



Ms. Elaine Marie Smith

May 29, 1958 - December 20, 2025

Elaine Marie Smith, the beloved daughter of Harriet Thierry Smith and Lawrence Joseph Smith, was born on Wednesday, May 29, 1958, in Lafayette, Louisiana. From an early age, Elaine embraced her faith in Christ and became an active and dedicated member of St. Mark Baptist Church in the Plaisance community. Throughout her life, she served with unwavering devotion, including roles as treasurer of the senior choir, president of the Pastor's Aide Committee, Vacation Bible School assistant, and chairperson of the church's annual picnic. Elaine loved bringing people together, hosting friendly gatherings, and helping to prepare for the Joseph and Smith family reunions, moments always filled with love, laughter, and delicious food. Her willingness to help others, combined with her kindness and strength, touched the lives of everyone she met.

Elaine graduated from Plaisance High School in 1977 and furthered her education earning a Bachelor of Science in Business from Southern University in 1981. She had a successful career, most recently serving as the office manager at Active Personal Care Services. Elaine's professionalism, encouragement, and warmth made her a cherished presence in her workplace and a source of love and support to all who knew her.

Her memory lives on through her family: one brother, Christopher James "Teddy" Smith, one sister, Jacqueline Smith Guillory, three nephews: Cody

Guillory (Charisse), Joshua Guillory (Tamarra), Matthew Guillory (Mariah), all of Opelousas, LA. Elaine's legacy is also carried on by seven Guillory great-nieces and nephews: Camille Ronae, Caylee Reese, Colson Reign, Marlee Jade, Cade Roman, Meila Grace and Rylen James, three godchildren: Chante' Bellard-Lavallier, Daryl Baker, Kevin Hale, sister-cousins—Janice Brown, Melinda Stevens-Ester, Catherine Jean Fontenot, Carolyn "Wine" Marzette, Maxine Brown-Simon, Linda Gail Thierry, and her "Road Posse," Gwendolyn Edwards, Patsy Williams, and Carolyn "Wine" Marzette—all held a special place in her heart.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lawrence Joseph Smith and Harriet Thierry, as well as her paternal grandparents, Percy Lee Smith and Rosa Randall Smith, and maternal grandparents, Harriet Joseph Thierry and Leonce.

Elaine's memory will forever be cherished by all who had the honor of knowing her. Her legacy of love, faith, and service to others will continue to live in the hearts of her family, friends, and all who were touched by her strong will and kindness.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, December 27, 2025, at St. Mark Baptist Church, located at 3461 Highway 167 in Opelousas, Louisiana 70570, in the community of Plaisance. Viewing will begin at 8:00 AM, followed by the service at 10:00 AM. Burial will take place immediately following the service in the church cemetery. Pastor Jason Rubin will officiate.

The family invites relatives, friends and all who were touched by her life to share words of comfort and memories at www.williamsfuneralhomes.net. Your expressions of love, support and remembrance are deeply appreciated during this time.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Williams Funeral Home of Opelousas,
337-942-2037.

Tribute Wall

EW

“ *My deepest sympathy goes out to the whole family*

Ella Williams - December 29, 2025 at 01:15 PM

JT

“ *I love and will miss my cousin. She and I had so much fun in school. We shared special friends and our time was filled with joy and laughter... Jeff.*

Jeff W. Thierry - December 27, 2025 at 09:50 PM

VF

“ *Vernon Jefferson and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ms. Elaine Marie Smith.*



Vernon Jefferson and Family - December 26, 2025 at 01:31 PM

GS

“ *My deepest Condolences for your loss. May the peace of our Lord rest on the Smith family during this challenging time.*

Georgian Harris Stevens - December 24, 2025 at 07:08 PM

BT

“ *My deepest condolences for Elaine’s family. Trust in God, he will see you through this bereavement period. Cherish your special memories of her.*



Barbara W Thomas - December 23, 2025 at 08:13 PM

SB

“ *Sandra K Brown lit a candle in memory of Elaine Smith*



Sandra K Brown - December 23, 2025 at 04:37 PM