



Celebration of the Life of the Honorable

Eve Ellen Smith



Lady of Destiny
Educator and Humanitarian

May 10, 1918 - June 16, 2002

Services

Monday, June 24, 2002

Ten O'clock in the Morning

Saint James African Methodist Episcopal Church

101 North New York Avenue

Atlantic City, New Jersey

Reverend Trevor E. Woolridge, Officiating Minister

The Obituary

MRS. EVE ELLEN SMITH of Atlantic City, died Sunday, June 16, 2002, in Burdette-Tomlin Memorial Hospital, Cape May Court House. Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, she had resided here for many years. A former educator in the Atlantic City public schools, she was a member of Saint James African Methodist Episcopal Church and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

Our knowledge of the late Honorable Eve Ellen Smith has come from our years of personal acquaintance, from her creative and intellectual ability, from listening to the praises of her followers and the denigration of her enemies. From that process, the Honorable Eve Ellen Smith has emerged with the lasting admiration of all the people and students who know her, not for her genius as an educator, but also from her warm, rich humanity in Christ Jesus, her Savior and the Lord; which values a person for what he or she is, and not for what they earn or produce.

Few have had to endure the slings and arrows in her struggle to build and secure a religious and humanitarian institution to God and the people. Few have faced the human and religious battles in situations erected by the enemies of the noble causes which she propagated. Few have done as much to bring consolation to the huddled masses, with a commitment to freedom and justice. No one seems to have sensed that in all of her work as a servant of God, educational reformer, and civic leader, she was simply saying, "Give freedom, justice and democracy back to humanity, that religion and democracy has something to say to the living and the deathbed of men." We are all afraid that a little of the stature of this unique American is lost on the wide-ranging canvas of sympathy and expressions from family, friends and enemies that usually follow the death of earthly, human creatures. Few realize that the Honorable Eve Ellen Smith could have been called from this earth for a greater assignment. If this is true, let us hope that she will use this added spiritual power in the future to protect her followers and friends from any and all injustices. Indeed, acutely aware that though there have been significant gains, so long as any American, no matter what their color, creed or national origin, suffers deprivation of and humiliation by the act of discrimination, there remains a big task yet to be done.

Yes, the Honorable Eve Ellen Smith was bigger than the times she lived through, a time of harassment, disappointment, achievement and excitement. The global acceptance of the greatness of her work indeed has yet to come...her religious and humanitarian philosophy, her attitudes, her personality, and her willingness to cooperate with others, places her on that rarified platform that holds only a few. Nevertheless, for up and coming generations, the church, the city, state and nation, the Honorable Eve Ellen Smith has provided a useful pathway for good and the equality of humanity...she should never be forgotten.

Surviving are: her niece and nephew, Diane Hines-Cooper and Reverend Dr. Jason Jerome Cooper, of Voorhees; cousins and other relatives and dear friends.

A Parting View

*Entrusted to the Staff of
Greenidge Funeral Home*

Order of Service

Organ Prelude
Dr. Beverly Vaughn

Processional
Clergy and Family

Hymn #513
Hold to God's Unchanging Hand

Prayer

Solo

Scripture
Old Testament - Psalm 46
New Testament - Revelation 21:1-7

Acknowledgments/Resolutions
Dr. Juanita High

Obituary and Song of Rededication
Reverend Dr. Jason Jerome Cooper
New Spirit Community Presbyterian Church

The Eulogy
Reverend Trevor E. Woolridge

Hymn #511
When We All Get To Heaven

Recessional

Interment

Atlantic City Cemetery
Pleasantville, New Jersey

*Eve Ellen Smith's creative and intellectual abilities
have been shared through....*

Organizations in Saint James

African Methodist Episcopal Church

Stewardess Board - Financial Secretary

Tyree-Delaney Missionary Society - Corresponding Secretary

Richard Allen Gospel Choir - Soprano

Senior Usher Board - Member

Scholarship Committee - Member

Organizations in her Atlantic City Community

Business and Professional Womens Club

Tents

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority

Employment in the Atlantic City Public and Private Schools

Substitute Teacher - Atlantic City High School

Atlantic City Day Nursery - Teacher of Developmentally Disabled

Education in the Area Schools of Higher Learning

Atlantic Community College

Glassboro State College (now known as Rowan University)

*She has, indeed, provided a wonderful pathway for good
and equality. It is agreed, she should never be forgotten.*



Pallbearers

Family and Friends



Acknowledgment

The family wishes to express sincere appreciation and deepest gratitude for all acts of kindness extended during our bereavment.

*Memorial contributions may be made to the
Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy in care of
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated
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Repast

Immediately following the Interment service, the family invites you to return to the church to partake in a fellowship Repast.