



*Celebrating the Life and Homegoing
of*



Patricia Shipman Smith

Sunrise - March 20, 1947

Sunset - June 13, 2017



Monday, June 19, 2017 - 1:00PM

Peace Missionary Baptist Church

2608 Apex Highway, Durham, North Carolina 27713

Rev. Donald G. Ceres, Pastor

Rev. William E. Daye, Pastor Emeritus ~ Officiating





The Obituary



Patricia Shipman Smith "Pat", peacefully departed this life on June 13, 2017 at her home surrounded by family and friends. She was blessed with 70 years of life.

The oldest of six children, Patricia was born on March 20, 1947 in Robeson County, North Carolina to the late Juanita and James P. Shipman. Pat's parents moved to Durham when she was a young girl. She was educated in Durham County Public Schools.

After graduating from Hillside High School in 1965, Pat gave birth to her son, Byron; and went on to work for Duke University for twenty years. Following her retirement from Duke, Pat began her career as a licensed cosmetologist and worked as a hair stylist until 2013. In 1988 she was united in marriage to Thomas Smith. They were married for 28 years.

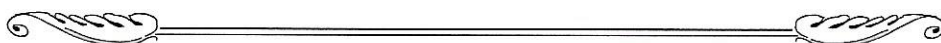
Born with a God given gift to sing, Pat blessed the lives of so many through her singing. The melodiousness of her voice drew the attention of anyone in the room. A firm believer that God had given her this talent, Pat poured her heart and soul into singing for the Lord.

Pat was a faithful member of Peace Missionary Baptist church where she served on the Pastor's Aid, attended Sunday School, and on any given third Sunday, you could hear her singing with the choir that she loved so dearly – The Voices of Peace.

Not only would you hear Pat's angelic voice in the building of her church home, but it resounded throughout the community and surrounding areas. She was a charter member of the KC Ensemble founded in 1980. As well, she was a charter member of the Durham Community Choir founded in 1998, and a dedicated member of the Durham MLK Celebration Choir. In 1987, Pat was the recipient of the Shirley A. Caesar Award for her outstanding music ministry throughout the City of Durham. She was the feature solo artist in 2011 at the Duke University nationally televised college basketball game. Most recently, she ministered in song to the congregation of Ignite Christian Fellowship in Creedmoor, NC on the praise team.

Patricia leaves to cherish her memories, her husband, Thomas Smith of the home; one son, Byron Howard (Shallise) of NC; three step-children, Antwuan Smith (Phyllis) and Danyetta Mason of Durham, NC, and Demetriss Smith-Wright (Eric) of Charlotte, NC; two sisters, Julia Faye Hinton (Larry) of Clayton, NC, and Gale Campbell (Kurt) of Durham, NC; three brothers, James E. Shipman, Noland Shipman (Jaquelyn), and Christopher Shipman (Debra) all of Durham, NC; eleven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Patricia Shipman Smith "Pat" will always be remembered as the phenomenal songstress with the high cheek bones, a smile on her face and a song in her heart. She was beautiful inside and out. We were so blessed to have had her for the time God allowed. She will truly be missed.





Memories



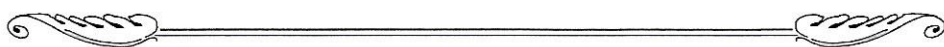


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Inspiration



"A Million Times"

A million times we will miss you,
A million times we will cry;
If love alone could have saved you,
You never would have died.

In life, we loved you dearly,
In death we will love you still;
In our hearts you hold a place,
No one could ever fill.

The golden gates stood open,
God saw you needed rest;
God's garden must be beautiful,
For He always picks the best.

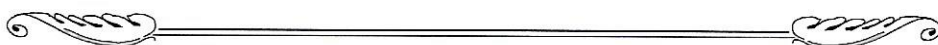
Rest in peace...

My Mother,

My Sister,

My Friend.

~ The Family





Pall Bearers
Sons and Brothers

Floral Bearers
Family and Friends

Acknowledgement

We gratefully acknowledge and deeply appreciate the many expressions of love, encouragement and understanding shown to us during our time of bereavement. We will always cherish your kindness. Please continue to keep us in your prayers. May God continue to richly bless you.

~The Family

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