



Wilma was born to the parentage of Bernie & Mary Smith on October 28, 1941, the first of five children. She began her formal education at Terrell School and later the family moved to Dallas, TX where she graduated from high school. She also attended and graduated from the Madam C J Walker Beauty College in Dallas, TX.

Wilma later moved to Santa Ana, California where she was employed by Borg Warner Corporation for many years. She also ran a beauty shop out of her home. Some years... later she moved back home to Sherman, Texas.

Wilma united with the St John CME Church in Sherman, Texas for a brief time. She was chosen to be a lay delegate at one of the conferences. She later united with the Community Baptist Church in Sherman, TX where she sang in the choir and served on the usher board. She was currently visiting the Mt Zion Baptist Church in Denison as she loved to hear the Rev Alonzo McLean preach.

After working at Texas Instruments for over 20 years she retired. She wanted to remain active and worked for a health care agency caring for many families in the area. She was currently working with her brother James, performing several task however driving the hearse was the highlight of her career.

Wilma loved life and lived it to the fullest; she transitioned from this life on December 13, 2015, Texoma Medical Center surrounded by her brother James & the health care professionals.

She was preceded in death by her parents Bernie Henderson Smith Sr. and Mary Louise Smith Penny, her brothers Frank E. Smith and Bernie H. Smith Jr., her granddaughter Sheba Miller.

She leaves to cherish her memory children, the Reverend Dr. Rayford Smith of Newark, New Jersey and Mrs. Keisha (Arthur) Barnes of Atlanta, Georgia; her brother, James (Barbara-Kinney) Smith of Denison, TX; her sister, Dr. Margaret Moore of Atlanta, GA; eight grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins; her aunt Mrs. Nadine Sherwood of Montclair, NJ; adopted brother Mr. Johnny Haggerty of Dallas, TX; her best friend Mrs. Barbara Moore Harper of Denison, TX; and a host of other friends.

Funeral Services will be Friday, 10 a.m. at Scoggins Funeral Chapel, in Van Alstyne, Dr. Margaret Moore, officiating and Rev. Alonzo McLean, Jr. delivering the eulogy. Burial will be at Oakwood Cemetery in Denison. Public visitation will be Thursday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Funeral services has been entrusted to James E. Smith with Scoggins Funeral Home & Crematory 637 W. Van Alstyne Pkwy, Van Alstyne, TX 75495. 903-482-5225.

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