



## Zeola "Cookie" Smith

December 8, 1952 - August 3, 2025

Cookie was born on December 8, 1952 to O.C. and Jewel Washington in Wynnewood, Oklahoma.

At an early age she united with Mt. Olive Baptist Church. Cookie graduated from Wynnewood High School in 1971. That same year, on July 8, 1971, she married Arthur Joe Smith Sr. From this union, four children were born (Arthur Joe Smith Jr., Deidra Smith, Dacona Smith, and Miesha Smith). With God's help, constant prayer, and faith, the couple shared a 54 year marriage.

Cookie later united with Mt. Carmel Baptist Church where she raised her children to trust in God and always pray. She enjoyed singing in the choir, working with the youth, and serving as the church financial clerk. She took all of these positions very seriously and never hesitated to give advice. Cookie took pride in building positive relationships with the young people in the community. Her children's friends were treated like her own kids.

Cookie would be the first to tell anyone that her greatest blessing was her family. She deeply cherished her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Some of her most enjoyable moments were family gatherings for holidays and birthdays. She made everyone feel special on their birthday and the holidays were always filled with love and laughter. Her hobbies included cooking, reading, writing in her journal, shopping, and spending time with her family.

Cookie leaves to cherish her memory her husband, Arthur Joe Smith Sr., her daughters Deidra (Dede) and husband Chris Smith, Miesha (Meme) and

husband Thomas Smith III, her sons Arthur Smith Jr. (J.J.) and wife Jennifer Smith, Dacona Smith and wife Demenda (Kay) Smith. She also has eleven grandchildren: Devion Smith, Autumn Chandler (Martez Chandler), Javon Smith, Wynter Smith, Drezick Smith, Arthur Smith III (Tre) (Stacie Smith), Jayden Sawyer (Chase Sawyer), Deja Smith, Thomas Smith IV, Josiah Smith, and Kaitlyn Smith. She also leaves three siblings that she was raised with to cherish her memory. Her sister, Sharon Thomas and husband Scott, her brothers, Frank Earl Washington and wife Beverly, and Ricky Washington and wife Jan. Cookie was preceded in death by her parents O.C. and Jewel Washington, three sisters that she grew up with; Donna Gray, Mary McNeil, and Debbie Washington, two brothers that she grew up with; Robert Washington and Lawrence Washington and one grandson, Devion Smith. Cookie will be forever remembered as a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and child of God. She impacted many people by living a life that served as an example for others. We will be forever grateful for the moments that we were able to share with her. We have comfort in knowing that she may be absent from the body but she is present with the Lord.

The family will be receiving friends on Thursday, August 7, from 5-7 P.M. at the DeArman Funeral Home Chapel in Wynnewood. Services will follow on Friday, August 8, 2025 at 11 A.M. at Mt. Carmel Baptist in Wynnewood, interment following at Oaklawn Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Oaklawn Cemetery

Wynnewood  
Wynnewood, OK 73098

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

DeArman Funeral Home- Wynnewood  
103 E Cherokee St  
Wynnewood, OK 73098  
(405) 665-4554  
<https://www.dearmanfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

AUG 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mount Carmel Baptist Church  
Mount Carmel Baptist Church 708 N Robberson Ave  
Wynnewood, OK 73098  
(405) 665-2020

# Tribute Wall

LH

“ *Lonla Calhoun Haynes lit a candle in memory of Zeola "Cookie" Smith*



Lonla Calhoun Haynes - August 08, 2025 at 10:04 AM

LH

*Cookie was a childhood friend and family. We loved singing together. Such a beautiful lady. 🙏❤️🙏*

Lonla Calhoun Haynes - August 08, 2025 at 10:06 AM

VM

“ *My dear neighbor Cookie, I will always have loving memories of your kindness when I lived there and visits. Family and friends be comforted and know that our Lord loves you too! Cookie, I will see your beautiful smile again in heaven when I get there.*

*Vickie and Britt Montgomery*

V Smith Montgomery - August 08, 2025 at 12:15 AM

LK

“ *Loura Kelly lit a candle in memory of Zeola "Cookie" Smith*



Loura Kelly - August 07, 2025 at 04:50 PM



“ We always said we were gonna fight a book about our WalMart experiences. She made a hard job a lot easier to deal with and it formed a lifelong friendship. My prayers are with the entire family but you know Cookie is singing her praises to the Lord. She left behind such a legacy of love and faith. She will be forever missed !

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**Christy Looney** - August 06, 2025 at 10:18 PM



“ Wonderful lady who represented her family, friends, Wynnewood Savages and the community in a positive manner. You can tell in most cases the type of people are by how their children act. Joe and Cookie did a top notch job as their children were great people. Cookie will be missed.  
Coach W

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**Jimmy Williams** - August 06, 2025 at 04:49 PM



“ Darlene McAlister lit a candle in memory of Zeola "Cookie" Smith



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**Darlene McAlister** - August 06, 2025 at 03:10 PM

LO

“ I extend my deepest condolences to the family during the homegoing of Miss Cookie. I was blessed to meet her through my Pastor, Rev. Frank Washington when they would attend services at Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church. She was always smiling and always pleasant as was the rest of the family. I thank God for the fellowship with her and the family, and am asking God for comfort and love to them.



LaRhonda Minter-Davis (Wewoka, OK) - August 06, 2025 at 02:24 PM

GR

There's no words that can express the sadness that we feel when we heard the news of Cookie. To Author Joe and the Smith family we just want you all to know that you are truly loved and in our prayers. I must say, I thought the world of Cookie as my executive-finance secretary during my years of Pastor at Mount Carmel. Pastor Rogers

Greg Rogers - August 06, 2025 at 07:56 PM

CP

Words can express the sadness I feel. I meet Cookie and her husband on Friday, when they came to my cousin's house to console her after losing her husband. I fell in love with her within minutes. I felt the love she had for people. To her husband and children I thank God for allowing Cookie to cross my path. Praying for comfort and peace.  
Teresa's cousin  
Cassandra

Cassandra Poteat - August 08, 2025 at 12:18 AM