



## Helen Starr Smith

April 26, 1920 - April 15, 2022

Helen Starr Smith, 101, of Stone Mountain, GA passed on Thursday, April 14, 2022. Celebration of Life Services will be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 11:00 AM at Antioch AME Church 765 S Hairston Road Stone Mountain, GA 30083. Visitation will be held on Monday, April 25, 2022 from 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM at our Avondale-Scottdale Chapel. Due to COVID-19, a mask will be required to enter our building. Interment will be held at Washington Memorial Gardens 700 Jordan Lane Decatur, GA 30033. Please express your condolences here on our website. Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, Avondale-Scottdale Chapel. 351 N. Clarendon Ave. Scottdale, GA 30079. (404)294-5500.

# Tribute Wall



“ Remembering Ms Helen Smith as a unique musician and choir teacher you learn more in chorus than you ever learn beautiful serious person my condolences to the family she was a great musician at the Lynwood school and other churches in the Atlanta area

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**Barbara Shaw** - May 13, 2022 at 07:30 PM

“ Ms. Helen Star Smith was an integral part of my formative years at Lynwood Park Elementary and High School. During the year of 1953 I was in her third-grade class and soon realized how blessed I was to be in her class. I remember how we celebrated Christmas in her class. Ms. Star prepared the biggest sugar cookies, hot chocolate, and popcorn balls wrapped in multi-colored cellophane foil. Believe it or not we pulled names, and everyone brought in a gift. I must share this with you because I have been sharing this with my family and children that I have taught throughout the years. Ben pulled my name and wrapped my gift in newspaper. When I opened my gift, I found bobbysocks that were not new. My classmates made comments about the gift, but I said I loved the socks. You see I understood what Ben did to get his gift for me. Many months before my mom explained to my sisters, brothers, and me what tuberculosis was and how families were sometime separated. Ben lived with this father, grandparents, and aunt because his mother was sent to a sanitorium due to TB. So, when I opened the present and looked at Ben I knew the great lengths he had gone through to get me his gift . I have been telling this experience I had in third grade for many years and I thank God for Helen Star Smith who was there .

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**Joyce Wells Scott** - April 25, 2022 at 07:56 PM

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“ *What a Blessing Ms. Smith to have crossed paths. Lynwood Park student , (first blacks to graduate 1967 from Chamblee High. Intergrations.*

*RIH.... Job Well Done..*



*Paulette Pledger McClendon*

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**Paulette Pledger McClendon** - April 23, 2022 at 11:30 PM

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“ *Helen Starr Smith, Her Life Has Been a Huge Blessing to The Butler St. CME Church!*

*For Two plus decades she served as the Minister of Music, Choir Director, and Musician (Oh... she played our Allen organ like none other has been able to do). As the director of the Butler St. Male Chorus, she taught men 30-60 plus years old (Yes some of us said, "Ahh Ms. Smith I can't sing!") to come together and sing the songs of Zion that lifted the spirit and ignited Praise to God throughout the Church. The Male Chorus was asked to accompany and sometimes requested to support the Pastor when he was invited to preach at other churches. Under the direction of Ms. Smith, the Male Chorus received numerous invitations to sing at the concerts of other churches (CME, Baptist, United Methodist and yes here at the Antioch AME) around metro Atlanta. Our Church, The Butler St. CME Church by resolution named our Male Chorus The Daniels McKee Smith Male Chorus paying tribute to these three ladies for organizing the men of Butler St. CME.*

*"Thank You Ms. Smith for sharing your God given gift of music with us".*

*On Behalf of the Daniels McKee Smith Male Chorus  
of The Butler St. CME Church  
Lamar Richardson*

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**Lamar Richardson** - April 23, 2022 at 11:12 AM