



Patsy Laverne Smith

August 24, 1952 - November 21, 2015

Patsy Laverne Smith was born August 24, 1952, in DeRidder Louisiana to the proud parents of Leo and Susie Shipman. She moved to California at an early age where she graduated from Berkeley High School in 1970 and attended Contra Costa Community College in San Pablo from 1970 to 1972.

Patsy confessed Christ at an early age and was anointed with the gift of singing in the highest vocal range of all voice types, Soprano. She devoted majority of her life to singing gospel music and playing the piano.

Early in her singing career she was Blessed to have the opportunity to sing background vocals in the Bay Area for the famous gospel artist Dorothy Morrison, before Dorothy joined the Edwin Hawkins singers and was the lead vocalist on the Grammy Award-winning Hall of Fame hymn, "Oh Happy Day". Patsy continued on her quest to be God-like and joined Greater El Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Richmond, CA in 2003 under the Leadership of the late Reverend Dr. Nathaniel Foster and currently Reverend Dr. Harold Orr Jr., M.D. She served many roles in the Church including, Financial Secretary, Vice-President of the Choir, and serving on the Pastor's Aide Committee.

In addition to being dedicated to her love of music, Patsy was a Property Manager for Prometheus Real Estate Group, out of San Mateo, CA for nearly 20 years. It was always an ongoing joke that her job moved her around so much that we would need to pencil in her home address in our little black books. She didn't live in one city too long but she had the opportunity to

experience all there was to offer working and living in various places such as Berkeley, Oakland, San Francisco, El Cerrito, Redwood City, Walnut Creek, Crockett, Vallejo, Pinole, San Pablo, El Sobrante, Richmond, Santa Clara, San Jose, Alameda, and now her final resting place, Heaven.

Patsy will most be remembered for her infectious laugh, her famous 7-up cakes she baked during the Holidays and her most sought-after smoked BBQ chicken and ribs. She had a love for animals, and adored her cat Isabella and dog Sweetie. Her kind spirit of giving and caring for people contributed to her having tremendous heart that will always be part of her legacy.

She parted this life and took her last breath after being read the word of God from the Daily Bread, November 21, 2015. The reading from the Daily Bread was titled 'Winning the Big One' and the scripture was Philippians 3:7-14 "I press on toward the mark for the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus", how appropriate!

Patsy was preceded by her parents Leo and Susie Shipman, and her son Kevin Laron Smith.

Previous Events

Service

DEC 5. 11:00 AM (PT)

Greater El Bethel Church
813 Williams Drive
Richmond, CA 94806

Tribute Wall



“ *Harris Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Patsy Laverne Smith*



Harris Funeral Home - December 03, 2015 at 04:18 PM

BB

beautiful

Beverlye Bluitt-Stone - December 04, 2015 at 03:43 PM

JB

Will miss your calls an talks. Love OJ & Joyce your old cousins

Joyce Bluitt - December 04, 2015 at 05:09 PM

JB

“ *OJ and I will miss all of the long talks and your great laughter. You will be greatly missed. Love your oldest cousins.*

Joyce Bluitt - December 04, 2015 at 05:33 PM

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“ *The OJ Bluitt's family (Cousins), and Leona Ray (Cousin) purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Patsy Laverne Smith.*



The OJ Bluitt's family (Cousins), and Leona Ray (Cousin) -
December 04, 2015 at 04:32 PM

BB

“ We are so going to miss you Patsy. Your laugh, your dimples....Love you Cousin

Beverlye Bluitt-Stone - December 04, 2015 at 03:25 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Patsy Laverne Smith.



December 04, 2015 at 12:10 PM

MJ

“ Dear Kiesha,
Although I won't be able to travel to California for your mother's memorial, please know I'll have you and the rest of the family in my heart Friday.

Words fall short of expressing my sadness over Pat's death, and the gratitude I feel for having known her. She was a woman of strength, compassion and joyfulness. Just look at her face in these pictures...the dazzling smile and those eyes; looking as if she's just been up to something! She loved laughing and we always found a way to enjoy working together all the years we were with Prometheus. She started working as a temp (how we met), and quickly displayed her unique talent for working with residents and the daily demands of business. It wasn't long before she started her advancement; managing her own properties and always the ultimate "team player."

This video tribute done with the pictures you gathered capture the love she had for her family. Seeing her in these images of the Shipman girls made me smile...always up to something, those three...and my heart goes out to Nona and Sharon for the loss of their loving sister. She took such pride in her nieces and nephews, loving them as her own. And after Kevin's death, the Rice boys seemed to move into a special place; one of the reasons I was so happy to see one of the last pictures was taken on such a happy occasion, celebrating yet another graduation for one of her boys. And how I admired her unquestioned devotion to KeVonte. I hope he remembers her love all his life.

And then there's you, Kiesha. You've been a wonderful daughter. She was always so proud of your accomplishments at school, and seemed to have even more pride over your choices when you moved out on your own in Atlanta to start your adult life. How fitting you were with her when she went to her rest. She saw you into this world, and you saw her peaceful departure from her world. Being with someone when they die can be a very powerful experience,

and I pray the grace of God was with you both.

We've all lost a very special person, and now that her bright light is no longer in the world, we all need to honor her memory by loving one another every day of the life remaining for us all.

I hope the love that encircles you at the service will bring you the peace and comfort you need to heal your souls.

*With all my love and gratitude,
Mary Ellen Juhnke*

Mary Ellen Juhnke - December 03, 2015 at 10:29 PM

MB

“ *Pat your smile warms hearts. You got me Angels for Christmas and now you become one of those Angels. Rest in peace and keep on smiling.*

Love and miss you - Michelle

Michelle Brantley - December 03, 2015 at 09:14 AM



“ *48 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Harris Funeral Home - December 02, 2015 at 07:36 PM



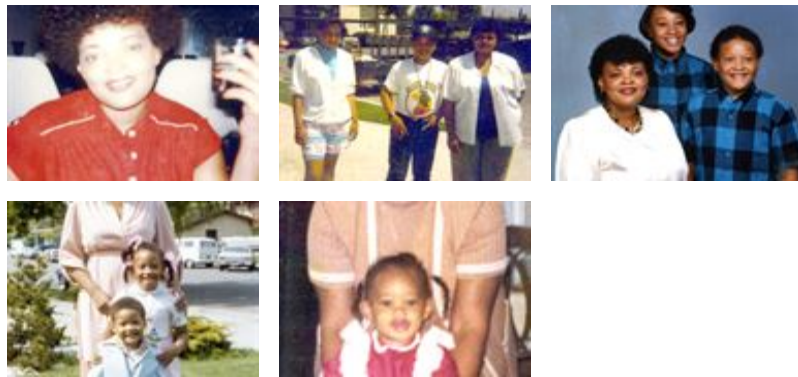
“ 69 files added to the album *Memories Album*



Harris Funeral Home - December 02, 2015 at 04:25 PM



“ 19 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Harris Funeral Home - December 01, 2015 at 06:58 PM



“ *Ms Carolyn Butler purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Patsy Laverne Smith.*



Ms Carolyn Butler - November 30, 2015 at 10:36 PM