



## Johnetta Laura Smith

March 27, 1947 - January 1, 2025

(Johnnie) Laura Smith was born in Lexington, Kentucky on March 27, 1947, to the late

Reverend G. M. and Mattie Smith. Late in the morning on January 1, 2025, she departed this life

and was called from earthly labor to heavenly reward.

Johnetta, or “Johnnie” as she was affectionately called, was educated in the public schools of

Lexington, Kentucky. After graduating from Paul Laurence Dunbar High School, she matriculated

and graduated from Morehead State University.

After her college graduation, Johnetta pursued a career as an educator within the Fayette County

Public School system. She first taught at the Old Paul Laurence Dunbar High School then at

Lexington Junior High School. She went on to become a teacher at Henry Clay High School where

she taught U.S. History and Sociology, as well as serving as advisor to the Harambe Club, before retiring in 2000.

Johnetta grew up in the church. She accepted Christ at an early age at the Evergreen Baptist

Church in Lexington, KY where she was baptized by the pastor, her father,

Reverend G.M. Smith.

She was an active and faithful member of Evergreen for 65 years and served in various roles

within the church. Johnetta taught the Young People Sunday School class; she was an advisor for

the Youth Fellowship; taught the youth in the Baptist Training Union; was a member of the

Senior Choir and she headed the culinary committee for church conventions.

In recent years, she

moved her membership to Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Georgetown, Kentucky under the

pastorate of Reverend Dailey. There she continued serving the Lord and working within the

church. She had the opportunity to teach Vacation Bible School and served as President of the

Missionary Group. She faithfully served at Zion Missionary Baptist church until her health failed.

In addition to her work in the local church, she served as President of the Howard's Creek

Convention from 1983-2000, after serving as a teacher for the youth at the convention for several

years. On the State level, she served as Vice President of the Kentucky Missionary Baptist

association (KMBA) Women's Auxiliary as well as Treasurer of the KMBA Women's Auxiliary. She

was a member of the Missionaries of the National Baptist Convention of America- State Body;

member of the National Baptist Convention; and served as National Body Advisor to the youth of

the Baptist Women's Education Convention, prior to becoming President.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by several aunts and

uncles as well as her  
brother-in-law, Robert Crutchfield. She leaves to cherish her memory a sister,  
Mary-Estill  
Crutchfield; devoted nephew, O'Brien Crutchfield; niece, Cheryl (Malcolm)  
Bobo; two great-  
nieces, Nyla and Kayla Bobo; aunts, Allene Cox, Kathryn Smith Stephens and  
Virginia Smith; as  
well as a host of special cousins and friends.

# Cemetery Details

**Lexington Cemetery**

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 21. 12:00 PM (ET)

Zion Baptist Church  
132 South Mulberry Street  
Georgetown, KY 40324

*Visitation 10 am to 12 noon at Zion Baptist Church Georgetown, KY*

# Tribute Wall

KR

“ I’m just now hearing of Ms Johnetta’s passing. To the family and especially Brian, you all have deeply condolences 🌸 and much prayers to you as she transition to her new home



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**Kathy W Robi** - January 29, 2025 at 11:32 PM

DS

“ Dear Family - I’m so sorry and saddened by the loss of our beloved cousin Johnnie. Sending prayers and healing energy to Mary-Estill, O’Brien, Cheryl, and everyone she held dear in her family and friends circle. I have memories of Johnnie from back-in-the-day with BYF and the youth conference supporting her Uncle Charlie (my dad). We lift up our new power angel in the heavens. God Bless. Selena

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**Debbie Selena Smith** - January 19, 2025 at 04:18 PM

SA

“ I’m sad to hear of your sister's and aunt's passing. She was in the social studies dept. and I in English, but we shared many planning periods together - good times, long discussions, many laughs. May her memory bring blessings to your family. She was a good one.

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**Sue Ann Allen** - January 17, 2025 at 03:39 PM