



## Minister KoShema Lynn Smith

June 20, 1972 - October 21, 2023

KoShema Lynn Smith affectionally known as Koky was born on June 20, 1972, in Alexandria, Virginia to Kathleen V. Smith of Columbus, Ohio and Kenneth F. Smith of Savannah, Georgia.

KoShema's family moved to Delaware in 1989 where she attended and graduated from Wilmington High School in 1990. She would continue her education at Star Technical Institute where she was certified as a Medical Assistant and received her business degree from Delaware Technical Institute.

KoShema began her career in the healthcare industry in 1996 working for multiple healthcare providers until she went to work for the state's largest healthcare provider Christiana Care Hospital with 21 years of service.

KoShema was loved and respected on her job. She also worked part-time for We Care Home Care of Delaware for 5 years as a home healthcare provider. As one would expect, her clients loved and thought of her as family. KoShema was committed to doing her job well and caring about others—those who knew Koky would say she was just being herself as caring for others wasn't really a job for her.

KoShema grew up in church, at an early age she was baptized at Mount Zion

Baptist Church of Garten, WV. where she was very active in various activities such as the youth choir, fundraising initiatives, and acting in youth plays. After moving to Delaware, she attended a few churches before becoming a member of New Birth Ministries (NBM) under the leadership of Bishop Francine Baise. Over KoShema's 21 years with NBM, she has served as an Usher, Youth Leader, Trustee, and Vice President of the Church on the Rock Youth Convention. KoShema was licensed as an Ordained Minister on November 9, 2013, at the Holy Convocation by the Overseer Bishop Marcia Pitts. She was a spirit-filled dedicated servant of the Lord. Her ministry included a love for the word of God, a heart for the youth, and compassion for all. She was a prayer warrior; she would pray for anyone in need instantly. Koky was a strong woman of God, never wavering in her faith and belief in Jesus.

KoShema was an amazing mother to two beautiful children. She would bend over backward to make sure they were taken care of and taught them to never give up and to always put their best foot forward. She was understanding but stern and loved to spoil her grandchildren every chance she could. She loved her children and grandchildren wholeheartedly. Her family was the main source of her joy. She kept them close and loved on them, they knew for certain that their mother/grandmother loved them and raised them to be independent and self-sufficient.

Koky had a larger-than-life personality; she would light up a room with her smile and laughter. She was a fantastic conversationalist and had an amazing sense of humor. She was dedicated to and protective of those she loved and wouldn't hesitate to defend them. KoShema made friends feel like family and family feel unconditionally loved. She had a way of having a conversation with you and making you feel as if you were the most important person in the world. She was generous and kind with a heart of gold. Let's not forget KoShema's flare for fashion and style.

She did not just represent a brand she lived it being a Virtuous Woman. Almost any day of the week you could find Koky wearing the flyest ensemble with accessories to match. Now don't forget about her hair styles. You would never see her without her hair done or a new hat on.

Her beautiful smile and spirit will be missed.

KoShema is preceded in death by her grandparents; Thomas and Juanita Booker; Charles Smith Jr and Leara Helen Woody. Her Aunts Betty Jean Coleman, Coquella Smith and Gwendolyn Smith. Uncles Thomas Booker, Gregory Booker, James Garrison, and Kioshi Smith.

She leaves to cherish her memory a Son, Khaliel Barner and Daughter, Kasiah Black; three grandchildren, Angel Nicole Rosa, Khaliel Barner, Jr. and Tony Harrison aka Papi; her Mother Kathleen Smith and Father Kenneth F Smith (Theresa); Brothers Kenneth L Smith and Kennell Smith; Sisters Adele Young, Sherita Smith and a Step-sister Valencia Byers; Aunts Betty Jean Howard, Joyce Williams, Barbara Gibson, Karen Guishard, Marsha Riley, Cheryl Thompson, Gloria Dykes Smith, Minister Dannetta Wright-Cooper, Muriel Bryant, Vanessa Bryant, and Charlene Cumdiff; her Uncles Charles Smith, Tim Smith, Carl Smith, and Delbert Booker; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

KoShema also leaves to cherish her memory a fiancé Richard Carpenter to whom she was planning to wed on December 31, 2023

# Previous Events

## Viewing

NOV 6. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM.

Cathedral of Fresh Fire  
2300 Northeast Boulevard  
Wilmington, DE

## Celebration of Life

NOV 6. 6:00 PM.

Cathedral of Fresh Fire  
2300 Northeast Boulevard  
Wilmington, DE

# Tribute Wall

KB

“ *KENYA BROWN lit a candle in memory of Minister KoShema Lynn Smith*



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**KENYA BROWN** - November 07, 2023 at 08:12 AM

VS

“ *Venetta M. Stewart lit a candle in memory of Minister KoShema Lynn Smith*



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**Venetta M. Stewart** - November 06, 2023 at 09:35 PM

SH

“ *Ms. Ko,*

*I didn't have the pleasure of knowing you long but you immediately pulled me in and made me feel at home. You had such a welcoming friendly positive loving spirit about you that I'm definitely going to miss. And boyyy always fly, couldn't wait to see what you were rocking coming in the lab. I'm going to miss you.*

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**Shamia** - November 06, 2023 at 07:43 AM

JH

“ *Joey V. Hawkins lit a candle in memory of  
Minister KoShema Lynn Smith*



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**Joey V. Hawkins** - November 06, 2023 at 07:28 AM

“ Koshema aka Butter

*I know, I know it took me a minute to write this, but I could not find the word to express the, pain, the hurt, the devastation and the loss of your sudden pass*

*But, I know today we are laying you to rest and I now know the the reality of your passing is real*

*Ko, you were a bright light, that would spread rays of inspiration*

*You were words of encouragement when spirits were down*

*You were the peace of comfort when souls were sadden*

*You brighten up the dimmer in others and gave them hope*

*You were favored by God and you did not mind praising and sharing His word*

*You brought me out of retirement and we were able the share some more memories one las time*

*Your famous work line "Team Work Makes the Dream Work"*

*I am going to miss saying, "Hey Butter and you responding "Hey Babe, you good, I got some goodies at my desk, come get some, How is my Uncle Joey, he good, did you drive or Uncle Joey brought you up, You got gas, You need a ride, I got You"*

*I am going to miss your stylish attire and your hair was on lock*

*I am going to miss our daily conversations and great laughs*

*I am gong to miss coming over to your office having break and lunch with you, even just napping*

*I am going to miss sharing your heated blanket, when I was cold*

*I am going to miss you going in your desk drawer and giving me icy hot, salon pads, or creams when you see me limping*

*I am going to miss you passing out cough drops and mask when you hear coughing*

*I thank God for you being a might presence in my life*

*I thank God for your unconditional love friendship and sisterhood*

*I thank God for your mercy, grace and peace*

*But, Most of all I thank God for YOU*

*"Love Yesterday, today forever"*

*Jeremiah 31-3*

*Sadly Submitting,  
Marie H. Hawkins (Babe)*

**Marie H. Hawkins** - November 06, 2023 at 07:26 AM

SG

“ *SONYA D GREEN lit a candle in memory of  
Minister KoShema Lynn Smith*



**SONYA D GREEN** - November 05, 2023 at 11:10 PM



“ *R.I.H. Koshema! You were always so nice and sweet of a person!!!!  
You will be remembered.*

**Adonis Randolph** - November 03, 2023 at 12:28 PM

PA

“ *Patricia Anderson-Rice lit a candle in memory  
of Minister KoShema Lynn Smith*



**Patricia Anderson-Rice** - November 03, 2023 at 10:32 AM

AB

“ *ARLENE EADDY BEARD lit a candle in  
memory of Minister KoShema Lynn Smith*



**ARLENE EADDY BEARD** - November 03, 2023 at 09:22 AM

CG

“ RIH my beautiful cousin Koshema Smith



Charlotte Green - November 02, 2023 at 12:02 PM

BC

“ Blood Bank of Point of Care team at CC planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Minister KoShema Lynn Smith.

Blood Bank of Point of Care team at CC - November 02, 2023 at 10:43 AM

BC

“ Blood Bank of Point of Care team at CC purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Minister KoShema Lynn Smith.



Blood Bank of Point of Care team at CC - November 02, 2023 at 10:43 AM

JM

“ JaDean Mills lit a candle in memory of Minister KoShema Lynn Smith



JaDean Mills - November 01, 2023 at 09:21 AM

JC

“ Condolences to the Smith family. PGM Franklin Chandler & family

Joyce Chandler - October 31, 2023 at 04:13 PM

DH

“ So sorry to hear of Ko's passing! My prayers and condolences to the family 🙏! May God comfort and strengthen you! R I P beautiful!



Dotsie (Anna) Hargraves - October 31, 2023 at 09:42 AM

DH

“ So sorry to hear of Ko's passing! My prayers and condolences to the family! May God comfort and strengthen you 🙏🙏! R.I.P beautiful!



Dotsie (Anna) Hargraves - October 31, 2023 at 09:40 AM

RR

“ Renauld R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Minister KoShema Lynn Smith.

Renauld R. - October 30, 2023 at 09:23 PM

SH

“ Stephanie Hudson lit a candle in memory of Minister KoShema Lynn Smith



Stephanie Hudson - October 30, 2023 at 11:39 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Minister KoShema Lynn Smith.

October 29, 2023 at 11:35 AM

GS

“ Greg Stewart lit a candle in memory of Minister KoShema Lynn Smith



Greg Stewart - October 29, 2023 at 03:45 AM

RM

“ Rest in heaven our beautiful sister Queen 👑



Roxanne Meades - October 28, 2023 at 09:45 PM



“ *Sending my deepest condolences and prayers to Her family and closet friends. She was Great person with a golden heart. She will definitely be missed and never forgotten.* ”



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**TiaNicole Johnson** - October 28, 2023 at 01:48 PM

BL

*I was so sorry to hear about the passing of Minister Koshma my deepest condolences to her family and friends my thoughts and prayers 🙏❤️ are with you. she truly will be missed*

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**Betty D Lum** - October 30, 2023 at 12:37 PM

JU

“ *Julie lit a candle in memory of Minister KoShema Lynn Smith* ”



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**Julie** - October 27, 2023 at 03:26 PM

AF

“ My deepest and sincere condolences to Rick and the bereaved family. I’m still in disbelief. You were such a good person with a heart of gold, who will not hesitate to help someone in need of assistance. I’ll come to work hoping to see you in the office and say to me “good morning Ms. Agnes,” then I realized that you no longer here with us but you’re here with us in spirit. Wow, what a great loss. I was looking forward to attending you and Rick’s wedding on Dec 31, 2023, however, Ko I love you and you will forever be in my heart. Until we meet again in the next world, I say fare you well and may your Beautiful Soul Rest in Perpetual Peace.



Agnes Freeman-Herring  
CCH Lab Services

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**AGNES FREEMAN-HERRING** - October 27, 2023 at 02:49 PM

FS

“ Sending my deepest sympathies to her family and friends. Ko was a good person. She will greatly be missed.



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**Family of the late Darryl Schofield** - October 27, 2023 at 11:29 AM

TI

“ We are sisters for life! I wanted to make your Bridal shower so special because you so deserve it.... Love you Sis❤️ fly high🕊️



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**Tiffany** - October 27, 2023 at 11:24 AM

AH

“ Ashley And Zakira Hackett lit a candle in memory of Minister KoShema Lynn Smith



Ashley and Zakira Hackett - October 27, 2023 at 09:40 AM

SD

“ We would like to send our condolences to the family of Minister Koshema L. Smith  
"To be absent in the body is present with the Lord"  
Koshema you were our shining star. You would spread happiness, joy, encouragement and comfort to all whenever needed. Your kindle spirit and gentle heart was always illuminating upon you  
You joyfulness would bring brightness to us on a daily basis  
You were our prayer warrior and never had a problem bring forth the word of God  
We will truly miss your present here in the Specimen Processing Department at Christiana Hospital Newark, Delaware  
But you will always be in our hearts. We Love You Ko

Specimen Processing Department - October 27, 2023 at 09:38 AM

IF

“ Isis And Family lit a candle in memory of Minister KoShema Lynn Smith



Isis and family - October 27, 2023 at 07:09 AM

MM

“ Sending my condolences to family and friends. Koshema you were a bright shining star here on earth and now your a brighter shining star in heaven as you shower your beautiful smile and laughter upon us. Love you Ko❤️❤️

*Marva*

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**Marva Mixson** - October 26, 2023 at 04:59 PM

MM

“ *Marva Mixson lit a candle in memory of Minister KoShema Lynn Smith*



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**Marva Mixson** - October 26, 2023 at 04:54 PM

DC

“ *Donna And Curtis Clack lit a candle in memory of Minister KoShema Lynn Smith*



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**Donna and Curtis Clack** - October 26, 2023 at 03:39 PM

NF

“ *Nicole Francis lit a candle in memory of Minister KoShema Lynn Smith*



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**Nicole Francis** - October 26, 2023 at 02:20 PM

