



# Acknowledgements

The family of the late Betty J. Smalls acknowledges with grateful appreciation the many kind acts of sympathy and love extended to them during their bereavement. Special thanks for the professional care and loving support by Betty Jenkins and Gloria White. May God bestow His richest blessings upon each of you.

*John 14: 26-28* (NRSV)

*But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I.*



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# Celebrating The Life of



# Betty

Jane Alexander Smalls

Our Gift: July 16, 1952  
God's Gift: November 11, 2021

Public Viewing  
Tuesday, November 16, 2021, 4-6 PM  
The Adams Chapel  
Adams Funeral Services, Inc.  
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# Obituary

**Ms. Betty Jane Alexander Smalls**, the daughter of Thelma J. and Rudolph Alexander, Sr., was born July 16, 1952 in Savannah, Georgia. She attended local public schools, graduated from Richard Arnold High School and briefly attended Armstrong State College. She began her career as a public servant working at the Chatham County Correctional Institution. In 1982, she began working at the Georgia Department of Family and Children Services where she retired after 30 years of dedicated service. Always a hard worker, she also worked part-time jobs at Sam's Club and H. R. Block Tax Services. She was baptized at an early age while attending First Smyrna Baptist Church.

In God's Divine Timing and Wisdom, Ms. Smalls made her transition on Thursday, November 11, 2021 after a long illness. We pause here today to pay loving tribute to an inquisitive, direct, caring and fun-loving Spirit who valued family and friends. She was loved by all who knew her.

Ms. Smalls was preceded in death by her parents, Thelma J. and Rudolph Alexander, Sr. She is mourned by three devoted children, Phyllis L. Alexander and Charleetta L. Green, both of Savannah; and Charles N. Smalls of Lithonia, GA; two loving sisters, Mildred J. Miles of Savannah and Cora L. Alexander of Decatur and three devoted brothers, Rudolph Alexander, Jr. of Lithonia, Willie L. (Joanne) Alexander of Savannah and Sylvester Alexander of Hampton, GA. Additional family members include five grandchildren: Abshalam J. Alexander, Tameka Greene, Candace R. Washington, LaKesha S. Escoffery and Brian K. Alexander; six great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



## The Traveler

By James Dillet Freeman

She has put on invisibility.  
Dear Lord, I cannot see -  
But this I know, although the road ascends  
And passes from my sight,  
That there will be no night;  
That You will take her gently by the hand  
And lead her on  
Along the road of life that never ends,  
And she will find it is not death but dawn.  
I do not doubt that You are there as here,  
And You will hold her dear.

Our life did not begin with birth,  
It is not of the earth;  
And this that we call death, it is no more  
Than the opening and closing of a door -  
And in Your house how many rooms must be  
Beyond this one where we rest momentarily.

Dear Lord, I thank You for the faith that frees,  
The love that knows it cannot lose its own;  
The love that, looking through the shadows, sees  
That You and she and I are ever one!

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