Mrs. Willie Mae Daniel Smothers was born in Sumter County, Georgia on July 5, 1932, to the parentage of the late Mr. Zack Daniel and the late Mrs. Anna Gatewood Daniel. She received her education in the public schools of Sumter County. At an early age, she joined the Daniel Grove Baptist Church. On November 13, 1969, she married the late Mr. Howard Smothers and after moving to Jacksonville, Florida, she joined the Mt. Ararat Baptist Church, where she was a member of the Mary McCloud Bethune Circle. She was employed with the Duval County School System for over 27 years as a cook, and she was a cook at Eastview Elementary School in Americus, Georgia.

Left to cherish her memories are three sons: Mr. Howard Smothers, Jr., Jacksonville, FL; Mr. Dennis Jerome (Marcia) Goldsmith, Orlando, FL and Mr. Willie Douglas Goldsmith, Jacksonville, FL; one daughter, Mrs. Marchita (William) Wynn of Atlanta, GA; one brother, Mr. Felder Daniel, Leslie, GA; two sisters, Ms. Annie Bell Lynch, St. Louis, MO and Ms. Geneva Daniel, Leslie, GA; a sister-in-law, Ms. Bernice Smothers Wiley, Americus, GA; her grandchildren: Howard Smothers, III, Hannah Smothers, Jahkari Smothers, Sherielle Goldsmith, Stuart Hughes and Clairiess Westmoreland; and a host of great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends also survive.