



## Ms. Harolyn D. Smith

September 3, 1963 - January 6, 2025

Ms. Harolyn D. Smith, 61, of Charleston, South Carolina entered eternal rest on Monday, January 6, 2025.

Her parents preceded her death: Harold Smith, Sr., and Dorothy Smith.

Harolyn is survived by her siblings: Yale Devereau, Harold S. Smith, Jr., Vincent C. Smith, and Anthony Smith; aunt: Joanne (Charles) Stent; uncle: Charles Johnson; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

### Public Viewing

Sunday, January 12, 2025

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Smith-McNeal Funeral Home

2119 Dorchester Road

North Charleston, SC 29405

### Celebration of Life Service

Monday, January 13, 2025

12:00 PM

Charleston Church of Christ

9802 Highway 78

Ladson, SC 29456

### Interment

Riverview Memorial Park Cemetery  
3715 Azalea Drive  
N. Charleston, SC 29405

# Previous Events

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JAN 13. 12:00 PM (ET)

Charleston Church of Christ  
9802 Highway 78  
Ladson, SC 29456

## LIVE STREAM VIEWING

JAN 13. 12:00 PM.

Smith-McNeal - FACEBOOK PAGE

## Interment

JAN 13. 1:30 PM (ET)

Riverview Memorial Park  
3715 Azalea Drive  
North Charleston, SC 29405  
(843) 744-3949

# Tribute Wall



“ *W.M. Smith-McNeal Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Harolyn D. Smith*



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**W M Smith-McNeal Funeral Home & Chapel** - January 13, 2025 at 12:19 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to Harolyn’s family and friends. I had the pleasure of working with Harolyn for many years when she lived in the Boston area. I will remember her for her strong faith, her sense of humor, her kindness and friendship. The last time I saw Harolyn was March of 2022. Some other friends of hers from Boston and I went to visit her in Charleston. We had such a wonderful time. Harolyn was our own personal tour guide. She showed us a wonderful time. I will treasure those memories forever. We had talked from time to time since that trip. We were planning another trip to visit her again. I have a book that Harolyn gave to me many years ago, *The little book of big bible Promises for women*. Harolyn wrote this message in the book: *to my friend Eileen, may you always meditate on God’s promises to lead you in the right direction. I will treasure this book and forever miss you Harolyn* ❤️*

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**Eileen Fox** - January 30, 2025 at 08:15 AM



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**Eileen Fox** - January 30, 2025 at 07:37 AM



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**Eileen Fox** - January 30, 2025 at 07:52 AM

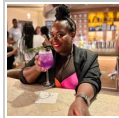
TO

“ *Every cloud has a silver lining. Hmm. As I write these six words, I know this isn't always true. Harolyn poured sunshine into every soul she touched, and then she slipped away so quickly. This elegant, refined, downright funny, spiritually grounded woman captured our hearts. It's heartbreaking to imagine a world without her light. Take your rest, my Dear. Thank you for just being you. 💔🙏❤️👏*  
*#HarolynSmith #CharlestonHighSchool #ClassofNineteenEightyOne*



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**Theda Okona** - January 14, 2025 at 05:19 PM



*Thanks for sharing, these are some beautiful pictures*

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**Jenelle N Smith** - January 16, 2025 at 03:12 PM

SF

“ *We spoke a little over a month ago. You asked about my siblings, especially David We talked about the old neighborhood, then and now. I reminded you that I didn't go to Charleston High and we laughed. I'm thankful that our last conversation was pleasant. RIP Beautiful Lady*

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**S. Fleming** - January 13, 2025 at 01:46 PM

SK

“ Although I knew Harolyn for a short time, I knew she was a special person, always there for anyone in need. She made me feel so welcome at work and she was a blessing to all who knew her. Rest in Peace Harolyn and may we meet again one day. So sorry to your family for their great loss because Harolyn, you will be missed dearly by all. Rest easy my friend.

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**Suzanne K** - January 12, 2025 at 08:50 PM

KA

“ Me and Harry rang in the New Year together!

*She asked me a few months ago if she died if I would speak at her funeral and her mine. We met in 1987 in Boston at a wedding reception.*

*We are like real blood sisters. This has devastated me. I'm supposed to come visit. She would always talk about serving this one or that one. Jesus way was the only way!!! Love ran deep for her. I would always tell her You have the Best Personality in the whole wide world!!! People need to get to know my Harry!!!*

*We loved to share how this sermon or verse or book was motivating or inspiring us to become more of what God desires. She accepted me. Loved me and knew every detail of my life. As I learned on New Years Eve about Julia Tolus daughter who was 20 passing in her sleep. We talked about that we are just a mist passing through until we reach Heaven. We promised one another that we would talk pray and fast more this year. She would say Well Sister Lovey I'm going to hold you to it. We have so many memories together.*

*Waiting for the bus near Central Park and she said Karen look what's coming down the street. Oh, my favorite dog.*

*3 afghan hounds. We missed the bus because I was so enthralled petting them. Many years going to the beach for the 4th of July. I loved our joking. We would make up the craziest stories and laugh and laugh. We would feel as low and discouraged as can be and we would pray it out, read scriptures. Talk and talk. Cry and find the faith that God provides to face our weaknesses and challenges in whatever life unfolded for us. I would say I wish everyone had a Harry in their life. Oh, stop it she would say. No more pesky raccoons or squirrels raising havoc and not paying any rent in your house. All the hours we would spend on the phone cleaning and organizing our homes. Well, kiddo no more of that. I'll miss who you're sharing your faith with. Asking me what I thought of this and that. Celebrating you and Paul's Birthday. We talked about this year going there so we could all go out together to celebrate. As I got coffee today. I heard you say*

*5 shots of espresso. Girl that's too much!!!*

*I'm sick to my stomach I can't go to the funeral.*

*I would have to take a few lorazepams to get me through. I would be afraid I would cry so loud and climb into the casket to hug you and kiss your cheek over and over like I used to that I would be hauled out of there. God is always giving us what we need. I would have to ask God for self control so I would disturb everyone. They say the more you cry and are grieve stricken is the extent of how you Loved. We joked of when Jesus returned that too bad we didn't live closer that we would pull each other up in the air to meet God. Which we knew that's not how it would work. I'm so Happy you met new Best Friends in SC! I prayed you would. You worked tirelessly caring for your Dad. Great example of a loving daughter! You could sing not many people knew that about you. You were kind, straight shooter, Hopeful for the days to come. As I recently said. None of us get out of here alive! Gods will and timing is not to be questioned by me. I am praying for your Family, Friends and people that you have touched. We gave one another the love and value of Christ. Thank you Harry for being one of me Best Friends! Im listening to your past voicemails and crying so many tears. I Love You! I look forward to seeing you in heaven. I will praise God and give him glory in all situations no matter what! I will take your last advise that you gave me! You have been important in my spiritual and emotional growth over the many years of friendship. God has used you!!! I am grateful so very grateful!!! I Love You!!!!*



Karen - January 11, 2025 at 09:57 PM

JY

To the Smith family friends and loves ones. I'm deeply sorry for your loss.💔 Through words can do little to comfort you, may the thoughts and prayers of all those who love you help support you at this difficult time.

REST IN PEACE MS. SMITH ! 🙏❤️🖤🌸 Youngblood

J.Bernice S. Youngblood - January 12, 2025 at 06:02 PM



*Karen thanks for sharing! Reading this made my soul smile. Sending love your way from her niece Jenelle.*

**Jenelle N Smith** - January 12, 2025 at 08:39 PM

RH

*Was speaking to another sister friend just 2 weeks ago and she mentioned Harolyn. I told her I would love Harolyn's number so that we can rekindle the friendship we had in Boston. She is gone from this earth. But, I am left with fond memories of her. A sister that was always sweet and positive because her faith in God was always strong. I don't remember ever seeing her without that beautiful smile on her face... a face that knew how much God loved her and wanted the best for her. I will miss her! Thank you, Harolyn for your example as a spiritual single sister who kept the faith until the end.*

**Rosemary Hoover** - January 12, 2025 at 08:46 PM

JW

*To the Smith family who has been a part of the Washington's family for decades! This is Jeanette Jones, Mildred's sister. I would like to extend my condolences to Vincent, Smitty, Harold, Jr, and to all of the family members. Our hearts are sad for your loss at this difficult time of bereavement. May God grant all of you the strength to go through these days ahead. I really enjoyed reading about Harolyn through the eyes of her dearest friend, Karen. It was comforting to know that Harolyn was strongly encouraged by her faith in God to the end of her departure from earth. May her soul be blessed! 🕊️*  
*Love you all always,*  
*Jeanette Washington-Jones and family*

**Jeanette Washington-Jones** - January 12, 2025 at 09:10 PM

JH

*My condolences to all that knew Harolyn, and, if you knew Harolyn, you loved her. She was a beautiful soul. I worked with her for several years at MUSC and she brought calm and comfort to all the patients and families she touched. The world lost an angel.*

**Jennifer D Hebra** - January 13, 2025 at 06:02 AM

HD

*Harolyn, you were my roommate in Medford and I will never forget the night Sloane had a nightmare and woke up screaming. I hid under my blanket for a second and then got up and there you were, marching down the hall with the broom in your hand to her and Janiele's room and asking "Is everything all right in here?". I heard that's a Southern thing. Apparently in Massachusetts, we hide under blankets. Lol. You were a great friend and roommate. The world is a sadder place without you. I still think of you, especially when I see a giraffe because I know that you loved them. And Sloane is all grown up now!*

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**Heidi Dietrich** - April 09 at 03:37 AM

CL

“*My dear Harolyn, what a blessing to have known you and your beautiful spirit. You were such a good friend , roommate and lover of good. I'm so happy I got to express to you my gratitude for your friendship when we reconnected a few years ago. And to meet up at a conference in 2022. It was such a special moment. You will be missed by so many. My heart is at peace knowing that I will see you, reminisce, and laugh with you again someday. Rest deep in His arms, my sweet friend and sister. You leave a beautiful legacy of faith I know He is pleased with.* ❤️

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**Cindy Legg** - January 11, 2025 at 06:34 PM

NR

“*Harolyn was a beautiful soul inside and out and it's heartbreaking to hear of her passing. Warmest condolences to the Smith family.*

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**Natalie Rogers** - January 11, 2025 at 05:08 PM

SW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall

Death takes  
the body. God takes  
the soul. Our mind  
holds the memories.  
Our hearts keeps the  
love. Our faith lets

Sharon E. Williams - January 11, 2025 at 03:26 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ms. Harolyn D. Smith.

January 11, 2025 at 12:06 PM

JT

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.



Jessica Tumbleston - January 10, 2025 at 08:15 PM

JT

I will miss you Harolyn!

Jessica Tumbleston - January 10, 2025 at 08:17 PM



“ My heartfelt condolences to the Smith family on the sudden and unexpected passing of dear Harolyn.

*I will deeply miss her warm smile and kind heart. I am forever grateful for the meals we shared, the walks we took, and the cherished moments spent together each time I was in Charleston—far from where our paths first crossed in Boston.*



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**Fiona Sanders** - January 10, 2025 at 02:45 PM

CS

“ Sending my prayers to my Smith family . Truly this caught everyone by surprise . Reminisce on the kind spirit , good memories and laughter shared. Know that heaven has gained a special angel and she will continue to look down over her brothers, nieces/nephews, and dear friends and family!

*With luv ,Crystal Simmons*



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**Crystal Simmons** - January 10, 2025 at 02:25 PM

VF

“ Harolyn,ice

*This took me for a loop! We've known each other since childhood, from Piedmont to Gordon, You had the disposition of an Angel here on earth. Your sweet caring voice will be missed on this side, I'm so glad we got to see each other often when I brought Nell to the doctor, you cared so much, always asking about how he was doing, you even came to his service, the last time I saw you.Take your rest my friend I know God met you with open arms, one thing for sure is YOU LOVED THE LORD!*

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**Vanessa D Foster** - January 10, 2025 at 11:29 AM

DB

“ *Delia Brooks lit a candle in memory of Ms. Harolyn D. Smith*



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**Delia Brooks** - January 10, 2025 at 10:09 AM

DB

“ *I've known Harolyn for over 35 years! She was always a gem of a friend. Her smile big as her heart. Her heartfelt laughter I can still hear. Her love for God was genuine and true to the end! The only thing I hate is not spending more time with her. So thanking God for the time we did!*

*Delia Brooks*

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**Delia Brooks** - January 10, 2025 at 10:08 AM

VD

“ *Harolyn, I will truly miss seeing your beautiful face and our chatting when I visit the heart clinic later this month, and throughout the year. I remember doing the Heart walk with my Walker and you walked with me. We shared many great conversations, we always shared the word of God and encouraged each other's. You were an angel from Heaven placed there by God, your smile was seen long before I or anyone arrived at the desk. I know you are resting and still smiling with the almighty our Father that is in Heaven. God is having you walk around as the smiling Angel. Family please know that my Prayers are with you, I pray and know that God will comfort you today tomorrow and always. Love, Vernelle Dickerson, Heart Transplant 2011.*

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**Vernelle Dickerson** - January 10, 2025 at 09:04 AM

PW

“ Sending Condolences and prayers to the family and friends. Harolyn will definitely be missed!



Patricia Wilson - January 10, 2025 at 07:17 AM

TJ

“ I was lucky enough to work with Harolyn for the past 6 years. The kindest person with a big heart. Now you eat all the cookies! Bonjour, my friend!

Trish Jones - January 09, 2025 at 08:33 PM

MH

“ My condolences to the Smith family 🙏🙏🙏

Minnie Jenkins Haynes - January 09, 2025 at 07:16 PM

GJ

“ Gloria Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Ms. Harolyn D. Smith



Gloria Jenkins - January 09, 2025 at 07:10 PM

GJ

We will miss you 😭 take your rest. ❤️ 🥰💖💖💖

Gloria Jenkins - January 09, 2025 at 08:09 PM

FJ

“ Faatimah Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Ms. Harolyn D. Smith



Faatimah Jenkins - January 09, 2025 at 07:01 PM

CH

“ We were blessed to know Carolyn. She was a meek, mild tempered, beautiful soul. Her smile gave a sense of calmness and peace. God bless the family . Cast your cares upon the Lord.

Contrenia Haynes - January 09, 2025 at 06:46 PM

JF

“ I worked with Harolyn for 19 years. Her kindness to our patients and their families had no limits. Heaven has gained an angel 🙏. Prayers to her family. We will miss her so much. Jane Fitzsimmons

Jane Fitzsimmons - January 09, 2025 at 06:16 PM

SJ

“ Sending prayers and condolences to the Family. 🙏🙏🙏🙏 She was a sweet and caring young lady 🙏🙏🙏🙏💔💔💔💔💔



Shirley Jamison - January 09, 2025 at 06:15 PM

GJ

“ Gloria Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Ms. Harolyn D. Smith



Gloria Jenkins - January 09, 2025 at 03:35 PM

FJ

You will be miss but never forgotten 💔 your heart was to serve humanity 😭 rest in Power ❤️🕊️😊

Faatimah Jenkins - January 09, 2025 at 07:07 PM

JB

“ My sincere condolences to the family of my late classmate and friend. Harolyn was always a sweet, quiet and beautiful soul. She will be greatly missed. Rest in Paradise.



Jacqueline W Brabham - January 09, 2025 at 02:52 PM