



Paula Anita Smith

August 13, 1950 - January 22, 2023

Paula Anita Smith was born on August 13, 1950, to the former Mary Louise Douglas and Julius

Sterling Silver in Louisville, KY.

She graduated from Kentucky State University with a degree in social work .

As a woman of

Christ, Paula went on to help others, as she was always a worker for the people. Throughout

her life she worked for the Women's Shelter, Children's Services, and the clothing and

reconnections ministry at Ray of Hope.

Paula was united in Holy Matrimony with Byron Smith on September 4, 1993 at Shiloh Baptist

Church in Jonesboro, GA. Between the two of them, they have five children.

When they moved

to Lithonia, GA in 1995 they became members of Ray of Hope Christian Church.

For all that knew her, Paula was truly a saleswoman at heart. She owned Paulie's Boutique,

had her real estate license, sold make-up, art, and made blankets. She loved all forms of art

and loved to express herself through clothing and the way she looked. Paula was a very

beautiful, strong, and expressive woman who loved the Lord.
She leaves to cherish her memory; her husband Byron Smith; her children Akia Boyce(James), Laquita Johnson (Jeremy), Byron Smith Jr.(Sharonda), Felicia Smith (Azalea), Tajuana Cottrell, Edlyn Cooper-Ray(Donnie), Margaret Cooper-Flack(Gregory); siblings Cheryl Lindsay(Melvin), Terrance Silver(Shari), Jewell Howard(Ronald), and Marsha Douglas; 6 grandchildren; nieces, nephews, in-laws, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Memorial Celebration of Life

FEB 4 (ET)

Ray of Hope Christian Church
2778 Snapfinger Rd
Decatur, GA 30034

Tribute Wall



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paula Anita Smith.*



February 03, 2023 at 11:49 AM



“ *Sending heartfelt condolences and wishing the family peace, comfort and courage. I will always cherish my memories of Paula.*

Deborah Colvin - February 03, 2023 at 11:18 AM



“ *Paula Anita Smith was a former co-worker and fun to work with. My condolences to her family. I know she will be greatly missed.*

Linda J. Williams

Linda J Williams - February 03, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paula Anita Smith.*



February 02, 2023 at 02:24 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Paula Anita Smith.



February 01, 2023 at 12:54 PM



“ Paula what a refreshing down to earth kind soul! To Byron and Family God's Grace and Solace in this difficult time. She's resting in peace! Wendall Ervin

WENDALL C ERVIN - January 31, 2023 at 06:25 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Paula Anita Smith.



January 31, 2023 at 07:24 AM



“ My friend will be missed. We have so many great memories together. My she rest in peace forever. Until we meet again. Priscella

Priscella Ross - January 27, 2023 at 08:26 PM