

# Hope Prevails

You must not know of Hope, to be head bowed, saddened and low;  
You must not understand Hope to feel sorrow as she sets sail to go.  
You must be mistaken to not celebrate the release from struggle and pain  
You have to be shortsighted to not cheer for the angel Heaven has gained.  
You must not be selfish or without Hope as the everlasting travels home  
begins;  
For who is it to say all Hope is gone from us all, we know this is not how it  
ends.  
Who dares claim that our Hope, faith and strength is forever lost;  
She leaves behind an army who knows we excel in life and death at all cost.  
For we are a praying and knowing family that understands from which we all  
come  
We have Hope, we understand His grace, another mansion built and won.  
For our Hope was a doer and conquer; the law within the Adams family  
name;  
Our Hope breathed life into every room entered, to our hearts she did the  
same.  
The Hope within comes from generations of Adams and Goodwin blood  
lines;  
Joined forces with the Smith's producing two sons to carry forth her signs.  
Her grands to pick up the torch of her many layered strides;  
Keeping the name alive as the spirit of Hope continue its dynamic rides.  
Forward she goes, smiling preparing to reunite with Hal, rekindling their  
romance  
Into his arms once again, a love built from togetherness, might, and chance.  
A wave to her mother Rebecca letting her know her job on earth is complete;  
A nod to daddy Eddie, to signal his girl is ready to rest and laying off her  
feet.  
The bond of a baby sister, unbroken even in the onset of death  
For sisters carry on for each other Michelle, we know there's Hope in each  
breath.  
For who all who know Hope and the concept embodied by the name and  
word;  
You understand to be overcome with sadness over her departure is absurd.  
She lived full; she did all the things maximize her time upon us in full  
She gave of herself, served and took from absolutely no one-- any bull!  
There was nothing ever done small or without attention to detail or her way;  
She spent every day determined, a journey never to derail, having her final  
say.  
You must not understand Hope to feel grief or despair as to the heaven's she  
sails;  
Because to know of and about Hope, you know forever she lives and, in all  
Hope, prevails.

**Your Cousin,  
Dr. Camille Adams Jones**

## Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mrs. Hope Yolanda Goodwin Smith, wish to thank each of you for the many loving and wonderful acts of love and kindness rendered during the passing of our dear loved one. We thank each of you so much, and may God send a special blessing upon each of you. A special thank you to the Cromartie Family.

## Repast

Bishop's Memorial AME Church  
2221 Washington Street  
Columbia, South Carolina

## Services Entrusted To:

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

*Mrs. Hope Yolanda Goodwin Smith*



*Saturday, January 13, 2024*  
3:00 p.m.

*Leevy's Funeral Home Chapel*  
1831 Taylor Street  
Columbia, South Carolina

*Reverend Chris Leevy Johnson*  
-Officiating-



# Obituary

Mrs. Hope Yolanda Goodwin Smith was born October 27, 1957 to Rebecca Adams Goodwin McKinnon and Eddie Goodwin in Bayshore, New York. She departed this life in Columbia, SC, on Friday, January 5, 2024 at 12:35 p.m.

Hope was born and raised in Central Islip, New York. At a young age she was a member of Hope Missionary Baptist Church and helped with the family catering business. Hope graduated from Central Islip High School in 1975 and continued her education at Benedict College, where she met her loving husband of 45 years, Hal Smith.

After their wedding in Tacoma, Washington, Hope and Hal traveled the world, from California all the way to Germany. In 1979, Wiesbaden, Germany, Hope gave birth to her first child, Dominique Smith and after coming back to the states from traveling, she gave birth to her second son, Corey A. Smith in 1987, Washington D.C.

Hope later found a place to settle with her family in Columbia, SC, where she held several secretary positions helping businesses ranging from insurance to tax. Changing career paths momentarily, she became a teacher, working with special needs students at Eau Claire High School from 1993-1996. Shortly after finishing her educator role, Hope established her first business, H&H, a medical billing service. Soon after, Hope assisted with the creation of Little Soldiers Trucking, a family owned and operated trucking business. Hope found her niche dispatching, driving, and running the company, earning her name — Top Dollar Hope.

Hope loved her family and her family loved her. She enjoyed traveling, shopping, fishing with her family and most importantly taking care of the people around her. She was energetic and outgoing spirit with a great love for music and dancing.

She was predeceased by her husband Hal Smith.

Mrs. Hope Yolanda Goodwin Smith leaves to cherish her fondest memory: her two sons, Dominique (Tiffany) Smith, of Orlando, Florida and Corey A. Smith of the home; two granddaughters, Phoebe E. Smith, Indiana and Victorious (Tori) Hope Smith, of Orlando, Florida; two sisters, Ms. Michelle Goodwin, Maryland and Mrs. Natasha Levant (Jermaine) Calhoun, New Jersey; a brother, Dexter Evans, North Carolina; one brother-in-law, Mr. Roosevelt Smith, South, Carolina; three sisters-in-law, Mrs. Ann Newell, New York, Dr. Patricia Smith, North Carolina, and Mrs. Judy (Johnny) Moses, South Carolina; a host of nieces, nephews, and friends, all of whom will miss her dearly

# Memories



# A Service of Remembrance

Prelude

Processional

Opening Selection.....“We Fall Down”  
Recording by: Donnie McClurkin

Old Testament.....Minister

New Testament.....Minister

Prayer of Strength.....Mr. Johnny Jarod Moses, Nephew

Solo.....Ms. Claudine Smith

Remarks .....Mr. Dominique Smith, Son  
Ms. Inga Adams, Cousin  
Ms. Michelle A. Goodwin, Sister

Solo .....Ms. Claudine Smith, Cousin

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

Committal

Benediction

Recessional

Postlude

