



## Ms. Willie Pearl Smith

August 14, 1952 - October 9, 2025

Willie Pearl Smith, affectionately known as “Ms. Pearl,” passed away peacefully on October 9, 2025, in Austell, Georgia. She was born on August 14, 1952, in Savannah, Georgia, to the late Willie Hudson Smith and Alma Jones Smith, and was reared in Statesboro, Georgia.

A proud 1970 graduate of William James High School, Ms. Pearl devoted her life to service in both her community and career. She worked faithfully with the late Loretta Williams as part of SMGADAAP (State Minority Group Against Drugs and Alcohol Prevention) and served nearly five decades at Bulloch Memorial Hospital / East Georgia Regional Medical Center, where she became a beloved figure known for her professionalism, kindness, and compassion. Her colleagues described her as “the glue that held the unit together,” admired by doctors, nurses, and patients alike.

A devoted member of Tabernacle Baptist Church and an avid Dallas Cowboys fan, Ms. Pearl lived with unwavering faith and a heart for people. She found joy in shopping, traveling, and spending time with family.

Ms. Pearl was preceded in death by her parents, her daughter Akiah Kamile “Grace” Smith, her brother Derry Smith, her son-in-law Jermaine “Chip” Parker, her nephew Alvin (Abdul) Moore, and several beloved aunts.

She leaves to cherish her memory two loving daughters, Raquel (Garfield) Joyce of Austell, Georgia, and Yoko Williams-Parker of Savannah, Georgia, one adored grandson, YoKhorian Parker, and one devoted sister, Maretta Moore.

She is lovingly remembered by her nieces and nephews: Alethia (Kenny) McCormick of Augusta, Georgia, Gregory Moore of Lithia Springs, Georgia, Michelle Moore, and Guinevere (William) Lundy. Her great-nieces and nephews include Kendall (Amber) McCormick of Norcross, Georgia, LaTerrance Carter of Fairburn, Georgia, Raven (Justin) Murphy, and Johnquez Lundy of Fort Campbell, Kentucky. She also leaves great-great nieces A'Zariyah Gianni Murphy and A'Ziyah Grace Murphy, and her bonus niece and nephew Zuri Johnson and Zion Johnson.

Her love extended to her daughters in heart, Tamyra (Charles) Jackson of Stonecrest, Georgia, and Latoria (Shondai) Harris of McDonough, Georgia. She also shared a cherished sisterhood known as "The Fab 5", Vera Love-Johnson, Generia Walker, Earlene Scott-Howard, and Petronia Baldwin-Dixon, along with many lifelong friends who shared an unbreakable bond with her.

Ms. Pearl will be remembered for her radiant smile, generous spirit, and steadfast faith. Her life was a beautiful testimony of love, service, and grace.

A public viewing for Ms. Smith will be held from 5 P.M. to 7 P.M., Friday, October 17, 2025 at Hill's Mortuary, Inc.

The funeral service for Ms. Willie Pearl Smith, will be held at 11 A.M., Saturday, October 18, 2025, at the Original First African Baptist Church, the Rev. Christopher Culbreath, I, pastor, the Rev. Charles Weaver, presiding and the Elder Donald Chavers, Jr., eulogist. Burial will be held in the Bulloch

Memorial Gardens.

The services for Ms. Smith may be viewed via-live stream at our Hill's Mortuary, Inc. Facebook page or C & C Photography Media Production on Youtube.

Final rites have been entrusted to Hill's Mortuary, Inc.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

OCT 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Hill's Mortuary  
58 Packinghouse Road  
Statesboro, GA 30458

## Funeral Service

OCT 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

Original First African Baptist Church  
545 Westside Rd  
Statesboro, GA 30458  
(912) 764-7779

## Burial

OCT 18 (ET)

Bulloch Memorial Gardens  
22002 Hwy 80 East  
Statesboro, GA 30458

# Tribute Wall

LS

“ Sending heartfelt prayers and condolences to the family at this time...



Lavern Smith - October 18, 2025 at 11:36 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ms. Willie Pearl Smith.



October 18, 2025 at 07:50 AM

RS

“ Pearl will be missed by everyone that knew her. I worked with Pearl from the 1970s until my retirement in 2020. I can truly say she welcome and cared about all her coworkers. She gave words of encouragement with a big smile and it gonna be alright. I know she endured a lot in life ,but she never less it get her down. The Lord has given you eternal life with your beloved daughter. Rest in peace

Ruth Smith - October 17, 2025 at 06:13 PM

OM

“ My condolences to you and your family. Ms Willie Pearl will truly be missed. 🙏🙏🙏

Ontario Martin - October 17, 2025 at 04:27 PM

TE

“ My Sincere Condolences To The Family Of Ms. Pearl Smith.... Lord Comfort & Strengthen This Bereaved Family With Love & Endurance During Their Time Of Sadness ... Gone & Take Your Rest Ms. Pearl Smith !! 💕💕💕 🙏🙏🙏



Tricia Eason-Redding - October 17, 2025 at 03:51 PM

KR

“ Katie Raymond lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willie Pearl Smith



Katie Raymond - October 17, 2025 at 03:22 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Willie Pearl Smith.



October 17, 2025 at 11:11 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Willie Pearl Smith.



October 17, 2025 at 09:21 AM

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“ From. Class of 1999 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Willie Pearl Smith.

From. Class of 1999 - October 17, 2025 at 09:21 AM

MB

“ Merinda Bolds purchased the Simply Elegant Sp  
athiphyllum for the family of Ms. Willie Pearl  
Smith.



Merinda Bolds - October 17, 2025 at 08:55 AM

HB

“ We met Willie Pearl, June 14, 2025 at her  
friend Petronia-Baldwin-Dixon's retirement  
Party. Thank you Petronia, for asking us to  
met your special friend. Willie, was friendly  
and very happy meeting. We send our  
deepest condolences to her family and friends  
Petronia and Larry Dixon's family, all the way from  
Kalamazoo, Michigan.



Helen Brooks - October 16, 2025 at 08:17 PM

WF

“ Yoko we love you & we are so sorry to hear about your mom . Our  
family sends our love and condolences to you and your family.....  
Eugene & Bonita McCray White

White/ McCray Family - October 16, 2025 at 06:11 PM

DS

“ Pearl was nothing short of extraordinary. Her dedication to the healthcare field was evident in the care and compassionate manner with which she carried out her work. She was always ready to offer assistance and support whenever it was needed, touching the lives of many through her selfless actions.

*I will forever hold these precious memories of Pearl close to my heart. She will be deeply missed, and her impact will never be forgotten. My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time. I pray that you will look to God for comfort and lean on your memories to remind you of the joy she brought to all those whose lives she touched. UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN!*

*Deborah Spann-Scott*

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**Deborah Spann-Scott** - October 16, 2025 at 03:48 PM

AN

“ Anonymous lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willie Pearl Smith



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**anonymous** - October 16, 2025 at 10:34 AM

LW

“ The Cowboys Fan and The Falcons Fan. I was giving away all my Falcons gear and I ran across the scarf you gave me. That one will be a keeper!! Love you Pearl!!!



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**Lucia wallace** - October 15, 2025 at 05:54 PM

NM

“ Will always love Miss pearls smile and laughter. Nicole

nicole Hattrich Mathews - October 15, 2025 at 04:37 PM

BL

“ Pearl always had a smile and kind words for everyone. She will be missed.



Bobbi Littles - October 15, 2025 at 04:29 PM

WJ

“ Wanda Jackson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willie Pearl Smith



Wanda Jackson - October 15, 2025 at 04:06 PM

DF

“ My condolences to the family.



Delphia Florence - October 15, 2025 at 03:22 PM

SH

“ *Sharella McCall Holloway lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willie Pearl Smith*



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**Sharella McCall Holloway** - October 15, 2025 at 12:24 PM

YC

“ *Yvonne Chatman-Robinson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willie Pearl Smith*



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**Yvonne Chatman-Robinson** - October 14, 2025 at 10:56 PM

GT

“ *Pearl you fought a good fight and now you're with your master and he will be with you forever your cousin Gloria Walker Tremble*

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**Gloria Tremble** - October 14, 2025 at 12:03 PM

BL

“ *Betty Lewis lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willie Pearl Smith*



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**Betty Lewis** - October 14, 2025 at 11:54 AM

DD

“ I loved Miss Pearl. She helped me and Larry with her loving care. The memory I cherish was when she sat with me at Bulloch Memorial while we waited for transport to the Savannah Hospital where he died. These were the quiet hours of realizing his time was now. She helped provide those hours of quiet love and support for us both. Later, I visited her when she went back to work at the birthing center. What a perfect place for her to share her love. What a sweet, sweet, soul.

I am told we will instantly understand the glory and beauty of heaven. But if I do need a minute or two to take it all in, I want Pearl sitting next to me. There is a reassurance of God's love that comes from other souls who are His messengers. Miss Willie Pearl Smith was one of those people. May God be with your family.

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**Debbie Davis** - October 14, 2025 at 10:22 AM

TF

“ The Joyce family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Ms. Willie Pearl Smith.



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**The Joyce family** - October 13, 2025 at 06:45 PM

TJ

“ I remember working with Ms. Pearl at Bulloch Memorial Hospital. We had so much fun and laughter. I will always remember my friend smile and laughter. You at peace my friend. No more pain . Love you ❤️🙏

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**Treaves Jackson** - October 13, 2025 at 06:01 PM

KR

“ *Kellie Riggs lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willie Pearl Smith*



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**Kellie Riggs** - October 13, 2025 at 03:55 PM

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“ *Truly sorry for your loss, praying for the entire family. Doing this difficult time.*

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**Kellie Riggs** - October 13, 2025 at 03:54 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Willie Pearl Smith.*



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October 13, 2025 at 12:58 PM

AP

“ *Arnold Perkins lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willie Pearl Smith*



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**Arnold Perkins** - October 12, 2025 at 07:23 PM

CO

“ Loved working with Ms.Pearl at the old BMH. She was absolutely a great lady always a joy to be around . Prayers for her family during this difficult time. Cecelia Oliver

Cecelia Oliver - October 12, 2025 at 04:20 PM

AP

“ ARNOLD PERKINS lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willie Pearl Smith



ARNOLD PERKINS - October 12, 2025 at 03:24 PM

BL

“ Betty Lewis lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willie Pearl Smith



Betty Lewis - October 12, 2025 at 12:14 PM

EB

“ Easter Brinson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willie Pearl Smith



Easter Brinson - October 11, 2025 at 02:16 PM

VL

“ I am so sorry to hear about Pearl passing my prayers are with you 🙏 to no her was too love her she was one of a kind thank God for people like Pearl

Verna Lanier - October 11, 2025 at 08:49 AM

LS

“ Lisa Smith lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willie Pearl Smith



Lisa Smith - October 10, 2025 at 08:10 PM