



Doris Smith

July 23, 1940 - August 5, 2020

Doris D. Smith was born on July 23, 1940 to the late John H. Cooper and Mildred E. Cooper. She departed this life on August 5, 2020.

Doris received her early education in Wilmington, DE. Then she moved to Kirkwood, DE with her family and was bused to Middletown, DE to attend Louis L Redding High School for Blacks and graduated in 1959. Doris met James (Jimmy) Duker at Louis L. Redding; they married and had 4 children from this union Deborah, Charlena (Sherry), Gregory and Tracey.

Doris attended Goldey Beacom College for a short time taking Secretarial Courses. She drove a school bus for a few years until it snowed and the bus turned sideways in the road (She was done with that). She worked at MOT Head Start; then worked at MOT Community Action with Ms. Carrie M. Cale until it closed. She worked at Sentac Drug Rehabilitation and Reflections in Delaware City, DE until retirement.

Mom loved getting up every morning drinking her Cappuccino and smoking her cigarettes. She loved doing her Seek and Find puzzles, reading, crocheting and her collection of ducks.

In addition to her parents Doris was preceeded in death by two children (Deborah (Debbie) 2000, (Gregory 2016), her sister Janice M. Lindsey, one

sister in law and 3 brother in laws.

She is survived by two daughters Charlena (Sherry) Chris of Townsend and Tracey of New Castle. Nine grandchildren; Chris Jr, Kevin, Kory and Tyrone Watson, Brandon, DeRon and Ryan Duker, Amber Marie Shire-Duker and Azaria Hynson. Twenty-one Great grandchildren. One devoted Great grandson Nehemiah, whom she helped raise until her health started failing. Two Great great grandchildren Kehlani and Kaden, one devoted nephew Eddie Lindsay; five God daughters; five brother in laws, five sister in laws and her devoted friends who called to check on her everyday, Leo Smith, Bernice Saunders, Kim Cheatwood and Anita Petroulis and a host of nieces, nephew, cousins and friends.

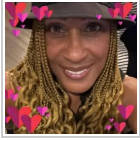
Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG **22**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Red Lion Christian Academy
1390 Red Lion Road
Bear, DE 19701

Tribute Wall



“ Elizabeth Sadler Boyer lit a candle in memory of Doris Smith



Elizabeth Sadler Boyer - August 22, 2020 at 07:08 AM

EB

“ Sherry and Tracey, so sorry for your loss. We know to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. My heartfelt sympathy prayers and love to you and the family. Miss Doris was very special to me and was always a joy to be around. Praying your strength during this difficult time. Love you.

Elizabeth Boyer

Elizabeth Sadler Boyer - August 22, 2020 at 07:06 AM

MW

“ Marilyn Watson-Duker lit a candle in memory of Doris Smith



Marilyn Watson-Duker - August 20, 2020 at 09:21 PM

DW

“ *Sherry Tracy Azaria*
i'm soo sorry to hear about the lost of Ms. Doris i worked with her many many years at NET she always made my potato Salad for me whenever i was having an event soo many years of wonderful memories i will always cherish just know that i'm praying with you and for you during this difficult time praying for your comfort strength and peace

Dorothea Williams

Dorothea Williams - August 20, 2020 at 03:04 AM

SG

“ *To Sherry and Tracey so sorry to hear of your mom passing she was a really nice lady and will be missed always remember absent from the body is present with the Lord be blessed.*
Sandy Grinnage.



Sandra Grinnage - August 13, 2020 at 07:11 AM

DN

“ To Sherry and Tracey,
Please accept my heartfelt condolences on the passing of your mother. I remember your mother working at the M.O.T. center and coming home from work and preparing dinner and snacks for us after we had a fun and adventurous day of playing. I also remember her showing me how to use the water pump behind Ms. Johnson's house. My favorite one is when your mother let me borrow Sherry's fancy dress for the yearbook picture day. At that time it was the most beautiful dress I have ever seen. This stunning dress was a gorgeous 2-pc. knit dress with a matching jacket. I felt like a princess wearing that dress.

Your mother was a beautiful person in her personality, integrity and actions. I extend to you my deep and heartfelt condolences on the loss of your mother. I hope you find some comfort in knowing that she was a great person to me, and she will never be forgotten. I offer you my thoughts, prayers, and well wishes during this dark time in your life. May the soul of your dear mother rest in peace.

Love you,
Debbie Nelson & Family

Debbie Nelson - August 10, 2020 at 06:13 PM