



## Acknowledgements

The family of Betty "Smitty" Smith wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to our friends for their love, support, kindness and prayers shown during our time of bereavement.

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# JANAZAH SERVICES FOR Betty "Smitty" Smith

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# OBITUARY

## To Allah We Belong and To Him Is Our Return

Betty Aisha "Smitty" Smith was born on August 13, 1948 in Beth Israel Hospital to Viola Smith and Samuel Sauzereseteo. Betty, affectionately known as "Smitty" was educated in the Newark Public School System and attended Rutgers University where she majored in Accounting.

Smitty has 3 children, Sonia (Amina), James (Fu'ad) and Gregory (Ali). She was the life of the party and loved to entertain. She was known for her card games and fish fries. She loved her family, especially her 3 children, and shared a close bond with her sister, Johnnie Mae, and her nieces and nephews. Smitty didn't have much in terms of money but she would give her last dollar, not caring how she would eat or pay her debts. She made lifelong friends throughout the city of Newark where she lived most of her life. She always ended a call or visit with "I Love You" even if she fussed you out a few minutes earlier. Smitty was a firecracker but that was what made you love her more. Standing 5 feet tall and weighing 100 lbs, she was fearless and lived her life on her own terms.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, Viola and Samuel, and her brothers, Hanif and Victor. She leaves to cherish her memory, her daughter, Amina; sons, Fu'ad and Ali; son-in-law, Ricco; sister, Johnnie Mae; sisters-in-law, Fatimah and Belinda; nieces, LaShunda, Chevonne (Faiza), Hanifah, Latifah, Khadijah, Davita and Muminah; nephews, Fred, Jerel, Aaron, Vladimir and Muhammad; step-sisters, Sandy, Denise, Doreen, Diane and JoAnn; as well as a host of extended family and friends. Betty Aisha 'Smitty' Smith was loved by all and will be missed immensely.

**"Out of it we created you, and into it we deposit you.  
And from it we shall take you out once again."**

**Surah Ta Ha: Verse 55**

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Our family takes this opportunity to express our thanks and appreciation to the staff at University Hospital and Alaris @ Cedar Grove for taking such good care of our beloved Betty Smith. We also would like to thank everyone for the expressions of love, support and prayers.

## AL DUHA - THE GLORIOUS MORNING LIGHT

1. By the glorious morning light
2. And by the night when it is still
3. Thy guardian Lord hath not forsaken thee,  
nor is He displeased
4. And verily the hereafter will be better  
for thee than the present.

**From Allah we come and to Him is the final return.**

# JANAZAH ISLAMIC BURIAL PRAYER

The Muslim Funeral Prayer (Janaza) is the last rite of the deceased. It is prayed for Muslims by Muslims. The deceased is placed in front of the Imam and the believers stand behind the Imam.

The prayer is conducted with 4 takbirs.

## FROM YOUR NEPHEW JEREL.

Smitty, this is hard to put in words, because my love for you physically was more than unconditional. I can remember many things that you taught me from playing cards to arts & crafts.

We had so many great times together, and it's very hard for me to see you rise to Paradise. Although I am relieved that you do not have to suffer any longer.

I can remember a couple of things you told me that is 'sharing is caring' & 'real people do real things'. So as you rest in peace I share my love with you, and do real things for people as you would do.

You are forever in my heart, and I will see you in time

**Love your Nephew Relly the kid from helly.**

**First Takbir:** Allahu Akbar - In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, The Most Merciful. All praise is due to Allah, Lord of the worlds. The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful, Most of the Day of Judgement. It is You we worship and You we ask for help. Guide us to the straight path, the path of those upon who You have given favor, not of those who have evoked Your anger or of those who are astray.

**Second Takbir:** Allahu Akbar - "Oh Allah, shower Your Mercy upon Muhammad and the followers of Muhammad as You showered Your Mercy upon Abraham and the followers of Abraham. Behold, You are Praiseworthy, Glorious. Oh Allah, shower your Blessings upon Muhammad and the followers of Muhammad as You showered Your Blessings upon Ibrahim and the followers of Ibrahim. Behold, You are Praiseworthy, Glorious.

**Third Takbir:** Allahu Akbar - Oh Allah, forgive those of us that are alive and those of us that are dead, those of us that are present and those of us who are absent; our minors and our elders. Oh Allah, whomsoever of us you keep alive, let him live as a follower of Islam and whomsoever of us you cause to die, let him die as a believer.

**Fourth Takbir:** Allahu Akbar - Oh Allah, do not deny the reward which is due her, do not expose us to temptation after her death.

Forgive us and her.

**As salaamu alaikum wa Rahmatullah -**  
Peace and Mercy of Allah be upon you

**FROM YOUR SISTER JOHNNIE MAE.**

You always called me Mae,  
and you always looked out for me.  
Even all through school, you always took up  
for me no matter what. You did not deserve  
what has been handed to you, but we are going to get  
the right justice for you, believe that.  
So I didn't want you to go but I know you were tired.  
You fought a five-month good fight,  
so you rest sister dear.  
I'll always remember what you said to me  
in the hospital. You told me I love you Mae & I'm ok.  
So the Lord came and took you away from me but He  
has many rooms in His mansion. Tell Mommy I love her  
& see you all soon.

P.S you didn't get a chance to see Ali,  
but he says he loves you and Rest In Peace.

**Love your one & only sister, Mae**

**TO MY AUNT,**

I am so sorry you had to go  
and in such a violent way, you of all people  
did not deserve that. Your heart was so good,  
and you would do almost anything to help someone.  
You and I have had some crazy times  
and you were one of my best friends.  
I am going to really miss your craziness  
and you would say what you mean.  
I cannot tell you how hurt I am  
not to have been able to spend more time with you.  
You go on and rest Aunty and know  
you will always be in my heart.

**Love,  
Your Niece, Ooty Booty (Shonda)**