



Forever
In Our
Heart

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Flower Bearers

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Interment

Ivy Hill Cemetery
1201 Easton Road
Philadelphia, PA 19150

In Appreciation

Our family wishes to express sincere thanks and appreciation to all for your acts of kindness, expression of sympathy and comforting words. May God bless you and keep each of you in His tender, loving care.
The Family



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Celebrating
THE LIFE OF
Gertrude
“TRUDY” SMITH

NOVEMBER 17, 1952 — FEBRUARY 14, 2023

Service of Love
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023 | 10:00AM

G. Choice Funeral Chapel
2530 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19132

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

Our Beloved Trudy



This can't be life
This can't be true
Mom, you were stripped away from us too soon.
Just yesterday we were talking on the phone
Now, today I came home to find out you're gone

How could this be
At a time like this
Our relationship had just blossomed
into a beautiful friendship
We wish this wasn't true,
Mom, We wish you were still here.
We wish we could call you on the phone
and tell you how we feel
We will cherish the memories of you
When we look at a picture of you,
we smile because we are honored to say
"we had a Mother Like you"

Full of Life

You weren't like other grandmothers
Who let their age impact their way of life.
You continued doing the things you loved,
Until the very end.
Always Active,
Always Vibrant,
And Always Ready to bring a smile to my face.
Grandma, your full life touched so many.
You will never be forgotten.

Order of Service



Musical Prelude

Processional.....Clergy & Family
Color of Love (Instrumental) by Brian Culbertson

Prayer of Comfort.....

Selection.....*"The Battle Is Not Yours, It's The Lord's"*

Scripture Reading.....Old Testament
New Testament

Obituary Reading.....Terron Parker

Selection.....

Remarks.....Barry Smith

Reflections (2 minutes please).....Family and Friends

Selection.....*"Take Me to The King"*

Eulogy.....

Acknowledgments.....G. Choice Funeral Chapel Staff

Benediction.....

Recessional.....Clergy & Family





To My Wife

You are Braver than you believe
Stronger than you seem
Smarter than you think
And Loved more than you know
If I could Give you One Thing In Life
I could give you the ability
to see yourself through my eyes
Only then would you realize
how special you are to me
My Sunshine

Love Forever,
Your Husband



The LIFE & LEGACY OF Trudy Smith



On Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 4:57pm God in his infinite wisdom called Trudy home.

Trudy Smith was born to the late Chapman and Janie Payne on Monday November 17, 1952. She received Christ at an early age. She was a member of various churches throughout her life.

Trudy graduated from William Penn High School in 1971.

In a previous union she had 2 boys, Terron Parker & Erkon Parker. She was a strong motivated mother who single handedly raised her two sons. She was a role model and tackled everything she went after. She was the "greatest mother ever" to her sons. She was always there for her sons no matter what they were going through. She always supported her children whether they were wrong or right. She loved them unconditionally.

In 2003 she met the love of her life, Barry Smith. They were married June 30, 2007.

Trudy started her career working at the Crime Commission. Then between 1985-2014 she worked in the State Workers's Insurance Fund (SWIF) where she started in a low-level position and worked her way to the top to become a supervisor. She was highly recommended by many of her colleagues to be promoted. She had a major impact on the job and all of those she worked with. She retired from SWIF after 29 ½ years of service.

Many of her coworkers shared that she was a well-respected supervisor. Everyone congregated in her office. She created a little united nations environment. She united people who didn't always get along. She was the problem solver and helped to soothe people in difficult times. She had a big impact on all the places she worked at. She was always willing to help her fellow co-workers. She always made her coworkers laugh and many described her as having a one-of-a-kind personality with a heart of gold.

But Trudy was not one to sit around she eventually returned to working part-time.

When she was younger, she ran in marathons. She liked to exercise and go shopping. She liked various shoes and sneakers. She loved to wear perfume and makeup. She always loved taking pictures and loved to smile. Throughout her life she loved collecting elephant figurines.

One of her favorite passions was brushing her teeth. Trudy loved making breakfast in the morning. She loved to eat healthy and drink plenty of water. Among her favorite foods were Chinese food and collard greens. She loved to cook and clean. She always kept a clean house. Mostly she was homebody, but she also liked to travel. She loved watching Lifetime network and listening to smooth jazz. She frequently redecorated her home. She was a people's person.

She adored her granddaughter Bella. Trudy was the heart and soul of her family.

She was preceded in death by her father, Chapman Payne, mother, Janie Payne, brother Christopher Payne, sister Jennifer Powers and brother Chapman Payne II. Trudy leaves to mourn, her devoted husband, Barry Smith, devoted two sons Terron Parker & Erkon Parker, loving Granddaughter Bella; one sister, Cecelia Rush, five brothers, Nathaniel Payne, Reginald Payne, Tyrone Payne (Denise), Matthew Payne (Julia), Cleatus Payne (Kollette); a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and an abundance of family and friends.



THE FAMILY

