

Acknowledgement

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Pallbearers

ISAIAH SEWARD (SON) ~ KADELL WALTER, SR. (NEPHEW)
CHRISTOPHER LONG ~ KEDALE ALLEN
ANDRE ADAMS (GODSON) ~ WILLIAM CANTY

The Broken Chain

*We little knew that morning
That God would call your name
In life we loved you dearly
In death we do the same*

*It broke our hearts to lose you
You did not go alone
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home*

*You left us beautiful memories
Your love is still our guide
And although we cannot see you
You're always by our side*

*Our family chain is broken
And nothing seems the same
But as God calls us one by one
The chain will link again*

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Celebration of the Life of



Nancy Elaine Erwin

FEBRUARY 13, 1956 ~ JUNE 29, 2021

~Service~

TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2021 ~ 10:00 AM
Grace Missionary Baptist Church

1182 N. 6th Street
Columbus, Ohio

Rev. Clifford R. Riley, *Officiating Minister*
Rev. Kevin J. Miller, *Eulogizing Minister*

The Obituary

Nancy was born in Elizabethtown, NC at Bladen County Hospital on February 13, 1956. She was raised primarily by her grandmothers, Bertha Allen and Mary Ann Ervin and began attending school at Bladen Elementary School before reuniting with her parents Carroll "Smitty" Smith and Helen Jane (Graham) Smith when she was 7 years old as they found permanent residence in Columbus, OH.

Nancy resumed her formal education in Columbus Public Schools at Eleventh Avenue Elementary and Linmoor Junior High before ultimately graduating from Linden McKinley High School. She was active in church in her teens through the evangelistic efforts of Elder Lovell and Mrs. Barbara Garrett and served as Sunday School secretary. She stepped away from the church briefly before returning and being baptized at Consolidated Baptist Church under the late Rev. Robert Davis. She attended New Salem Missionary Baptist Church for quite some time through her best friend Sandra Eubanks and also attended Building Lives Outreach Center under Pastor Sheri Crump before she joined Grace Missionary Baptist Church where she worked hard in the church unofficially in its outreach ministry. She called to follow up with people she had not seen in worship and also followed up with sick and elderly members. She sent birthday and get-well cards and maintained contact as best as she could.

Nancy first became employed at Sears Roebuck where she worked several years before pursuing post-secondary technical education in business administration before attending the Ohio State School of Cosmetology from which she graduated in 1986; however, she found her truest passion in childcare which she had already begun in the early 80s. "Nan" provided care for a countless number of children and in many situations, provided care for more than one generation from the same family. She continued serving families and their children until her health began to fail.

In December 2020, she was diagnosed with myeloma, a rare blood disorder, but she stated, "I will get through this with my faith in God." She fought long and fought hard evading death several times before the Lord called her to rest very early in the morning on June 29, 2021. Truly, she fought a good fight, she finished her course, and she kept the faith for which she shall receive a crown of righteousness.

She is preceded in death by her mother Helen Smith, and grandparents Hibert Graham and Bertha Allen and Fred and Mary Ann Ervin. She is survived by her loving and compassionate father Carroll "Smitty" Smith, beloved sons Kevin (Toya) Miller and Isaiah Seward, sisters Marlin (Johnny) Smith and April (Richard) Jones and many other relatives and friends. Though she suffered extensively and met an untimely death, her smile, her love and compassion, and her generosity toward all still conquers. We lost an angel, but she did not leave before imparting an eternal legacy on her sons, her family, and countless others.

Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE..... Brian Coston
Parting View..... Immediate Family
"My Soul is Anchored"

SCRIPTURE READING..... Minister
Old Testament Psalm 23:1-6
New Testament..... II Corinthians 4:16-5:10

PRAYER Pastor L. Jean Young

SELECTION..... Alexis Britford & Jamaal Hamler
"For Every Mountain"

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/CONDOLENCES Ollie Rogers

REMARKS Minister Carol Fitzpatrick

SELECTION..... Pastor Kevin J. Miller
"My Soul is Anchored"

The Eulogy

REV. KEVIN J. MILLER, PASTOR
Grace Missionary Baptist Church

RECESSIONAL Clergy, Family & Friends

Benediction, Committal &

Interment

EVERGREEN BURIAL PARK

Family and all out-of-town guests are welcome to return to
Grace Missionary Baptist Church for repast in the lower-level A.
L. Mason Fellowship Hall

*I am the resurrection and the life: He that believeth in me
though he were dead yet shall he live.
And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.*

John 11:25-26