



Annie Cecelia Smothers

November 6, 1924 - May 14, 2016

Annie Cecelia Smothers, 91 of Newburg, Maryland, died May 14, 2016.

The youngest and last sole survivor of 10 siblings, Annie was born November 6, 1924 in Faulkner, Maryland to the late William Dyson and Mary Green Hawkins.

Annie's family moved from Faulkner to Mt. Victoria, Maryland when she was 10 years old. At the tender age of 10, she started working for the Reeder family as a waitress and house cleaner until the age of 17. During a portion of those years, between 10 and 17, Annie attended a one-room schoolhouse, also in Mt. Victoria. She moved on to Bel Alton High School where she attended eighth grade for only half the school year. At that point, she quit school to help her mother take care of her handicapped sister.

In 1946, along with her mother and sister, Annie moved to Rock Point, Maryland with her brother, Eddie. It was there she met the love of her life, John Smothers. She worked on the Lancaster farm as a cook, at the Rock Point Oyster House shucking oysters and picking crabs, and also working for various people as a domestic worker in Rock Point and Cobb Island. In August 1948, Annie and John married. Out of that union came 15 children.

She is survived by her daughters, Gladys Smothers, Cecelia Clark (James),

Jean Jones, Regina Clark, Doris Smothers, Margaret Bumbry, Alice Smothers, Gloria Minor, Georgia Smothers, and Cynthia Smothers; her sons, John Wade, Jr. (Louise), Wayne Smothers, and Ernest Smothers; her sister-in-laws, Gertrude Hanna, Helena Gooseberry, and Dorothy King; 31 grandchildren, 58 great-grandchildren, 13 great-great-grandchildren; and a plethora of nieces and nephews.

The next 23 years, Annie worked as Head Cook at Thunderbird Motel, Popes Creek Restaurant, Shymansky's Restaurant, and Buddy Garner's Restaurant. As her older daughters grew up, Annie took and trained them at the various restaurants as her waitresses.

In the 1960's, Annie attended Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Issue, Maryland and for more than six years, she organized and coordinated the Annual September Picnic.

In the 1970's, she did domestic work for several homes from Cobb Island to Mechanicsville to La Plata, Maryland. One day she was approached by a friend of one of the homeowners she was cleaning for and was asked if she would care for her father in her home. She accepted the offer and took on a new line of work - home healthcare. One by one, Annie did home care for several patients until their deaths. During this time, Annie continued to work hard outside and inside the home. She was very involved with her children's schools, their academic efforts, as well as their extra-curriculum activities. Annie did not let any grass grow under feet. She loved school and for many years she always wanted to finish. With the support of another one of Charles County's finest teachers, the late Edna Middleton, Annie attended the Charles County Adult Education Program, taking several classes, to pick up where she left off in eighth grade. Annie accomplished her goal and received a Certificate of Completion.

In the mid seventies, the Charles County Nursing Home opened. Annie attended the Open House and jokingly asked if she could get a job there and was told by a staff nurse, "there are a lot of people applying, but put in an application, you might get it." So she applied, and...she got it! Annie started working at the Nursing Home the following week in housekeeping and in a year or so, transferred to a nursing assistant, tending to patients. She worked there until June 1977 when she retired. After retiring, she worked here and there doing light domestic work for a couple of homes, the last one, being just around the corner from her residence. Annie also catered several weddings over the years.

Her memberships include Annual September Picnic Coordinator, Eucharistic Minister, Ladies of Charity, and Holy Name Society since the early 1940's at Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Issue, Maryland, life-time member of the Charles County Chapter National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, American Association of Retired Persons since 1990, Bel Alton High School Alumni Association Board Member since 1998, and Past Booster Member of the Black Hawks Junior Drill Team of Newburg, Maryland.

She received certificates of completion/graduation from the Charles County Adult Education Program and the Southern Maryland Spring 2010 Mini Medical School.

She received certificates and awards from the Pee Wee Wedding and Bel Alton School Building Fund Volunteer and the Charles County Nursing Rehabilitation Center Volunteer (2003-2012).

She received special recognition for her written contribution to the Pathways to History, a book that depicts 350 years of Charles County's history.

Her hobbies include traveling, sewing, ceramics, cooking, canning, jigsaw and word-find puzzles, watching court and game shows, Walker Texas Ranger, and NCIS. She also enjoyed line dancing.

Friends received on Thursday, May 26, 2016 from 10AM until Mass of Christian Burial at 12PM at Holy Ghost Issue Catholic Church, 15848 Rock Point Road, Newburg, Maryland 20664. Interment in the church cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Holy Ghost Catholic Church Issue Cemetery

15848 Rock Point Road
Newburg, MD 20664

Previous Events

Friends Received

MAY **26.** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Holy Ghost Catholic Church Issue
15848 Rock Point Road
Newburg, MD 20664

Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall



“ *Annie Cecelia Smothers*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Annie Cecelia Smothers*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Alice Smothers lit a candle in memory of
Annie Cecelia Smothers*



Alice Smothers - June 02, 2016 at 03:32 PM



“ *...for having a soul as beautiful as her smile. I remember the picnic,
but mostly her laughter, sparkling eyes and friendliness. I offer my
heartfelt condolences to the family. Yvette Waugh*

yvette waugh - June 01, 2016 at 09:25 AM



“ *Mother, Mother, ...Mother, Dear may your light
shine as brightly wherever you are as it did
during you lifetime down here with us on
earth.
Smooches Margaret*



Margaret Bumbry - May 27, 2016 at 10:45 AM

LA

“ I met Ms. Annie last October while stopping through on a road trip with her granddaughter Montisha. She was so sweet and we talked for awhile. She reminded me so much of my grannie. My family and Inare sending heart felt condolences to the Smotjers family. Rest in Paradise Ms. Annie.



lanae - May 26, 2016 at 10:21 AM

Amina Hagan

“ Amina Hagan lit a candle in memory of Annie Cecelia Smothers



Amina Hagan - May 26, 2016 at 07:21 AM

KW

“ Annie was a kind and hard working lady that was loved by so many. She will surely be missed. Especially, by her loving family that took such good care of her just like she did for them. It's so hard to lose somebody that has been such a big influence on our lives. May God wrap His loving arms around her. Sincere thoughts and prayers, Love, Karen Weightman

Karen Weightman - May 25, 2016 at 11:33 PM

WG

“ *To Mary Bumbry and Family;*

Praying the Lord will hold you especially close and comfort you through the coming days, and that you'll be strengthened by the love of family and friends.

With Heartfelt Sympathy and Prayers.

William Gay

William Gay - May 25, 2016 at 08:03 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Annie Cecelia Smothers.*



May 25, 2016 at 07:52 AM

HG

“ *Ms. Georgia and Family,*
Wishing you comfort as you reflect on the memories of special times together with your mom.
Heidi Grant & SAF/IA Family

Heidi Grant - May 23, 2016 at 09:13 AM

V-

“ Vera M. Smith -Littlejohn lit a candle in memory of Annie Cecelia Smothers



Vera M. Smith -Littlejohn - May 22, 2016 at 07:34 PM

V-

“ Dear Cecelia and Family.
I know there is a physical void and you will miss here dearly
Just remember the beautiful and precious memories that you shared
Peace and blessings to you
Vera M. Smith-Littlejohn

Vera M. Smith -Littlejohn - May 22, 2016 at 07:33 PM

SN

“ To Georgia and Family,

Thinking about you in the loss of mother. You have my deepest sympathy.

Sylvia Neale - May 22, 2016 at 06:19 PM



“ Geraldine Smothers lit a candle in memory of Annie Cecelia Smothers




Geraldine Smothers - May 22, 2016 at 10:10 AM

VS

“ *Valinda Smothers-Bailey lit a candle in memory of Annie Cecelia Smothers*



Valinda Smothers-Bailey - May 22, 2016 at 09:01 AM

 Penny Smothers

“ *Penny Smothers lit a candle in memory of Annie Cecelia Smothers*



Penny Smothers - May 22, 2016 at 08:14 AM

BK

“ Mrs. Annie Smothers gave me my first job at Thunderbird Motel where she taught me to cook, the proper waitress skills, house cleaning and always made sure that I got home safely at night. When she purchased their home i was invited to spend a weekend with my new family. She answered questions about feminine things i didn't know. While admiring her home she told me that i would have one but it came with work. She taught me my prayers and told me the way to God was through Jesus. I remember her teaching me the Stations Of the Cross meanings and the ten commandments. Whenever she saw me years later she would get a laugh out of how scared i was when i first saw the largest cooking stove at Thunderbird Motel. "It's no gonna bite you girl". I can still see that beautiful smile and hear her laughing. I'm still doing canning and preserves to this day . To know Mrs. Smothers was to love her because she was a lady of knowledge. Thanks for helping me stay in school and teaching me how to become a strong black woman. Love you bunches blanche Jupiter Bowman Kerr-Allen

Blanche Jupiter Bowman Kerr-Allen - May 22, 2016 at 07:14 AM

DF

“ Dee Fletcher lit a candle in memory of Annie Cecelia Smothers



Dee Fletcher - May 21, 2016 at 10:47 PM



“ Sue Fletcher Mossow lit a candle in memory of Annie Cecelia Smothers



Sue Fletcher Mossow - May 21, 2016 at 08:31 PM

GA

“ Gwendolyn Anthony lit a candle in memory of Annie Cecelia Smothers



Gwendolyn Anthony - May 21, 2016 at 04:38 PM

LJ

“ Laverne Johnson lit a candle in memory of Annie Cecelia Smothers

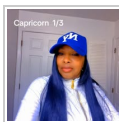


Laverne Johnson - May 21, 2016 at 08:29 AM

LJ

So sorry for y'all loss very special lady we always had a good conversation when we saw each other from rock point god bless all of you RIP

Laverne Johnson - May 21, 2016 at 08:31 AM



My deepest sympathy R.I.P Annie Smothers

Geraldine Smothers - May 22, 2016 at 10:20 AM

SC

“ *My deepest sympathy too the Smothers family. God has called another angel home. She no longer has to be tired or worry. She's got King Jesus. She knew & love the Lord. Praying for the family. Hold on to your strength, God has given you mercy & grace.*



Sylvia Carroll - May 21, 2016 at 05:20 AM



Shardae
Cannon

“ *Granny,*

I love you so much and I will miss You dearly but I'll never forget the wisdom and guidance You have instilled in me. I'll never forget the love You have given me and the belief of knowing that through God all things are possible! U were such a strong woman! I'll never forget that last request of wanting to go dancing one last time. Can't wait 'til we dance again!!!



Shardae Cannon - May 21, 2016 at 12:35 AM

EJ

“ Momma,

Though we will miss you forever, it gives us great comfort and peace knowing you are at rest now in the loving arms of our Lord and Saviour! We will honor your memory for the life YOU gave us and all the lessons we learned together as you protected us in our lifetime! Hugs and kisses from Daughter #4 (-)



EJ - May 19, 2016 at 02:12 PM

DA

“ Annie, God has called you by name and knew you well. May peace be with you and the family. John had to be missing you, so he must of put in a good word. Love the Gouge Family

David & Mary Ann - May 18, 2016 at 07:59 PM

TW

“ To the family I would like to express me deepest condolence. May your heart and soul find peace and comfort. Look to hills which your help will come from.

Theresa Williams-CBS



Theresa Williams - May 18, 2016 at 01:39 PM

LM

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. She was such an amazing and strong woman. I know so many will feel her loss. Much love, Laura and Alora McManus

Laura McManus - May 18, 2016 at 12:52 PM