



Neva Jane Smith

October 31, 1955 - June 25, 2010

NEVA JANE REED SMITH "NOVA"

October 31, 1955 to June 25, 2010 Opelousas, Louisiana

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 A.M. Friday, July 2, 2010, at Greater Mount Calvary Baptist Church, in Opelousas, for Mrs. Neva Smith, 54, whose Book of Life on Earth closed, Friday, June 25, 2010, opening the beginning of a new chapter, Eternal Life.

Mrs. Smith was a floral designer for 30 years. She was the owner of "Flowers By Nova" for 24 years, where she catered to the community with unique floral designs.

Interment will be in Bellevue Memorial Park, in Opelousas, Louisiana. Rev. Johnny Offord will officiate at the services.

Mourning her departure, yet cherishing her precious memories, is her loving husband, Rev. Willie L. Smith, Sr. of Opelousas, Louisiana. She is also survived by her children, two sons, Vernon Jones, Jr. (Denise) of Opelousas, Louisiana and Willie Smith, Jr. of Houston, Texas; one daughter, Kristi Smith (fiancé, Adam Malrey) of Houston, Texas; six grandchildren, Brittany Bellard, Brianna Minor, McKinnly Bellard-Jones, Cameron Jones, Madison Jones all of Opelousas, Louisiana and Tyler Malrey of Houston, Texas; six brothers, Ollie Reed, Jr. (Anna Wise) of Houston, Texas, Allen Reed (Gloria), Harry Reed (Jeanne), Larry Reed (Glenda), Michael Reed (JoAnn) and Kurt Young all of Opelousas, Louisiana; one sister, Caroline Arvie of Opelousas, Louisiana; father-in-law, Mr. Horace Smith, Sr. of Opelousas, Louisiana; five sisters-in-

law, Lois Smith Ghand of Columbus, Georgia, Mary Helen Franklin (Alvin) of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Myrtle Manuel, Joy Smith and Rachel Smith all of Opelousas, Louisiana; three brothers-in-law, Rev. Horace E. Smith (Margie) of Kingwood, Texas, Murry Smith and Horace Smith, Jr. both of Opelousas, Louisiana; one aunt, Mrs. Albertha Riley of Palto-Alto, California; five godchildren, Jacquelyn Reed, Kalin Manuel, Donna Babino all of Opelousas, Louisiana, TaKyra Ghand and Cole Ghand both of Columbus, Georgia and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and special friends, who will miss her deeply.

Mrs. Smith was preceded in death by her parents, Ollie & Anna Reed, Sr.; one sister, Lois Reed; one brother, Major Reed, her beloved mother-in-law, Mrs. Leola Theresa Smith and one brother-in-law, Robert Arvie.

Visiting hours will be observed from 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Friday, July 2, 2010, at Greater Mount Calvary Baptist Church, in Opelousas, Louisiana.

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

Share words of comfort with the Smith & Reed family and view the video tribute at www.williamsfuneralhomes.net

Tribute Wall



“ *Neva Jane Smith*

January 28, 2023 at 08:52 AM



“ *Neva Jane Smith*

Ruth & James Malveaux - July 07, 2010 at 11:38 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your family loss. Nova was a great friend to Pam and I. She will be missed.*

Denise & Pam Moore - July 06, 2010 at 11:04 AM



“ *Grief Overcome by Mercy
But though he cause grief, yet he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies. Lamertations 3:32
We must cling to the promise that in the midst of loss God's mercy breaks through. Jeremial reminds us life isn't all food, but God is, and His mercy comforts His people, especially in times of grief.
MY PRAYER TO THE FAMILY: Father, help them find Your comfort and mercy in the middle of their grief and loss.*

Beverly Batiste-Newton - July 05, 2010 at 11:30 AM



“ *god bless*

noel,bea - July 03, 2010 at 09:11 AM

CF

“ *Be strong and god bless you all.*

Chadwick Batiste & Family - July 03, 2010 at 09:09 AM

BA

“ *May GOD Bless The Family.*

Batiste,Pearl - July 03, 2010 at 09:06 AM

PA

“ *may god be with the family*

patti - July 03, 2010 at 08:48 AM

PJ

“ *My prayers are with you and your family, May God Bless You!
Penny Johnson and family.*

Prentence "Penny" Smith Johnson - July 02, 2010 at 09:09 PM

RF

“ *Our deepest sympathy and the family will be in our prayers.*

Rev and Sis Cornelius and Annette Hillard and Fami - July 02, 2010 at 07:55 PM

GV

“ *Sorry for the lost of your loved one, you all are in my thoughts and
in my prayers.*

Geralyn Vallier - July 02, 2010 at 06:40 PM

SS

“ My deepest and heartfelt sympathy to the Smith and Reed families during your time of sorrow. Trust in God and know that he will see you through. You may not see her face but know that she is and will always be there as long as you keep the memories alive in your heart. To the children I know what you are going through because I have sat where you are sitting but keep God and good thoughts in your mind and you will be alright. My prayers are with you all.

Sandra Smith - July 02, 2010 at 02:13 PM

LF

“ We love you and your family. We know through the Grace of GOD you all will survive the lost of your love one. The joy of the Lord is your strength. Our sister has moved to a new location where she is no longer feeling any pain, hurt or sorrow. One day you will see her again. Just know that as each day passes time will get better and you will always have those precious memories of the time you all had here on earth with her. Keep Smiling!!!!
The Spirit of the Lord be with you all Smith & Reed Family

Logos Teaching Center/ Pastor: J & Fmly - July 02, 2010 at 01:17 PM

JC

“ We extend our deepest sympathy to you in the lost of your dear loved one. May God bless you with strength and courage to make it through these troubled days. Remember to keep the faith. Trust God to come through and He will.
Love you guys, our prayers are with you.
Joseph, Cynthia, Quentin & Justin Payne

Joseph & Cynthia - July 02, 2010 at 01:09 PM

RB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the whole family. Stay prayful and know that she is in a better place. Rest in peace Ms. Nova!

Rashida Brown - July 02, 2010 at 10:36 AM

PF

“ We would like to say that we are sorry for your loss. You all know that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. We just want you to know that while you are going through this time of sorrow, God is still with you all. I remeber 3 weeks ago when i visited her,i told her to trust God and i know she did. I thank God for her last words to me were, come back any time to see me.I'll remember those words forever. MAY GOD BLESS AND KEEP YOU ALL IS OUR PRAYER!!!

Priscilla Andrus and Family - July 02, 2010 at 09:12 AM

LB

“ Our deepest condolences to the Smith and Reed Family, you are in our prayers.

LaSonya DeRousselle Boast - July 02, 2010 at 12:34 AM

MS

“ To the Smith/Reed family, we will keep you in our prayers and always remember to Hold to Gods Unchanging Hands. Dedrick Sr., Stephana, Chris, Dedrick Jr., & Kia

Mr& Mrs Dedrick (Stephana) Williams Sr. - July 02, 2010 at 12:06 AM

AM

“ I share yours sympathy be strong and remember God is always with you.

Alberta Melancon - July 01, 2010 at 11:14 PM

DJ

“ To the family,
Continue to stay strong, and let God direct you all in the right path
for strength, faith and Love. Like my grandmother used to say, "It's
hard but it's fair". Sorry I could not be there physically, but you all
are in our prayers.
Love The Robinson Family

Dolita Jones-Robinson - July 01, 2010 at 10:39 PM

WT

“ When you lose someone very precious, no one else can really know
all that you feel, but please know that many caring thoughts are with
you during this time of sorrow.

Wilton & Barbara Thomas - July 01, 2010 at 08:29 PM

LR

“ praying for your family in your hour of grief,love you all,she will be
missed

lynda rayborn - July 01, 2010 at 06:57 PM

MH

“ Mrs.Nova will be missed. My prayers go out to the Smith and Reed
family. I am asking that God give you strength in dealing with your
loss.

Melissa Hall - July 01, 2010 at 05:52 PM

IT

“ Our deepest condolences to the Reed and Smith family. We can only imagine your loss because Nova was such an intergral part of your family - a family deeply rooted in each other and for each other. Remaining strong as a family will serve as a testament to her because family was so important to her.
May God's grace give you the peace you need during these troubled days.
Love, The Broussards Your neighbors and friends

Isabella Broussard Thompson - July 01, 2010 at 01:03 PM

CK

“ Words cannot express what I want to say at this time. Please remember that God is here for you and your family.

Chandra Kennerson - July 01, 2010 at 01:00 PM

KF

“ To the entire Reed/Smith Family, On behalf of the Toussaint Family we extend our condolences. Ms. Nova was a beautiful soul and will be deeply missed. We are praying for your strength in this time of bereavment.

Kenneth & Wanda Toussaint & Family - July 01, 2010 at 01:00 PM

JF

“ I am sending my deepest sympathy and condolences. May God Bless You and Your Family.

Jacqueline Guillory and Family - July 01, 2010 at 12:58 PM

LH

“ To the family of Nova, she will be missed but not forgotten her memories will be with us forever.
Willie, Vernon, Willie Jr and Kristi you are in my prayers and may God give you peace as you go through this time. Love Lois

Lois Hudson - July 01, 2010 at 11:56 AM

SW

“ Willie Vernon Kristi Willie Jr and Smith/Reed Family It's so hard to find the right words, But I hope you'll know somehow, Our sympathy and very warmest thoughts are with you now. Nova was a very loving person with a Big Heart and always a smile on her face. Keep her memory alive by remembering the strength and Love she gave to everyone she encountered. An Angel has been called home. With Heartfelt Sympathy Sharon, Lisa, Dedrick jr, and Queenie

S Williams - July 01, 2010 at 11:28 AM

RM

“ To my family:
Neva did the work that she could do while the day was here now the evening has come and she is resting.
Family she is in a better place smiling at us. Keep your heads up and the Faith and we will see her again.

Rev Dr. Gloria Milow - July 01, 2010 at 11:19 AM

GS

“ To the Smith Family: We wanted you to know that our church family is praying for all of you. Scripture tells us God will keep us in perfect peace if we trust in Him and keep our minds on Jesus. Hold on to your precious memories. They will give you comfort when all seems to hard to bear. Cast all your cares upon the Lord for He careth for you. God will take care of you. We Love You!

Greater Live Oak Pastor Jason Rubin, Sr - July 01, 2010 at 11:04 AM

PB

“ *Kristi - My condolences to you and your entire family!*

Pam Brown-Johnson - July 01, 2010 at 10:12 AM

BB

“ *To the Smith and Reed Family: Sending my heartfelt regrets to the family and friends of Mrs. Nova Smith. You will be missed but never forgotten. Your smile was contagious and your heart was pure. Nova you were always willing to go that extra mile to help any one who needed. May God bless and keep the family at this time. Reverend Smith and Mr. Martin McClendon know that Nova will always be looking over you all and still guiding you from her Heavenly Home with the Lord. Farewell my friend. I will cherish all of our talks, hugs and kisses. Rest Nova. Going but never forgotten.*

Brenda Pickens Broussard - July 01, 2010 at 08:36 AM

FM

“ *May god Bless And be with all of you. You are in our prayers.*

FRANK & GLORIA JEAN MARCEL - July 01, 2010 at 12:50 AM

KG

“ *My condolences go out to the Smith/Reed family. I empathize with all of you, remember God makes no mistakes. Nanny Nova fulfilled her purpose here on earth, and she touched the hearts of many (mine included). She will forever remain in my heart. My prayer is that in the days to come all continues to be well with your family as you go through your healing process. Love Always, Karmesha*

Karmesha Green-Darby - June 30, 2010 at 11:53 PM

JW

“ I am at a loss for adequate words to express my sadness for you. My mother was also my best friend. I am standing by your side in my prayers every night. Your mom touched so many people's lives, and I know we are all enriched by it. I know you must feel so alone on this journey of losing your mom. I want you to know that I am here for you whenever you need a hug in your card. Love yourself right now and don't forget to be kind to your heart. God will handle the rest.

Jada Brown Ward - June 30, 2010 at 11:44 PM

NJ

“ Just wanted to take the time and sign to say to the family of Mrs Nova that although she gone from the eyes that she will always be in your heart to Rev. I love you being around you and Mrs. Nova showed me at a young age what a family is to be to Vernon ur a big bor to me Kristi i can always count on you to put a smile on my face Will Jr nothing to say bout u we will always be bro I just love you all

Nelson Simmons Jr - June 30, 2010 at 11:01 PM

TF

“ GOD BLESS THE FAMILY

THE BURR FAMILY - June 30, 2010 at 10:30 PM

LT

“ To the Smith Family You have our deepest sympathy.
Love, Luevenia & DJ

Luevenia Turner - June 30, 2010 at 10:09 PM

RP

“ My prayers are with you during your time of loss.

randy pitre - June 30, 2010 at 09:58 PM

SP

“ *Kristi hold on to Gods unchanging hands. Be strong. You and your family is in my heart and prayers.*

Shondra Fontenot Pickney - June 30, 2010 at 07:31 PM

AW

“ *I am very sorry for your loss. I am the Aunt of Shaquistha Stoner who works with Kristi. We lost our Mother (Shaquistha's Grandmother)on April 14, 2010. It is with deep heartfelt compassion that I say, lean not to your own understanding but trust in the Lord with all of your heart and He will direct and comfort you. Our family will keep you lifted in prayer. Sincerely Yours In Christ, Angela Wade & Family*

Angela Page Wade - June 30, 2010 at 06:38 PM

DF

“ *To Kristi and the entire Smith Family, I am deeply sorry for your loss. May you all be comforted by God's love & his unfailing promises. May God Bless and keep each of you always!!!*

Destiny Williams & Family - June 30, 2010 at 05:15 PM

LF

“ *PASTOR SMITH AND CHILDREN ALWAYS REMEMBER EARTH HAS NO SORROW THAT HEAVEN CAN NOT HEAL.*

LOIS GINGER AND FAMILY - June 30, 2010 at 05:02 PM

KC

“ *I am sorry your loss. You are all in my prayers.*

Kendall Collette - June 30, 2010 at 04:47 PM

JM

“ My prayers and thoughts are with the Smith family.
The McGowan Family

Josolyn McGowan - June 30, 2010 at 04:27 PM

L(

“ Kristi, I know you already know that God is much too wise to make a mistake. God is still good even in this...Continue to lean and depend on him and hold to God's unchanging hand. So even in your heart wrenching pain "THANK GOD" for the time he allowed you to spend with your mother and for the memories. You and your family are in my prayers and if I can do anything for you just let me know. Much love!

LaShondria Greenwood (SHON-CCL) - June 30, 2010 at 04:26 PM

MM

“ Although no words can really help to ease the loss you bear, Just know that you are very close in every thought and prayer. When we lose someone we love, it seems that time stands still. Remember that we love and care about you. May the peace which comes from the memories of love shared, comfort you now and in the days ahead. God Bless you

Melysa McPeters - June 30, 2010 at 04:24 PM

CJ

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Kristi I love you and I ask God to bless you beyond this moment in your life. Your mother raised a beautiful woman and she will continue to live through you! Stay blessed!!

Chioma Johnson - June 30, 2010 at 04:12 PM

GF

“ Our Lord prepares a place for us all where pain and sorrow cease. Where goodness and joy surround us ,and our hearts feel perfect peace May it comfort you to know that your loved one has gone to a better place. God Bless You In Your Time of Mourning

Gloria Ned Fuselier - June 30, 2010 at 01:55 PM

TG

“ I don't know where to begin expressing my sympathy. However, I will share many smiles that Ms. Nova always gave me with each of you. I won't shed many tears, but instead I'll wear a smile and hope it brings comfort in knowing that an Angel has arrived Home. Mr. Willie, Vernon, Kristi, and Dubie, I love you dearly. Remember God is only a prayer away and all you have to do is call...he'll get the message to Ms. Nova.

Telisha Guidry-Green - June 30, 2010 at 01:25 PM

AB

“ Know that my prayers are always with you!
But know that the shell may be gone but the sweet,sweet spirit lives on!

Ann Best - June 30, 2010 at 01:09 PM

JM

“ Our condolences from our family to yours. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.
The McLendon Family

John and Dianne McLendon - June 30, 2010 at 12:32 PM

GT

“ Words cant express how much you have touched me as a Mother. I can sit back and think about all the great times we had at your house and in Baton Rouge. I just want you to know that you are truely missed and you will forever be in my heart. I Love You!!

Gaye-Shannon Tyler - June 30, 2010 at 11:33 AM

JH

“ I am so deeply saddened for your loss. MRS.NOVA , was such a beautiful person inside and out. she was the sweetest lady , i have ever known. may god bless your family. VERNON,KRISTI, DOOBIE, stay strong.
and remember, the lord is our shepherd.
Jacqueline Hall-Sonnier FRANCIS SONNIER SHANDA HALL
MARCUS HALL

Jacqueline Hall/Sonnier - June 30, 2010 at 11:06 AM

CM

“ *The Smith Family:*
I just want to extend my condolences and let you know that my prayers are with all of you. You all are a tight knit family, and I know that with the help of the Lord you will find the comfort and strength that is needed. I am here, day or night. If you ever need me for anything, please do not hesitate to call. I will continue to keep you all in my prayers.
Loving friend, Charlette McLendon

Charlette McLendon - June 30, 2010 at 10:52 AM

MB

“ *To the Smith Family*
You have our deepest sympathy. Our prayers go out to you. From the Francis/Bell family of Opelousas and Lake Charles,LA.

Mr.&Mrs.TJ Bell - June 30, 2010 at 10:03 AM

LM

“ Mrs. Nova was such a sweet and beautiful woman. She was always smiling and I remember she always had her book of poems for any occasion in church. She will be missed but now she is resting in Heaven smiling on everyone. You all have my deepest sympathies and may God bless each and everyone of you. Be encouraged!!!

Lakeshia Morris - June 30, 2010 at 09:54 AM

MR

“ Oh'Lord i going miss so long i can believe you going.Nova you are away be friend for long time, God bless you family i will never for get you,you are my favor friend.I stop at home for long time e talk so good.I remember ride with your to church and you are good person.I Love You Nova God Bless Your Family.

Mr.&Mrs.Louis&Mary Roberts - June 29, 2010 at 11:15 PM

MS

“ WORDS CANNOT EVEN BEGIN TO EXPRESS OUR SORROW.
HOLD ON TO YOUR MEMORIES FOR STRENGTH.
LOVE YOU GUYS, GLORIA, DARREL, DJ, KRYSTAL AND HOLLIE MARTEL.

MR & MRS DARREL MARTEL SR - June 29, 2010 at 02:30 PM

SC

“ To the Smith family ,our condolences goes out to you all.mrs nova was a wonderful lady not enough word could explain her love. to the family stay strong because she set deep foot prints.our prays and love will be with you all now and forever.
will never forget u Wendy charles

SFC kevin&Wendy Charles - June 29, 2010 at 01:39 PM

TC

“ To The Smith/Reed Family,
Vernon, Kristie, Doobie it is never easy losing a loved one especially
a parent. You all have my deepest sympathy. She is now an angel
walking right beside your every move. Mr Wille (Capt. Smith) You also
have my condolences. My prayers are extended to all during your
time of grief.

Tasha Ceasar - June 29, 2010 at 11:58 AM

YC

“ Vernon & AC you are in my prayers during your time of loss

Yakita Cane - June 28, 2010 at 09:20 PM

MF

“ WE THE MILTON GIVE YOU OUR CONDOLENCES AND WE'LL
KEEP YOU ALL IN OUR PRAYERS

MILTON FAMILY - June 28, 2010 at 09:08 PM

TA

“ I still can't seem to get over the fact that you are gone, even though
I know that you will always be with all of us. I will miss you forever.
I've learned so much from you, anytime I needed my hair done you
would say Tee-Tee come on, and we would talk most of the time
and before you knew it, it would be dark outside. Thank you so
much for all the advice, the encouragement, and the laughs that you
gave to me. I'll always love you, Tawanna or as you would call me
Tee-Tee!

Tawanna Augustine - June 28, 2010 at 08:45 PM

DS

“ I am so sadden by your loss. I will miss my dear friend very much. I hope and pray that the Lord will help you during this time of bereavement. I will miss her beautiful smile and her wonderful words of wisdom that she always gave me so dearly.I will miss you Mrs. Neva. Good Bless your family.

Dora Savoy-Toussaint - June 28, 2010 at 07:36 PM

DW

“ One of the nicest ladies you could ever meet. Truely one of Gods angels

DEMI WILIAMS - June 28, 2010 at 05:31 PM

JH

“ Sorry for your loss, You have my Family Deepest Sympathy.

Janice Toussaint Harris - June 28, 2010 at 11:02 AM

NH

“ Sorry for your loss. The family have my deepest sympathy. God Bless!

Nicole hicks - June 27, 2010 at 10:12 PM