

Rose Marie Smith was born February 8, 1953, in Americus, Georgia, to the parentage of the late Eddie Frank Smith, Sr. and Charlie Bell Small Smith. It was on January 5, 2026, that Rose entered the gates of heaven and joined her Lord and Savior.

Rose was educated in the public schools of Sumter County, graduating from Americus High School in 1971. She furthered her education at Mercer University earning a bachelor's degree in Sociology in 1976. Utilizing her degree servicing her community, Rose worked as an ombudsman for the state of Georgia and teacher and social worker at Head Start. Additionally, she obtained a computer support specialist certificate at South Georgia Technical College and worked at the Crisp County campus of South Georgia Technical College.

Rose was an avid lover of sports. She played basketball in high school and softball in the community. She enjoyed cooking. She enjoyed shopping and thrifting.

A devout follower of Christ, Rose was baptized at an early age under the late Rev. R. L. Freeman at Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church. She enjoyed serving in the choir and assisting with youth activities. She later joined Restoration Church of Americus, where she continued to praise and honor God until her health declined.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her brother, Reginald Smith; grandmother, Maude Schley Small Jackson; uncles: Samuel Small, Sr. and Henry Gene Small; aunts: Tommie Evans and Mary Wright Corker; cousins: Henry Charles Small, Samuel Small, Jr., Frank Wright, Vicky Small, Catherine Thomas, and Sandra Russell Mansfield (special sibling/cousin).

Rose was a loving mother, sister, aunt, grandmother, and friend. She leaves behind cherished memories with children: Lakeitha (Bobby) Geiger and Urian (Bernita) Walters; granddaughter, Taylor Walters; grandsons: Urian Walters, Jr., Elijah Walters, Matthew Walters, Jazz Walters, Andrew Walters; step-grandson, Jaiden Harris; siblings: Evelyn Sneed Morse, Marilyn Smith, Gwendolyn Smith, Ella Gloria Smith-McGary, Andrea Smith, Eddie (Linda) Smith, Sheryl Stiles, and Barry (Elaine) Smith; nieces and nephews: David (Letta) Sneed, Tokiwa Smith, Kai Smith, Kahli Smith, Lanai Smith, Camryn Smith, and Barry Smith, Jr.; special cousins raised as nieces: Yolonda (Alex) Jordan, Sonia Galloway and Ericka Paige; and a host of other relatives and friends.