



Hazel Smith

February 28, 1930 - May 10, 2020

Hazel Elizabeth Guerrero Smith was born on the west side of Chicago, Illinois to the union of Joseph and Hazel Guerrero. The eldest of four, her siblings were Joseph Jr. (deceased), Pauline (deceased) and Castro.

She attended Dante Elementary School and Lucy Flowers High School. In 1945, she moved to Hopkins Park, Illinois where she met and fell in love with Lorenzo Smith.

Lorenzo and Hazel were married on June 30, 1947. To this union was born Gloria, Lorenzo Jr., Karen, Esther Jean, Linda, Valerie and Eric.

Hazel knew the value of education and coupled with the fact that her now husband was principal of the local elementary school district, Hazel went back to school to finish her high school education.

Hazel then enrolled, and graduated from Olivet Nazarene College on May 25, 1970, and then went on to receive her Masters of Education Degree from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign on August 5, 1974.

Hazel was heard stating many times that one of the best things that she ever did for herself was to pursue her education. She became an elementary school teacher and could not believe that she was receiving a paycheck for

something that she loved doing.

After 33 years of marriage, Smitty passed away in 1980. Hazel was grateful for the life that she had with Smitty and all that they accomplished together.

Hazel was a devoted member of Rehoboth Mennonite Church having served as its treasurer for many years. She was also a member of Seniors on the Go, The Red Hatters, Delta Kappa Gamma and the Illinois Retired Teachers Association.

The thing that she wants us all to know is that for sure during this lifetime we are all going to get knocked down, yet, don't stay there. You have got to get back up. No matter how long it takes you, you've got to get back up and keep looking up.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her daughters, Gloria Watkins, Linda L. Smith, Valerie (Johnny) Johnson; son, Eric (Nikki) Smith; daughter-in-law, Gloria Smith; 14 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

“Have bags will travel” was the motto of Hazel Elizabeth Guerrero Smith who took her final flight to heaven on Mother’s Day, May 10, 2020, at the age of 90.

Below are the public links for the viewing and service.

Viewing Broadcast Link

Viewing for Hazel E. Smith | 11:00am-12:30pm CST

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85390661423>

To join via telephone:

Dial +1 312 626 6799

Webinar ID: 853 9066 1423

International numbers available: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kclRuizB45>

Service Broadcast Link

Celebration of Life Service for Hazel E. Smith | 1:00pm CST

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88196665904>

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Webinar ID: 881 9666 5904

International numbers available: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kd43zL08Cd>

Cemetery Details

Momence Cemetery

Ganeer Township, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 17. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Lax Mortuary
187 S. Greenwood Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 935-0090
laxmortuary@laxmortuary.com
<http://laxmortuary.com/>

Tribute Wall

MO

“ Grandmother would tell us stories of Granddaddy Lorenzo. And I wonder what he would say after 50 years...”HAZEL HONEY I AM SO HAPPY TO SEE YOU! GIVE ME A HUG. I am so sorry I had to leave... but I've looked down and see how well you have done with the family. I'm so proud of you Hazel!

Now who is this Reverend?”

I am Mae Overstreet. Daughter of Karen Overstreet. Second daughter of Hazel and Lorenzo.

Mae Overstreet - November 19, 2024 at 08:39 PM

AD

“ It was a pleasure for me to have met Mrs. Smith. Sincerely, Alvin Davis

Alvin Davis - May 27, 2020 at 01:28 PM



“ Mrs. Smith was my second grade teacher. And she was one of the best teachers I ever had. She was kind, patient, thoughtful, and encouraging. I won best penmanship in the class and I still tell people about that all the time. Now that I have my own son and I'm a stay-at-home parent, I do my best to emulate the people who taught me. I hope I'm doing a good job. I am thinking of her family at this time. Rest in peace.

Kenneth Griggs - May 22, 2020 at 01:29 PM

GA

“ Hazel was a member of Retired Teachers when I was president of the group. I She always did a fine job of checking the income of the group. When asked to do a job she did it well. She had a fun sense of humor and was positive in her contributions in the group. It was a delight to know Hazel. I shall miss her. She loved her family and was a wonderful example of Christian woman! She told me she loved to travel and was ready to go in a moments notice.
Genevieve Norton Arnold

Genevieve Norton Arnold - May 20, 2020 at 01:56 PM

EW

“ Elinor Williams lit a candle in memory of Hazel Smith



Elinor Williams - May 17, 2020 at 05:21 PM

MP

“ My condolences to the family.
Marsha Pitts



Marsha Pitts - May 17, 2020 at 02:10 PM



“ Mrs. Smith was a kind and gentle woman with a beautiful smile. She spent time with my husband and I at the family reunion and made us feel like we were part of her family and she had known us forever.

Stephanie Lomax - May 17, 2020 at 11:05 AM

DW

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the Smith family. I've only been in the company of Mrs. Smith a few times, but on those occasions she left me with memories that I won't soon forget. Rest In Peace*

Diane Washington - May 17, 2020 at 02:30 AM

DW

“ *Diane Washington lit a candle in memory of Hazel Smith*



Diane Washington - May 17, 2020 at 02:21 AM

BG

“ *There is no love like a mother's love. With a sad heart and deepest condolences, I mourn and rejoice with you knowing that Mrs. Smith has taken her final trip and has arrived safely home. She is now surrounded by loved ones in the presence of God.*

Much love, Brenda Griffin-Collins.

Brenda Griffin-Collins - May 16, 2020 at 04:15 PM



“ *Ryan Powell lit a candle in memory of Hazel Smith*



Ryan Powell - May 16, 2020 at 03:02 PM

EL

“ Ethel Lee lit a candle in memory of Hazel Smith



Ethel Lee - May 16, 2020 at 08:19 AM

EL

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Ms Hazel through the Red Hatters. She was a soft spoken person, but yet very strong. She was beautiful on the inside and out. Sometimes I would sit next to her at our Red Hatters' meeting and she would be so loving toward me. I'm going to miss her beautiful smile and loving ways. Rest easy in the Father's arm, Ms Hazel 🙏🙏❤️❤️

Ethel Lee - May 16, 2020 at 08:18 AM

AP

“ My love to the family from the Powell's



Aaron Powell - May 15, 2020 at 04:17 PM

PJ

“ Patricia Jamison lit a candle in memory of Hazel Smith



Patricia Jamison - May 15, 2020 at 03:25 PM

CW

“ *My Condolences to the family. Mrs. Smith was my Red Hatters Sister. Always had a smile.*



Cheryl Wilson - May 15, 2020 at 08:44 AM

JF

“ *JOANN FORD-BOX lit a candle in memory of Hazel Smith*



JOANN FORD-BOX - May 14, 2020 at 09:40 PM

LD

“ *Love, Rocky Dazzo purchased the Pink Tribute S pray for the family of Hazel Smith.*



Love, Rocky Dazzo - May 14, 2020 at 03:57 PM