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Service for Mrs. Marie B. Smith 95, of Kennard, will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, March 26, 2022, in the New Hope Baptist Church, in Kennard. Interment will follow in the New Hope Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5 p.m., till 7 p.m., in the Colonial Mortuary Chapel.

Mrs. Smith was born on March 11, 1927, in Germany Texas, and died on March 15, 2022, at her residence. On March 11, 1927, Mrs. Marie "Big Mama" Benton-Smith, the third of eight children (five girls and three boys) were born to the late Robert and Gussie Shampine Benton in Crockett, Texas, (Germany Community). Marie was the last surviving sibling.

Marie accepted Christ early in life and was baptized at New Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. She attended school in the Germany community and graduated from Clover High School. After high school, she attended Tyler Beauty College where she received her license in Cosmetology. She later met and married Camell Fields, Sr. in 1945; and to this union eight beautiful children were born. Marie worked as a Beautician for several years before starting a career in healthcare, as a CNA, then as a Home Care Provider. She later moved to Kennard, Texas, where she joined New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of Pastor J.S. Walker. Marie served as a member and Choir President, as well as an avid member of other auxiliaries in the church. She became a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. In her spare time, she enjoyed gardening and cooking, especially baking for her loved ones and friends. Marie loved reading the bible, and her favorite scripture was Psalms 91.

Marie departed this life on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, in Kennard, Texas at the age of 95. She is preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Gussie Shampine Benton; her husband, J.B. Smith; son, Carnell Fields, Jr.; daughters, Mamie Brice, Barbara Fields-Joseph and Carolyn King; grandchildren, Patrina Brice and Reginald Davis;



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great-granddaughter, Regina Davis; sisters, Manie Benton, Exie Mae Parks, Thelma Mitchell and Erma Turner; brothers, John Benton, Willie Benton and Willkie Benton.

She leaves to cherish her memories: four daughters, Janie Washington (Raymond) of Houston, Texas, Bertha Clark (Vernell) of Atlanta, Georgia, Theresa Fields of Kennard, Texas, Dornesa Bell (Rodrick) of Baytown, Texas; daughter-in-law, Joanne Fields of Lufkin, Texas; stepsons, Billy V. Mask, Curtis Mask, Wydell Smith Sr. and Carter Smith; goddaughters, Shalimar Turner and Taylor Adair; twenty six grandchildren; twenty nine great-grandchildren; Twenty nine great great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



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Pastor Larry Parks And Kathie Williams-P lit a candle in honor of Marie.

March 26 at 2:49 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Smith family.

March 25 at 10:08 PM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Smith family.

March 25 at 6:59 AM



Barbara Lamb lit a candle in honor of Marie.

Prayers and condolences to the family of our sweet friend and neighbor. Eva Jean Mills, Albert Mills, Jr., Barbara and Donald Lamb

March 25 at 6:54 AM



Marylin Parks posted:

Mrs. Smith was a breath of fresh air, from the first time I met her. I didn't know her that long, but I loved her. She was so sweet. And she would speak her mind. She was the kind of person, that loved everyone, and was sharp as a tack at her age. Nobody but Gods child. To the family, my deepest sympathy for you with Love. May God give you strength. ❤️🌸🌷🌹👤👤👤👤

March 25 at 5:56 AM



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Bridget Lamb lit a candle in honor of Marie.

Lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie Smith.

March 24 at 8:08 PM



Bridget Lamb March 24 at 8:12 PM
Sending condolences to Toot and family.



Vernell Clark sent a virtual gift in honor of Marie.

March 23 at 6:42 PM



Vernell Clark March 23 at 7:32 PM
"Sh' ma Yisrael . . . Adonai ekhad . . .(Hear Israel the L-rd is our G-d, the L-rd alone . . .)



Vernell Clark shared an album called **My Mother-n-law.**

March 23 at 4:37 PM



Vernell Clark March 23 at 6:34 PM
Of the years, days, and global travels many marveled of the stories I share about "My Mother-In-Law". Glorious.



Debra Lockhart lit a candle in honor of Marie.

March 20 at 1:20 PM





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Sherleain Bridges lit a candle in honor of Marie.



March 18 at 6:53 PM



Sherleain Bridges March 18 at 6:56 PM

My condolences to my Beria sisters - Janie Ola, Theresa, Bertha Lee and Donesa.



Myra Watson lit a candle in honor of Marie.



March 17 at 10:49 AM



Elaine Carrington sent a virtual gift in honor of Marie.



March 17 at 8:16 AM



Leon And Beverly, Brenda ,Kathy sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Smith family.



March 17 at 5:54 AM



Bobbie Edwards lit a candle in honor of Marie.



March 16 at 6:53 AM



Joyce Timmons March 26 at 7:13 AM

I'm sorry that were not able to be with you today but you have our heartfelt sympathy. I just got home from CHI St Luke's hospital. Kenneth and Joyce Timmons



Debra Lockhart March 20 at 1:17 PM

Deepest Sympathy and Heartfelt Condolences to the Family at this time for your loss.



Media

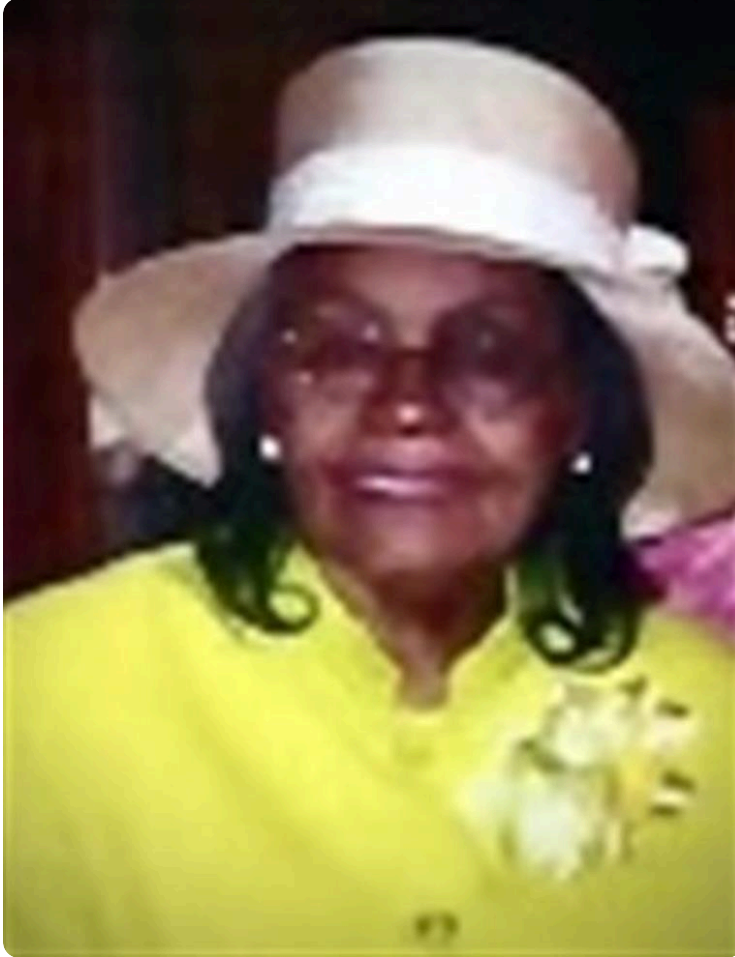
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Vernell Clark shared a photo to the **My Mother-n-law** album.

March 23 at 4:37 PM



Marie A. Smith



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Marie by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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