



# Order of Service



Musical Prelude

- Processional.....Clergy and Family
- Musical Selection.....The Harris Sisters
- Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor D. Omar Epps
- Praise Dance.....Darren Smith
- Reading of the 23rd Psalm.....Jeffery Smith
- Musical Selection.....The Harris Sisters
- Remarks.....Family and Friends  
Please Limit Remarks to 2 Minutes
- Obituary Reading.....Christine Cay
- Eulogy .....Edward Harrington
- Final Viewing.....G. Choice Funeral Chapel Staff
- Benediction.....
- Recessional .....Clergy and Family

*Interment*  
Greenmount Cemetery  
4301 North Front Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19140

*Pallbearers*  
Family and Friends

*Flower Bearers*  
Family and Friends

*I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard him call,  
I turned my back and left it all  
I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work or play  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of day  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow  
My life's been full, I've savored much,  
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch  
If my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief  
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.

*In Appreciation*

The family would like to thank you all for the acts of kindness and support given to us during our time of bereavement. May God bless you and keep you in His care.



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*Celebrating*  
THE LIFE OF

*Helen*  
**IRENE SMITH**

APRIL 27, 1941 – DECEMBER 20, 2022

*Service of Love*

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2022**  
VIEWING: 10:00AM | SERVICE: 11:00AM

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# Her Story

Helen Irene Smith was born April 27, 1941 to the late James and Buleah Byrd. She came from a large family that preceded her in death. She attended the School District of Philadelphia Public School.

Helen accepted Christ at an early age. Early in her life she met and married the late Willie Smith and three sons and two daughters were born to this union. With her life partner, Henry Stidem, two additional children were added to the family.

Helen was a dedicated employee at the School District of Philadelphia Division of Food Service for 34 years.

Our mother was a MOTHER to "ALL"!!!! She didn't mind doing ANYTHING for anybody, and "BOY COULD SHE COOK"! If you ever ate anything that was cooked by the Smith family, you were in for a "TREAT"!!!! Until this day, people are still talking about her food.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Keith Smith-Stidem. She leaves to cherish her memory her children: Willie, Darlene, Kevin, Karen, Jeffery (Patricia) Smith, and LaTanya Stidem; Cardin Shirer, who she raised as her child; grandkids: Kelly, Stephanie, Jeffery Jr., Keith, Cartier, Dominique, Crystal, Dibreya, Dimere, Joshua, Nyree, Daesean, Darien, Jeremy, Tumicka, Bianca, Nelson and Brittney. She has 18 great-grandchildren and Goddaughter, Patricia "Annie", whom she loved dearly; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends that will miss her dearly.

Lovingly Submitted,

## The Family

### THE MAGIC OF A GRANDMOTHER'S TOUCH

*There's magic in a Grandmother's touch,  
and sunshine in her smile.  
There's love in everything she does  
to make our lives worthwhile.  
We can find both hope and courage  
Just by looking in her eyes.  
Her laughter is a source of joy,  
her works are warm and wise.  
There is a kindness and compassion  
to be found in her embrace,  
and we see the light of heaven  
shining from a Grandmother's face.*

