

## Obituary

**Mrs. Elaine Smith Dunbar** was born on Tuesday, April 25, 1939, in Brooklyn, New York. She was the oldest of four children to the late Irene and Cincinatus Smith. She entered heaven's gates on March 15, 2023. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her sister Rosalyn Hines; brother, John Smith, and son, Paul L. Dunbar, Jr.

On February 20, 1960, **Elaine Smith** married the love of her life, Paul L. Dunbar, Sr. Their union produced two beautiful children, Paul L. Dunbar, Jr. (Larry) and daughter, Lisa.

**Elaine** attended the New York City Public School system and she graduated from Franklin K. Lane High School, in Brooklyn, New York City. She received her bachelor's degree, and her Master's degree in Education from Brooklyn College. She was a dedicated educator for the City of New York's public school system, where she taught for 35 years. Upon her retirement, **Elaine** committed her many talents and her love for people within her church and community.

**Elaine** was very active in New Jerusalem Baptist Church, Jamaica, New York, under the leadership, of the late Rev. Dr. James C. Kelly, Sr., where she tirelessly served in many capacities. When she and Paul relocated to Columbia, South Carolina, she joined Brookland Baptist Church, where she became an active member. **Elaine** enjoyed attending Senior Ministry meetings and teaching Sunday School Juniors.

**Elaine** was a loving, dedicated, and wonderful mother. Her love would transcend to her grandchildren. She adored her grandchildren, and for years she would care for them during their summer breaks from school. The one piece of advice that she passed to all the youths was – **“Keep your hand in God's care and you will never go wrong.”**

**Elaine** leaves to rejoice and cherish her memory: her husband of 63 years, Rev Paul L. Dunbar, Sr.; her daughter, Lisa Brown of Odenton MD; one sister, Marian Smith, of Queens Village, New York; her grandchildren, Ayonna Dunbar and Darius Dunbar, both of Tallahassee, Florida, Tabitha Hendley (Chad), of Virginia Beach, Virginia, and Anna McClellan, of Auburn Hills, Michigan; her niece, Lisa Norman (Johnathan); one nephew, Handel Williams, and five great grandchildren.

Our beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend will be missed by all with whom she came in contact. Her infectious laugh and her golden heart will remain with us.

## Memories



## Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Viewing.....Funeral Directors

Opening Hymn.....“Oh I Want To See Him”

New Testament.....Psalm 90:1-12

New Testament.....John 14:1-4

Prayer.....Deacon Thomas Daniels

Selection.....“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

Remarks.....Deacon Thomas Daniels

Ms. Annie Settles

Ms. Lisa Dunbar

Selection.....“Center of My Joy”

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Chris Leevy Johnson

Recessional.....“Going Up Yonder”

Postlude



*Committal, Benediction and Interment*

12:00 Noon

Fort Jackson National Cemetery

4170 Percival Road

Columbia, South Carolina



*To Those I Love and  
To Those Who Love Me*

*When I am gone release me; let me go.  
I have so many things to see and do.  
You must not tie yourself to me with tears,  
Be happy that we had so many years.  
I gave you my love – you can only guess  
How much you gave me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love you each have shown.  
But not it is time I traveled on alone.  
So, grieve a while for me, if grieve you must;  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It's only for a while that we must part,  
So bless the memories with your heart.  
It won't be far away, for life goes on.  
So if you need me, call. I will come.  
Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near;  
And if you listen with your heart you will hear  
All of my love around you, soft and clear.  
And then, when you must come this way alone,  
I'll greet you with a smile and wave  
"Welcome Home."*

*-Author Unknown*

*Pallbearers*

Family and Friends

*Floral Bearers*

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*Acknowledgement*

We, the family of the late Elaine Grace Smith Dunbar would like to thank all of you who have reached out to us in love, comforting phone calls, text messages, floral tributes, prayers, or any other expression of support, we say... Thank You! It is our prayer that you are richly blessed for the outpouring of love shared with us. A special thank you to everyone who participated in this service. We would like to also acknowledge the love and never-ending support to all our extended families. Please continue to pray for us as we are praying for you.

*\*\*\*Blessings and Peace, the Dunbar family\*\*\**

*Let Every Ending Be A New Beginning*

*Services Entrusted To:*

<b>Taylor Street Chapel</b> 1831 Taylor Street Columbia, SC 29201 (803)771-7799 I. S. Leevy Johnson -Owner & Director-	<b>Leevy's</b> FUNERAL HOME Chris Leevy Johnson -President & Managing Director-	<b>Lower Richland Chapel</b> 9120 Garners Ferry Road Hopkins, SC 29061 (803) 776-6922 Leverette A. Williams, II -General Manager-
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*A Service of Remembrance  
Celebrating the Life*

*of*

*Mrs. Elaine Grace Smith Dunbar*



*Wednesday, March 22, 2023*

*10:00 a.m.*

*Brookland Baptist Church, Northeast  
1203 Summit Parkway  
Columbia, South Carolina*

*Reverend Chris Leevy Johnson  
-Pastor-*