



Rae Crawley Smith

February 28, 1944 - December 22, 2023

Rae. C Smith 79, a gem of love, joy and generosity, affectionately known as “Oma”, was born on February 28, 1944 to the late Charlesanna B. Crawley and Thomas Crawley of Charles City County, Virginia. She transitioned on December 22, 2023, in her earthly home. Rae was a true beauty who left a mark on everyone she encountered.

Rae accepted Christ at an early age at Gilfield Baptist Church. She married her soul-mate on September 18, 1965, Gilbert A. Smith. Within the 58 years of marriage, 3 children were made in love; Tonya Smith, Gilbert “Todd” Smith (Tressy) and Tracie Upshaw. Not only a woman of Christ, faith and family, she was a classy lady who was always well-put together, indulged in self-care, making memories with her grand-daughters, traveling with her husband and enjoyed the finer things in life as she shopped with her grand-daughters every Saturday.

Dedicating her life to her family, she enjoyed yearly summer trips with her husband, children, daughter in law, late brother, niece and nephew. Oma enjoyed spending time with her grand-daughters as they created many memories for a lifetime. Rae enjoyed spending time with her late brother and best friend, Leslie Crawley.

In addition, Rae graduated Valedictorian from Ruthville High School then went

on to continue her education at Virginia State University. Rae's roles in her career included the Charles City Health Department, Thalhimer's Information Technology Center and Commonwealth Virginia Department of Information Technology, from which she retired.

Rae was preceded in death by her parents Charlesanna and Thomas; her stepfather, Edward S. Christian, and her beloved brother, Leslie Crawley.

Oma's legacy continues to live on through her devoted husband, Gilbert A, Smith, children, Tonya, Todd (Tressy) Smith and Tracie Upshaw; and her grand-daughters Tabatha Rae and Tiffany Yvette Smith. In addition to her devoted family, she is survived by her mother in law, Amanda Jefferson; uncle, Vernon (Betty) Crawley, several sisters in law and one brother in law, nieces and nephews, her favorite cousin, Rita Crewe, best friends, Janet Charity and Arlene Jones, as well as a loving care-giver Mrs. Florence Brown.

Rae Smith was a loving, beautiful, caring, giving and humorous woman in all aspects of her life. She left a monumental impact on her family. She is loved and missed. May her soul rest in love, joy and peace as she provided all those traits to her family and friends.

A funeral service will be held 2pm, Saturday, December 30, 2023, at Gilfield Baptist Church, 6640 Church Ln, Charles City, VA 23030. A viewing will be from 5pm-7pm, Friday, December 29, 2023, at Vincent Funeral Home, Providence Forge, VA.

Cemetery Details

Gilfield Baptist Church Cemetery

6640 Church Ln.
Charles City, VA 23030

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC **29**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, Providence Forge Chapel
9923 Pocahontas Trail
Providence Forge, VA 23140
(804) 966-7075

Funeral Service

DEC **30**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Gilfield Baptist Church
6640 Church Ln.
Charles City, VA 23030

Tribute Wall

MC

“ Extending my heartfelt condolences to the family.
May the power of prayer for strength, healing, and comfort surround you.

Michelle Crawley

Michelle Crawley - January 07, 2024 at 04:08 PM


RA

“ Mr. Smith, Tonya, Tracie, & Todd. Sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Rae Smith. Mrs. Smith was a beautiful person inside and out. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Heaven has gained a beautiful angel.

Regina Adkins

Regina Adkins - December 30, 2023 at 03:50 PM

QR

“ Mr Smith, Tonya, Tracie, & Todd. My heart goes out to you all. Mrs. Smith was a beautiful woman inside & out. Always so kind & sweet. I thank God I had the pleasure of knowing her. May God wrap his loving arms around you all through the days ahead. I love y'all. 



Queen Roots - December 30, 2023 at 11:15 AM

DC

My heartfelt Condolences to Gilbert Smith, I feel your pain, because I know what it is to lose someone you love. Rose is up in Heaven talking to Rae, or probably trying to take care of her.(smile) Much love to another brother,(Gilbert)I llook up too.

Dale Crawley - December 30, 2023 at 01:18 PM

VG

Sending heartfelt condolences to the Smith Family. I knew Rae from high school and she was always cheerful and loving. Her brother, Leslie, was in my class. I am so very sorry for your loss.
Veora Johnson Glenn

Veora Glenn - January 10, 2024 at 02:10 PM

CW

“ *Cathy & Carl Whitehead lit a candle in memory of Rae Crawley Smith*



Cathy & Carl Whitehead - December 30, 2023 at 02:16 AM

RH

“ *RICKY S HICKS lit a candle in memory of Rae Crawley Smith*



RICKY S HICKS - December 30, 2023 at 12:06 AM

PB

“ *Pamela Bradby lit a candle in memory of Rae Crawley Smith*



Pamela Bradby - December 30, 2023 at 12:03 AM

BB

“ *Bea Banks lit a candle in memory of Rae
Crawley Smith*



Bea Banks - December 29, 2023 at 08:38 PM

CT

“ *Condolences to the families of Smith/Crawley.
From Charles City Volunteer Fire & EMS.*



Chief S Tuftee - December 29, 2023 at 05:39 PM

JR

“ *Janet & Sharon Rae lit a candle in memory of
Rae Crawley Smith*



Janet & Sharon Rae - December 29, 2023 at 04:17 PM

EG

“ *My sincere condolences to the Smith/Crawley
families.*



Evelyn Miles Giebel - December 29, 2023 at 01:09 PM

MC

“ *The family smith we are sorry loss Rae and God will comfort with you all and peace . She is in enter heaven now . No more suffer . She is joyful now. We are our prayer and through our heartfelt. We are miss her very much. Good memorize . We love you always . Love you ,
Deacon Marcia and the family Crawley*



Marcia Crawley - December 29, 2023 at 09:21 AM

OL

Gilbert and family so sorry for the loss of your wife my cousin Rae, prayers and sincere condolences to all of our family. May the God of all strength give you added strength during this time. Maebaby

Odessa Charity Logan - December 29, 2023 at 01:54 PM

KB

“ *Kathy C Baker lit a candle in memory of Rae Crawley Smith*



Kathy C Baker - December 29, 2023 at 08:34 AM

MC

“ *Marilyn Crump lit a candle in memory of Rae Crawley Smith*



Marilyn Crump - December 28, 2023 at 11:41 PM

RJ

“ *Rendell Jones lit a candle in memory of Rae Crawley Smith*



Rendell Jones - December 28, 2023 at 09:37 PM

SS

“ *My condolences to the SMITH family..we love yall...Stewart &Sweething.*



Sweething & Stewart - December 28, 2023 at 09:32 PM

KB

“ *Sending my deepest condolences to my loving couisin Tracy and the entire Family! My thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of grief. May the love and support from family, friends and special memories bring you comfort.*

Keisha Bradby - December 28, 2023 at 05:53 PM

HC

“ *Howard Hugo Charity lit a candle in memory of Rae Crawley Smith*



Howard Hugo Charity - December 28, 2023 at 05:31 PM

JH

“ *Joie Howell lit a candle in memory of Rae
Crawley Smith*



joie howell - December 28, 2023 at 04:23 PM

JH

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the Smith family. Tea can now rest
peacefully. God bless you'll. Joie Howell*

joie howell - December 28, 2023 at 04:20 PM

SJ

“ *Sharon Jones lit a candle in memory of Rae
Crawley Smith*



Sharon Jones - December 28, 2023 at 12:31 PM

VB

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Smith family.
May the peace of God comfort your heart
today and always. My prayers and thoughts
are with you Tonya and Todd.*



Veronica Beal - December 28, 2023 at 01:48 AM

BS

“ *Bernita Sims lit a candle in memory of Rae
Crawley Smith*



bernita Sims - December 28, 2023 at 01:00 AM

PG

“ *Pamela Ghee lit a candle in memory of Rae
Crawley Smith*



Pamela Ghee - December 27, 2023 at 10:02 PM

EC

“ *Elaine Carter lit a candle in memory of Rae
Crawley Smith*



Elaine Carter - December 27, 2023 at 09:15 PM

FB

“ *Felicia & Bert Brown lit a candle in memory of
Rae Crawley Smith*



Felicia & Bert Brown - December 27, 2023 at 08:15 PM

WB

“ *Sincerest sympathies to Gilbert and the entire family. We pray that God’s presence in your lives will comfort and sustain you during your time of sorrow. Cherish precious memories of Rae and she will live in your hearts forever.* ”



Warren and JoAnne Bell - December 27, 2023 at 08:15 PM

CP

Condolences to the family. Rae will be missed.

Charlotte Peterson - December 27, 2023 at 09:29 PM

YB

My sincere sympathy to Gilbert and the entire Smith family. Praying God's comfort and strength to you all during this difficult time. .

Yvonne Bradby - December 28, 2023 at 11:46 PM

FB

“ *Family, I'll always remember all the good times we had growing up. Cousin Rae was a sweetheart and I was always welcomed at her home. Hold on to the memories and each other. She is healthy again and reunited with her mom, dad and brother. I love you all. Take care of each other.* ”

Love, Felicia

Felicia P. Brown - December 27, 2023 at 08:14 PM

DS

“ *Devin Crewe Sr lit a candle in memory of Rae Crawley Smith* ”



Devin crewe sr - December 27, 2023 at 04:52 PM

DS

“ *To the Family:
God is with you and many blessings will follow.*
Michael and Yvonne Jones

Dr. Smith-Jones - December 27, 2023 at 02:11 PM

SC

“ *Steve Crawley lit a candle in memory of Rae
Crawley Smith*



steve crawley - December 27, 2023 at 10:47 AM