



## Mrs. Katerine Lawson Smith

April 5, 1928 - January 7, 2019

Katerine Lawson Smith, 90, who retired from Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare, transitioned into eternal life and received the Crown of Glory on Monday, January 7, 2019, while surrounded by her loving family.

A daughter of the late Solomon Lawson and Hattie McGill Lawson, she was born in Midway, Florida on April 5, 1928. Meeting her at the Gates of Heaven in addition to her parents are her husband, Richard Lee Smith; daughter, Chrishonn "Chris" Denise Smith; siblings, Solomon Lawson, Jr., Arlene Lewis, John Lawson, Alfred Lawson, Sr., Ellis Lawson and Elizabeth Lawson and son-in-law, Maurice Laws, Jr.

She attended Florida A & M University, was a faithful member at University Ministries International COGIC and most recently attended Cathedral of Faith Ministries COGIC. Giving her all to her family and church, as well as watching QVC and Family Feud were her favorite hobbies.

Mourning her passing but cherishing her memories are her children, Veronica Smith Ash (husband, Richard), Richard O. Smith (wife, Deborah) and Angela Laws; grandchildren, Richard Ash, II (wife, Shawntrell), Angelise Card (husband, Terence), Yvette Ash, Derrick Yates (wife, Catherine), Marcia Laws, Devin Smith (wife, Andrea), Denetra Smith and Deanna Ford Smith (husband, Christopher); fifteen great-grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews and

cousins, and god-children, Christina Harrell, Raymond Wilson, II and Debi Brimm Pender.

The funeral is 12:00 PM, Friday, January 11, 2019, at University Ministries International, 2640 Old Bainbridge Road, with visitation an hour prior to the service. Interment follows at Tallahassee Memory Gardens. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.abbeyfh.com](http://www.abbeyfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Tallahassee Memory Gardens

4037 North Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32303  
(850) 562-1518  
<https://www.abbeyfh.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

University Ministries International  
2640 Old Bainbridge Road  
Tallahassee, FL 32303

## Service

JAN 11. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I had the esteemed pleasure of meeting Mrs. Katerine Lawson Smith while a student at FAMU working in the Radiology file room at Tallahassee Memorial Regional Medical Center back in 1985. She was the best. She supported me as a young man from Philadelphia (far from home) attending college. She gave Motherly love, wisdom and her Christian heart of gold. She believed in me as a young man who could be seen as dependable. She was in my corner when I wanted a promotion to become a Medical Transcriptionist in Radiology (first Black male or female to do so). For several years she entrusted me to complete her Federal Tax Returns. After completing college she always reminded me of how grateful she was to have met me. I remember her Youngest child "Chris" so vividly, the sweetest young lady ever. She was the apple of her Mother's eye. May they both rest in perfect peace for they are in the Lord's care. I often think of those who have had a great influence on my life, Mrs. Smith was one. Bless the entire FAMILY. She spoke often of her wonderful FAMILY. Christopher Jones, Philadelphia, PA

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**Christopher Jones** - September 22, 2023 at 03:26 PM

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“ Hi, Happy New Year! Espy and I were just talking about your Mom. After our Mom passed she was so sweet to us Carter kids. I remember her making us lunch one day. And talking with us, letting us know that we would be ok. We need to live our lives as though she were still alive. So she'll be proud of us. I will never forget that. Alline

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**Alline Carter Rivers** - January 04, 2021 at 05:52 PM