

Safely Home

I am home in Heaven, dear ones: Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty in this Everlasting Light.
All the pain and grief are over! Every restless yearning past;
I am now at peace forever, safely Home in Heaven at last.
Dear one, do not grieve so sorely, for I love you dearly still;
Try to look beyond earth's shadows, pray to trust Our Father's Will.
When your work is completed, He will gently call you Home;
Oh! the rapture of that meeting! Oh, the joy to see you come!
- Arthur Unknown

Pallbearers

Marlow Caldwell	Kenneth Shelton
Shawn Mcvea	Winford Shelton
Edward Shelton Jr.	Luvell Spratt III

Flower Girls

Mya Gaines	Jana Rogers-Nelson
Hope Locke	LaToya Flanigan
Carol Pratt	

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to extend sincere gratitude and kindness to everyone who have shown us care during our time of bereavement. We truly appreciate all your prayers, phone calls, text messages, and support. We thank you kindly.
-The Family of Sylvia Smith

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Sylvia Gwendolyn Shelton Smith

February 19, 1952 – April 10, 2021

Temple & Sons
2801 N. Kelly Ave
Oklahoma City, OK 73111

Pastor Anthony Walker, Officiating



*Remembering
Family*



“Every day in life has a measure of happiness. However, life is more complete if we acknowledge God and give thanks to him for his mercy and love that was given to us through his son, Jesus.”

-Sylvia Gwendolyn Smith

Sylvia Gwendolyn Shelton was born to Evelyn Davis Shelton and Isaiah Shelton on February 19, 1952 in Boley, Oklahoma. She attended Boley High School and graduated as Valedictorian of the Senior Class in 1970. After her graduation from high school, she became a student at Langston University, in Langston, Oklahoma. During her time in college, she majored in Business Education and graduated with honors. While on campus she became a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. Upon graduation from Langston University, Sylvia's career developed as she began working with Kerr-McGee Corporation in the Oil & Gas industry as an Accountant. During thirty-five years of employment she continued working as Lead Accountant for several small independent Oil & Gas Corporations.

On July 22, 1972, Herschel Smith, Sr. and Sylvia were married and to this union two children were born. Herschel Smith Jr., who is currently Captain at the Tulsa Fire Department and Treceda Smith Caldwell who is an Assistant Principal in Mansfield, Texas. Children are a blessing from the Lord! Sylvia enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren, Terasita and Marlow Jr. During the fall of 2008, her son, Herschel Jr. met Erica Payne and once again her family grew. Erica's children; Ryan, Terrika, and Shawntelle, as well as her great grandchildren, Nyasia, Little Ryan, Cassius, Channing, Yari, and Julian. Sylvia loved her family.

At 35 years of age, Sylvia began to develop a relationship with the Lord Jesus and accepted him as her savior. Soon afterwards, she was filled with the Holy Spirit. She believed that Jesus is the "Son of God", the innocent "Lamb of God" who died to take away the sins of the world. (John 1:29) She was preceded in death by her parents, Evelyn Davis and Isaiah Shelton; brother, Wilbert Shelton; Sisters: Viola Pratt, Theola Spratt, and Asalene Simmons (Samuel Simmons).

She is survived by her children: Son, Herschel Benee Smith Jr. (Erica Payne); Daughter, Treceda Niccole Caldwell, (Marlow Caldwell Sr.), Grandchildren: Terasita, Marlow Jr, Ryan, Terrika and Shawntelle. Great Grandchildren: Nyasia, Little Ryan, Cassius, Channing, Yari, and Julian; Brothers and Sisters: Rebecca Shelton (the wife of Wilbert Shelton), Winford Shelton (Adrian Shelton), Ronald Shelton (Francis Shelton), Eloise Bowler; and a host of nieces and nephews.



“He Lifted Me Up”

Well, they're all here
Gathered around the grave
To mourn my death
Don't they know – I've been saved!
Such beautiful flowers,
What a fuss they've made
Oh how I wish they knew
I'm not in the grave.

The day my eyes closed in this world
God through his Holy Spirit
LIFTED ME UP in a whirl!
Wouldn't it be nice
If only they had faith
The God that we love
Would never leave us in the grave!

He gave his only begotten Son
That we might have life
Eternal in peace, love and fun
If only they'd trust and obey
They would have joy and peace each day.

True life lies beyond the grave
It is called eternity; a place where time ceases to be
A place where there is no sun for light
Neither does the moon shine at night
For God is the light of that world
And there is no more sorrow and death
In that world those who love God receive their rest

HE LIFTED ME UP, but they didn't see!
They must have faith in what can be
For the Lord, God Almighty would never fail
To give life to those who love Jesus
In the next world.

So rejoice! ALL OF YOU
Who stand at the grave
There's life beyond here
That will not fade
Trust in the Lord and keep your faith in Christ.
I will see you again
IN THE NEXT LIFE!

-Sylvia Smith ©June 11, 1988

Scripture Selection

Order of Service Celebration

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The LORD is my *Shepherd;*
I shall not want.

He maketh me to
lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters,
He restoreth my
soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake. Yea though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death.

*I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me;*
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies
Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over
Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house
of the LORD *forever.*
- Psalm 23

Musical Prelude "Something About the Name Jesus"
The Rance Allen Group

Processional

Prayer Pastor Anthony Walker

Scripture

Old Testament Psalms 23

New Testament 1 Corinthians 15: 51-58

Musical Selection Kenneth Shelton

Acknowledgements & Condolences

The Obituary Terasita Caldwell

Remarks (Family and Friends, 2 Minutes Please)

Musical Selection Kenneth Shelton

Eulogy Pastor Anthony Walker

Viewing

Recessional "Smile" Kirk Franklin

Interment

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