



Roslyn Smith

February 19, 1923 - March 12, 2016

Roslyn Anitio Smith was born in Aboukir St. Ann, Jamaica on February 19, 1923, to Daniel Augustus Smith and Albertha Howlett Smith. Roslyn was the 7th of 9 children born to the Smith Family. She attended The Alexandra School in Charlton, Jamaica.

As a young adult, Roslyn moved from her home town of Charlton, and lived and worked in Kingston Jamaica. She frequently visited her parents and siblings on days off. Her mother Albertha was always waiting with Roslyn's favorite drinking mug.

In the 40's Roslyn immigrated to the UK and began working for London Transport. In 1969, Roslyn moved to the USA where she worked at Westin Plaza Hotel as a housekeeper until she retired in the early 90's. During that time, Roslyn achieved the American dream of becoming a citizen of the United States.

In 1985, Roslyn met Angel and Anna Saez while they were attending a Thursday night Foundation Bible Class at Brooklyn Tabernacle. Shortly after, Roslyn was adopted into their family and was respectfully given the nickname "Pancha" by Brother Angel and Sister Anna. Their children welcomed Roslyn warmly and lovely referring to Roslyn as their Jamaican Grandmother. Roslyn was always a welcomed guest to all the Saez's home fellowships, family

events, and holidays. She also went to their summer outings to the parks and fishing trips with family and friends. Roslyn especially enjoyed and loved fishing with Brother Angel. Through the thirty plus years, it was the love of Jesus that established and maintained their bond of love until the very end.

It was at Brooklyn Tabernacle that Roslyn met retired ICU nurse Millette Barnswell. Their friendship blossomed and included trips to Jamaica to visit their families. As Roslyn's diabetic condition worsened; Millette monitored, advised, and counseled her during the time leading up to her subsequent amputation. Upon Millette's move to Florida, she commanded her son Milton to continue her duties as best he could.

During the years, Roslyn had many setbacks due to her illness. In May of 2007 it was determined, with input from close, loving friend, Farida Ali (Boobie), that a nursing facility was the most suitable placement as independent living was no longer beneficial for her well-being. Therefore, Roslyn was placed at CNR where she received the utmost care until her passing. She was a resident there for eight plus years and on February 19, she celebrated her 93rd birthday. Roslyn was fond of the nursing staff who cared for her all these years. The love was mutual and genuine between them as she brought daily laughter and encouragement to all. Roslyn will be missed by them.

Roslyn loved the spring and summer seasons; especially enjoying the breeze and movement of the leaves on the trees, the warmth of the summer sun, and the sounds of the birds chirping. Roslyn would literally "light-up" when she spoke to her sister Ena and other family members in England and Jamaica. She loved her family, friends, and her Christian brothers and sisters. Above all, she loved her Lord and Savior Jesus with whom she often referred to as "Father"; especially when she prayed.

The Word of God, taken from The King James version of the Bible, was her source of strength and her daily bread. When she was no longer able to read it that didn't matter because it was hidden in her heart. Roslyn enjoyed singing and her church services. The love of her Heavenly Father and faith provided her with much endurance and strength until the very end. Roslyn will surely be missed by all who had the opportunity to pass her way. She had a laughter that was contagious with the warmest heart of a servant. Rosalyn loved as Jesus loved.

Roslyn leaves to mourn her, Sister Ena Grant, Brother-in Law Scott, Niece Marlene Grant, and many other family members residing in England, Jamaica and Canada, Brother Angel & Sister Anna Saez and their children, the Barnswell family, Ms Farida Ali (Boobie) family, Bernadine Panis family, New-Genesis Church family and the CNR family.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 15. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

MAR 15. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

MAR 15 (ET)

Cypress Hills Cemetery
833 Jamaica Avenue
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Tribute Wall



“ Roslyn Smith

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“ I knew her as Tanty Rose. She and my mother were dear friends separated only by distance and time. Rest in paradise Tanty.

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