

CELEBRATING THE LIFE
OF

Clara Mae Smith

JANUARY 23, 1949 - JANUARY 30, 2025

SUNRISE

SUNSET



UNION GROVE MISSIONARY
BAPTIST CHURCH

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WARNER ROBINS, GEORGIA

FEBRUARY 8, 2025

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Celebration of Life

ON A SNOWY DAY, JANUARY 23, 1949, A BEAUTIFUL DAUGHTER WAS BORN TO GEORGE BAKER, SR. AND EMMA ROBERSON BAKER. THEY NAMED HER CLARA, AFTER HER MATERNAL GRANDMOTHER.



CLARA COMMITTED HER LIFE TO CHRIST AT AN EARLY AGE. SHE CHERISHED SITTING ON THE DEACONESS BENCH BESIDE HER GRANDMOTHER. SHE WAS BAPTIZED BY REVEREND LAFAYETTE AT MOUNT SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH IN MCCRAE, LOUISIANA ON SEPTEMBER 13, 1964.

WHEN HER FAMILY MOVED TO NEW ROADS, LOUISIANA, SHE JOINED ZION TRAVELERS BAPTIST CHURCH, PASTORED BY REV. ISIAH NELSON, II. CLARA LOVED ATTENDING CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL, BUILDING THE FOUNDATION OF FAITH THAT WOULD GUIDE HER LIFE.

CLARA ATTENDED ROSENWALD ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL IN

NEW ROADS, LOUISIANA, WHERE SHE WAS A MAJORETTE IN THE SCHOOL BAND AND SERVED ON THE 8TH-GRADE HOMECOMING COURT. SHE GRADUATED IN 1967. SHE DEDICATED MANY YEARS TO EDUCATION, WORKING AS A PARAPROFESSIONAL IN POINTE COUPEE PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT IN LOUISIANA

ON JUNE 24, 1978, CLARA MARRIED THE LOVE OF HER LIFE, JOHN B. SMITH. SHE EMBRACED MILITARY LIFE, TRAVELING ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND LIVING ABROAD. WHILE STATIONED IN OKINAWA, JAPAN, CLARA FOUND JOY IN MAKING SILK FLOWERS, DECORATING CAKES, AND COACHING CHEERLEADING.

AFTER SETTLING IN GEORGIA, CLARA JOINED UNION GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, WHERE SHE FAITHFULLY SERVED IN VARIOUS MINISTRIES, INCLUDING: WOMEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE, NURSERY MINISTRY, GOSPEL ENSEMBLE, ADULT CHOIR MUSIC MINISTRY, VESSELS OF HONOR, FLAGS OF UNITY, GOLDEN ACHIEVERS, WOMEN'S MINISTRY AND THE PUPPET MINISTRY.

WITH A HEART FOR CHILDREN AND A PASSION FOR SERVICE, CLARA RECOGNIZED THE NEED TO PROVIDE MEALS FOR CHILDREN DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS AND FOUNDED THE UNION GROVE (STATE-ASSISTED) SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM TO ENSURE NO CHILD WENT HUNGRY WHEN SCHOOL WAS OUT.

SHE ALSO WORKED FOR MANY YEARS WITHIN THE HOUSTON COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM, AS BOTH A CAFETERIA WORKER AND LATER A PARAPROFESSIONAL. CLARA LOVED THE STUDENTS SHE ENCOUNTERED AND REMAINED PASSIONATE ABOUT EDUCATION UNTIL HER RETIREMENT AFTER 30 YEARS OF SERVICE.

SHE HAD A THIRST FOR EDUCATION AND WENT ON TO PURSUE HIGHER LEARNING, EARNING HER ASSOCIATE DEGREE FROM MIDDLE GEORGIA TECHNICAL COLLEGE IN 2009.

AS AN EDUCATOR, CLARA UNDERSTOOD THE CHALLENGES THAT TEACHERS AND STUDENTS FACED. WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF HER FAMILY, SHE CO-FOUNDED THE MS. EMMA'S HEART FOUNDATION, AN INITIATIVE IN HONOR OF HER MOTHER'S LEGACY AND TO PROVIDE SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS AT HER BELOVED ROSENWALD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.



AT THE AGE OF 70, CLARA EMBARKED ON A NEW JOURNEY AND DECIDED TO BECOME A PHYSIQUE BODYBUILDER. SHE PURSUED THIS CHALLENGE AND PROUDLY WON HER DIVISION, DEMONSTRATING HER ENDURING STRENGTH AND ABILITY TO OVERCOME ANY OBSTACLE.

A 30+ YEAR SURVIVOR OF THYROID CANCER, CLARA FOUGHT OVARIAN CANCER FOR 4 YEARS LEAVING BEHIND A LEGACY OF RESILIENCE AND FAITH.

CLARA WAS A GIVER WHO LOVED TO CROCHET, QUILT, GARDEN, BOWL, BUILD FURNITURE, AND LAUGH WITH THOSE SHE LOVED. HER LIFE WAS MARKED BY HER STRONG FAITH, UNWAVERING LOVE, AND SACRIFICE FOR OTHERS.

CLARA WAS A PASSIONATE BASKETBALL AND FOOTBALL FAN, WITH HER FAVORITE PLAYERS BEING: MICHAEL JORDAN, LEBRON JAMES AND KAWHI LEONARD. SHE LOVED THE LOS ANGELES LAKERS AND WAS AN AVID KANSAS CITY CHIEFS SUPPORTER, WITH PATRICK MAHOMES BEING HER FAVORITE PLAYER.



CLARA LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY: HER LOVING HUSBAND: JOHN B. SMITH; TWO DAUGHTERS: TERAS SMITH, ATLANTA, GEORGIA AND CHERYL SMITH, HOUSTON, TEXAS; FOUR GRANDCHILDREN: COURTNEY JACKSON, STOCKBRIDGE, GEORGIA, COREY (AJA) JACKSON, NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA; KEIVA SMITH, KAYLA SMITH, ELLENWOOD, GEORGIA. THREE GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTERS: MADISON JACKSON, ARIA JACKSON, AVA JACKSON; THREE SISTERS: BETTY WILLIAMS, GLADYS BERGERON (ROBERT), NEW ROADS, LOUISIANA; EMMA M. CAVALIER, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA. TWO BROTHERS: ARTHUR BAKER, HOUSTON, TEXAS, DALTON BAKER, SR., SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS. A GODSON: HENRY "GRADY" CAVALIER, JR., HOUSTON, TEXAS. TWO SISTERS-IN-LAW: MARY GOZA, JANICE SMITH, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA. TWO BROTHERS-IN-LAW: LEROY SMITH, LUTCHER, LOUISIANA, JERRY SMITH, SR., BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA, ONE AUNT: MILDRED JONES (105 YEARS OLD), OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA, ONE STEPSISTER: GLORIA FACIONE, NEW ROADS, LOUISIANA, ONE STEPBROTHER: JOHN WISE (BERTHA), NEW ROADS, LOUISIANA

CLARA WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY: HER PARENTS: GEORGE BAKER, SR., AND EMMA ROBERSON BAKER, STEPFATHER: ALEX JOSEPH, HER GRANDPARENTS, ERNEST ROBERSON AND CLARA JEWEL CARTER; ONE BROTHER: GEORGE BAKER, JR., FOUR SISTERS: MILDRED EDMOND, RACHEL BAKER, RUTH BAKER, ISABEL EPPS; TWO SISTERS-IN-LAW: CARRIE SMITH, ANNIE MAE BAKER; FIVE BROTHERS-IN-LAW: NATHANIEL SMITH, DAVID SMITH, HENRY WILLIAMS, SR., ANTHONY EDMOND; A HOST OF AUNTS, UNCLES, COUSINS, AND BELOVED FRIENDS.

CLARA'S LEGACY OF LOVE, FAITH, AND SERVICE WILL CONTINUE TO INSPIRE ALL THOSE WHO KNEW HER.

PHILIPPIANS 4:13 SAYS, "I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME." THIS VERSE DEEPLY REFLECTS CLARA'S LIFE, AS IT EXEMPLIFIES THE STRENGTH, RESILIENCE, AND FAITH SHE DISPLAYED THROUGHOUT HER MANY CHALLENGES.

CLARA'S LIFE EMBODIED THE IDEA THAT THROUGH CHRIST'S STRENGTH, WE ARE EMPOWERED TO OVERCOME CHALLENGES, PURSUE NEW GOALS, AND KEEP MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH. SHE LIVED OUT THE TRUTH OF THIS VERSE BY CONSTANTLY STRIVING TO HELP OTHERS, OVERCOME PERSONAL BATTLES, AND NEVER GIVING UP ON HERSELF, NO MATTER THE OBSTACLES.



June 24, 1978



December 25, 2024



Forever My Love

FROM THE MOMENT I SAW YOU, MY HEART JUST KNEW,
THAT GOD HAD MADE MY WORLD COMPLETE WITH YOU.
ON THAT SWEET DAY IN '78, HAND IN HAND WE STOOD,
TWO SOULS UNITED, AS HE SAID WE WOULD.

THROUGH EVERY JOY, THROUGH EVERY TEAR,
WE HELD EACH OTHER, YEAR BY YEAR.
FOR BETTER, FOR WORSE, NO STORM TOO TALL,
WITH FAITH AND LOVE, WE CONQUERED ALL.

YOU WERE MY LIGHT, MY GREATEST FRIEND,
MY LOVE, MY HOME, UNTIL THE END.
BUT LOVE LIKE OURS WILL NEVER FADE,
FOR IN MY HEART, YOU'VE ALWAYS STAYED.

REST NOW, MY LOVE, IN HEAVEN'S EMBRACE,
ONE DAY I'LL MEET YOU, FACE TO FACE.
TILL THEN, I'LL CARRY OUR LOVE SO TRUE,
FOREVER AND ALWAYS, JUST ME AND YOU.



Order of Celebration

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

MINISTRY THROUGH SONG
SINACH - DONE IT AGAIN

SCRIPTURE READING

OLD TESTAMENT
MINISTER LEE MCCANTS, PASTOR
CORINTH BAPTIST CHURCH

NEW TESTAMENT
MINISTER TEDDY MADISON
ASSISTANT PASTOR

PRAYER
MICHAEL WHITE

MINISTRY THROUGH DANCE
VESSELS OF HONOR
EVERY PRAISE - HEZEKIAH WALKER

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE
TOSHA WORSHAM
FEDDIE JACKSON
DOLLY WRIGHT
JOAN STEWART
HILDA HEYWARD
DEACONESS EMERITUS GRACE DAVIS
MINISTER A. MONIQUE JOHNSON, NEW BIRTH

WORDS OF COMFORT
DR. DAVID ANTHONY CLARKE, SR., PASTOR

MINISTRY IN FLAGS
FLAGS OF UNITY
I CAN ONLY IMAGINE - TAMELA MANN

EULOGY
MINISTER ARTHUR HICKS

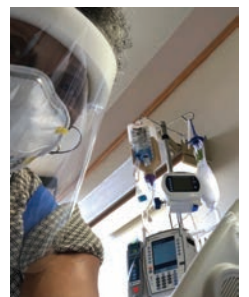
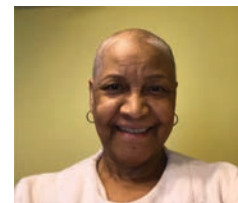
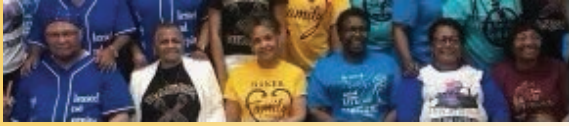
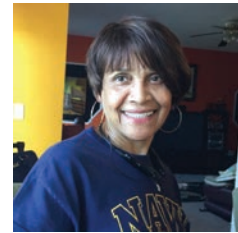
FAMILY REMARKS
COURTNEY JACKSON
CHERYL SMITH

RECESSIONAL
SONYA JENKINS
OH I WANT TO SEE HIM









I'll See You Again

HOW DO YOU SAY GOODBYE
TO THE ONE WHO TAUGHT YOU TO SAY HELLO?
THE VOICE THAT CHEERED YOUR FIRST SMALL STEPS,
THE HEART THAT HELPED YOU GROW.

HOW DO YOU WHISPER A FINAL I LOVE YOU
TO THE SOUL THAT SHAPED YOUR OWN?
THE ARMS THAT HELD YOU THROUGH JOY AND PAIN,
THE LOVE THAT ALWAYS SHOWN

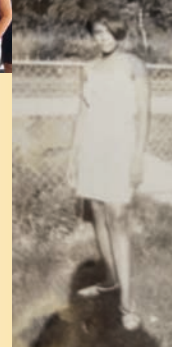
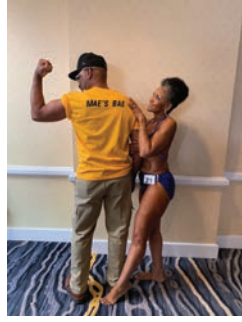
HOW DO YOU WATCH AND WAIT
FOR THE BREATH THAT WILL BE THE LAST,
WHEN EVERY MOMENT THEY EVER GAVE
STILL HOLDS YOU IN THE PAST?

BUT THIS IS NOT GOODBYE, MAMA,
IT'S ONLY SEE YOU SOON.
FOR IN HEAVEN'S LIGHT, BEYOND THE SKY,
YOU SHINE LIKE THE BRIGHTEST MOON.

I'LL HEAR YOUR LAUGHTER IN THE WIND,
FEEL YOUR LOVE IN EACH WARM EMBRACE.
I KNOW ONE DAY, I'LL SEE YOU AGAIN,
IN GOD'S ETERNAL GRACE.









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A Faith-Based Support Community

Why This Matters

This community was born from the unwavering faith and strength of my mother, Clara Mae Baker Smith, who earned her wings on January 30, 2025, after a courageous battle with ovarian cancer. Philippians 4:13 was her favorite scripture, and she lived by it—showing us all that through Christ, we can endure even the toughest challenges. Her legacy of faith, resilience, and love lives on in this community.

Our Mission

Jesus Done It Again is a faith-based support community created to uplift and equip families walking the journey alongside their loved ones. Cancer is not just a physical battle—it impacts the whole family.

Our goal is to provide encouragement, faith-filled support, and resources to help caregivers and loved ones stand strong in their faith as they support those they hold dear.

Join Us & Share the Hope

If you know someone facing this journey, please share this community with them. No one should have to fight alone. Through prayer, love, and faith, we can remind them that God's strength is greater than any challenge they face.

Together, we believe. Together, we support.
Together, we trust that Jesus has done it again



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Pallbearers

DAVID BAKER
RICKY BERGERON
ROBERT BERGERON, JR.
TRAVIS BERGERON
HENRY CAVALIER, JR.
DEXTER WILLIAMS
HENRY WILLIAMS, JR.
JOHN WILLIAMS
BRIAN WILLIAMS

Flower Ladies

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Interment

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Acknowledgments

With hearts full of gratitude, we extend our deepest appreciation for the overwhelming love, prayers, and support shown to us during this difficult time. Your calls, visits, messages, and every act of kindness have been a source of strength and comfort.

A special thank you to Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church Family and Honorary Pallbearers, Nelson's Memorial Mortuary, Parkway Memorial Gardens, and the compassionate medical professionals at Piedmont Healthcare, especially Dr. Leda Gattoc, for the care and dedication shown to our beloved Clara.

Your love and generosity are a testament to the impact Clara had on so many lives. We are forever grateful and pray that God blesses each of you abundantly.

With love and appreciation,

The Smith Family



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