and devoted daughter, Minnie Ruth Lockhart (LeRoy Lockhart - Deceased).

Preceding her in death were her parents Jonathan and Minnie Beatrice Moore. Also preceding her in death is her daughter JoAnne Smith. Leaving to mourn her are devoted grandsons, Shaka Zulu (Debbie) and David L. Lockhart (Stephanie); devoted great-grandsons, Brandon Lockhart, Miles Lockhart, and Shaka Zulu II; devoted great-granddaughters, Makenzie Lockhart and Mia Lockhart; devoted adopted daughter, Louise Mitchell; nephews, Richard A Moore II (Angela), John C. Moore Jr., and Jamie Moore; nieces, Sabrina Cannon (Gregory), Alberta Moore, Ellen Davis (Kenneth); and a host of relatives and friends. AM ALWAYS WITH YOU"

### *I Am Always With You*

When I am gone, let me go.  
I have so many things to see and do  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with too many tears,  
But be thankful we had so many good years.  
I gave you my love, and you can only guess  
How much you've given me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love that you have shown,  
But now it is time I traveled on alone.  
So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust

That it is only for a while that we must part,  
So treasure the memories within your heart.  
I won't be far away for life goes on.  
And if you need me, call and I will come.  
Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near  
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear  
All my love around you soft and clear  
And then, when you come this way alone,  
I'll greet you with a smile and a "Welcome Home".

# *Order of Service*

Greetings and Invitation	The Reverend Romanus O. Ezeugwa
Opening Prayer	The Reverend Romanus O. Ezeugwa
First Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8	Shaka Zulu (Grandson)
Second Reading: Philippians 3: 20-21	David L. Lockhart (Grandson)
The Gospel: John 11:17-27	The Reverend Romanus O. Ezeugwa
Homily	The Reverend Romanus O. Ezeugwa
Reflections:	Minnie Ruth Lockhart (Daughter) Shaka Zulu (Grandson) David L. Lockhart (Grandson) Louise Mitchell (Adopted Daughter)
Final Commendations	
Prayer Over Place of Committal	
Prayer of Commendations	

## *Interment*

### *"I Never Left You"*

I watch you every day, I am always very near  
I know deep in your heart, You realize I am here  
I watched you while you sleep, In your bed at home  
I hear you when you speak to me, When you are on your own  
You cannot understand, The reason why I have gone  
But I will never leave you, I am there to keep you strong  
Talk to me I hear you, Though you may not see  
We share an unbroken bond, That will always be  
Death won't keep us apart, For our love is forever  
Just remember me in your heart, And one day we will be together  
Live your life and live it full, don't waste a single day  
Remember I am always with you, Every step of the way

# *Acknowledgements*

The family of Mrs. Albertha Moore Smith extends their sincere appreciation for your prayers, sympathy, and all acts of kindness that you shared with us throughout her years while living at Habersham House.

Special thanks are accorded to Mrs. Brenda Lacount, Director of Bridge to Rediscovery and staff who provided outstanding care for our loved one. Mrs. Smith lived at Habersham House Assisted Living from June 2007 - December 2020.

We wish to extend commendations to her adopted daughter (Louise Mitchell), who was extensively involved with mother's personal care. Louise is just a phenomenal person.

We wish to thank Hospice of Savannah for their services in assisting our loved one by helping her make a peaceful transition. We would also like to thank the members of the Parish and Reverend Romanus O. Ezeugwa for their kindness and prayers throughout the hours of Mrs. Smith's loyal service as a parishioner. Additionally, we would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for the special care and assistance provided by the Adams Funeral Services staff and personnel. May God bless every individual that played an integral part as it relates to the care, comfort, and concern during our loved one's transitional process.

God's Blessings.

Special thanks to Amanda "Mandie" Ream (Chip) for her tireless effort in the completion of the order of services.



Final arrangements for our loved one entrusted to:

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