



Mrs. Cynthia Elizabeth McCottry-Smith

December 27, 1922 - January 15, 2025

Mrs. Cynthia Elizabeth McCottry-Smith, 102, of Columbia, SC (formerly of Charleston, SC) entered eternal rest on Wednesday, January 15, 2025.

She leaves to cherish her memories her children: Alonzo W. Smith Sr. (Joslyn) and Craig H. Smith, Sr.; grandchildren: Alonzo W. Smith Jr. (Tiffany), Daniel M. Smith (Maya), Craig H. Smith, Jr. (Marci) and Christopher F. Smith; great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband: Alonzo Smith; parents: Andrew McDonald McCottry and Lucille Turner McCottry; siblings: Dr. Turner McCottry, Ruth Mae McCottry Wiley, and Gloria McCottry Harris; and daughter-in-law, Denise Smith.

Mrs. McCottry-Smith was a Retired Educator.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to the Avery Institute of Afro-American History and Culture - www.averyinstitute.us PO Box 21492, Charleston, SC 29413. Contact Mr. Tony Bell 843-367-5727. Please include in the note: In Memory of Cynthia McCottry Smith.

Friday, January 31, 2025

Public Viewing

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Smith-McNeal Funeral Home
2119 Dorchester Road - North Charleston, SC 29405

Wake Services
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Zion Olivet Presbyterian Church
3347 Rivers Avenue - North Charleston, SC 29405

Memorial Service - The Charleston (SC) Chapter of The Links Incorporated
6:00 PM
Ivy Beyond The Wall - Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated - 6:30 PM
Gamma XI Omega Chapter

Saturday, February 1, 2025
Celebration of Life Service
11:00 AM
Zion Olivet Presbyterian Church
3347 Rivers Avenue
North Charleston, SC 29405

The Services will be LIVE-STREAM via the Smith-McNeal Funeral Home
FACEBOOK PAGE!

Previous Events

Memorial Service - The Links Incorporated

JAN 31. 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Zion Olivet Presbyterian Church, USA
3347 Rivers Avenue
North Charleston, SC 29405

IVY BEYOND THE WALL - ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED

JAN 31. 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Zion Olivet Presbyterian Church, USA
3347 Rivers Avenue
North Charleston, SC 29405

Celebration of Life Service

FEB 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Zion Olivet Presbyterian Church, USA
3347 Rivers Avenue
North Charleston, SC 29405

Tribute Wall

LI

“ *Condolences to the family of Cynthia McCottry-Smith. May God continue to comfort and strengthen the family during this time of bereavement. May the many cherished and loving memories of Cynthia continue to comfort his family and friends. May you all have calming and pleasant thoughts during this time.*

Lisa - February 11, 2025 at 10:02 AM

TT

“ *It is with deepest sympathy that my wife and I, Natalie and Tim Tracy of Augusta, Georgia, extend our sincerest thoughts and prayers to the family of Mrs. Cynthia Elizabeth McCottry-Smith, affectionately known to us as "Momma Cinny." On behalf of my late father and grandmother, William D. Tracy and Charlotte D. Tracy formerly of Charleston, S.C., our heartfelt prayers go out to Momma Cinny's entire family. May God bless each of you, and may the fondest, most cherished memories of her stay with you always.*

*Tim and Natalie Tracy
Augusta, GA*

Tim Tracy - January 31, 2025 at 12:06 PM

EM

“ Sincere sympathy is extended to Craig, Smitty, Andrea and the entire family. I met Aunt Cinny through her niece, Gail and her sister Ruth or Ma Wiley as I called her. From the moment we met, I aspired to be a woman like her. Full of grace, charm, beauty, compassion, joy, smarts, and a caring, loving spirit. She help me to see the possibilities in life, exhibiting these qualities and following Jesus Christ. I love you Aunt Cinny, rest in peace and enjoy your reward with our Creator Jesus Christ. Heaven became even more beautiful when you arrived!

Evelyn (Lynn) McGill - January 31, 2025 at 11:03 AM

SF

“ Sending condolences to the family of Mrs. Cynthia McCottry -Smith.
From the Bligen Family.



Sandra L Bligen Frazier - January 31, 2025 at 10:15 AM

JY

“ To the Smith family friends and loved ones.
Holding you and all of your family members who are missing Cynthia M. Smith in my heart today. Remembering all the good times we shared with Cynthia M. Smith.
REST IN PEACE MRS. SMITH ! 🙏❤️🖤

J. Bernice S. Youngblood - January 30, 2025 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ To the family of Cynthia McCottry Smith, Please know that I am lifting you in prayer. Mrs. Smith was my 4th Grade teacher at Mitchell Elem. School. The love and kindness this beautiful teacher shared with me, will be remembered forever. She encouraged me to set my goals high and strive to reach them. She also reminded me that she believed in me and I could do anything I wanted to do. Thank you Mrs. Smith. Thank you for believing in me. Thank you for not letting me give up. I am a teacher today because of you. I will always hold a special place in my heart for you

If roses grew in heaven, I would send a bouquet to you! Rest in Peace my special TEACHER!

Betty Smalls - January 28, 2025 at 08:38 PM

FI

“ From, The Links, Incorporated. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mrs. Cynthia Elizabeth McCottry-Smith.



From, The Links, Incorporated. - January 27, 2025 at 12:41 PM

JG

“ Jesse Grant lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cynthia Elizabeth McCottry-Smith



Jesse Grant - January 25, 2025 at 08:29 AM

TB

“ *Mrs Smith taught me at Mitchell Elementary School on thr 4th grade. Rest in peace dear Teacher. Craig you and your family have my deepest sympathy . Theresa Smalls Bradley Aka Wee Nee Burke High School Class of 1974*



Theresa BRADLEY - January 24, 2025 at 08:51 AM

JG

My Prayers and Condolences goes out to the family

Jesse Grant - January 25, 2025 at 08:27 AM

SM

“ *Mrs. McCottry-Smith has been a blessing to me throughout the years. She encouraged me to continue my education to the highest levels, always reminding me that nothing is impossible if you believe. Her unwavering support and faith in my abilities were a constant source of inspiration and motivation. I am deeply grateful that she shared her life with me. Her memory will forever be cherished, and her lessons will continue to guide me. May God comfort her family and friends during this difficult time, and may we all draw strength from the remarkable example she set.*

Shirley Randall Eaton, MSPH - January 18, 2025 at 03:24 PM

SR

From Shirley Randall Eaton

Shirley Randall - January 18, 2025 at 03:25 PM

BD

Mrs. Cynthia McCottry Smith was my 7th grade teacher at Sanders-Clyde (East Bay) Elementary School. She was an encourager, a mentor, a Soror, and a dear friend. At a time when many people didn't have high expectations for students who lived on the east side of Charleston, Cenny would tell us, "The prettiest lilies grow in the muddiest ponds." She said that the world is waiting for your gift, and we believed her. Thank you, my friend, for believing in me and encouraging me to be all that I can be. Take you rest at 102 years of age. Your long and full life is a testimony to the gifts you leave in all the students and family you touched.

Barbara Dawson Dilligard, Ed.D., MBA

Barbara D Dilligard - January 21, 2025 at 04:59 PM

DD

*Mrs, McCottry
You were an inspiration to many: so accomplished, genuine, and always friendly with everyone. I am so pleased to know you. You were a role model for me.*

Elise Davis-McFarland

Dr. Elise Davis-McFarland - January 31, 2025 at 03:48 PM

SW

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Sharon E. Williams - January 18, 2025 at 12:17 AM