



Mrs. Charlotte Smith

June 10, 1937 - December 16, 2021

For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.
II Corinthians 5:1

Charlotte Jenkins Smith transitioned from earthly labor to her heavenly reward on Thursday morning, December 16, 2021 at her home on Brookhaven Drive in Greenville, North Carolina. She was born in Greenville, South Carolina to Mr. John Jenkins, Senior and Mrs. Lula Jenkins the eldest of 10 siblings. She was reared in Newport News, Virginia where she received her early childhood education and the high school diploma with honors. Charlotte received the Bachelor's Degree in Health and Physical Education from St. Augustine's College in Raleigh, North Carolina and the Master's Degree in Education from Hampton University in Hampton, Virginia.

Charlotte Jenkins Smith began her career in January 1959 as a Health and Physical Education teacher at C. M. Eppes High School. Over the next 3 decades, she taught at C. M. Eppes, E. B. Aycock Junior High, and Sadie Saulter Elementary School retiring in 1993. In addition, she was a certified teacher of driver's education which she continued after her retirement from the regular classroom. Charlotte was a member of the North Carolina Association of Educators on the local, state, and national level. Her students remember her with such gratitude for imparting to them the love and fun of learning, the

gift of special relationships, and skills gained for a lifetime.

Charlotte Jenkins met her husband-to-be Greenville native John Bobby Smith, a math teacher at C. M. Eppes, early in her career. They were married on October 15, 1960. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2010. They reared their children Rodney and Tiffany with much love and devotion. Charlotte and Bobby adored their grandchildren. Charlotte and Bobby loved road trips. Many weekends, summers, and holidays were spent with family up and down the east coast especially in Virginia. Charlotte and Bobby were endeared to each family of the close-knit Brookhaven neighborhood. Family and friends were always welcomed to their home.

Charlotte was a member of York Memorial A M E Zion Church where she faithfully served as an usher, a member of the senior choir, a leader of physical fitness activities of the Vacation Bible School, and the Stars of York.

Charlotte was initiated in 1957 in the Gamma Xi Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated on the campus of St. Augustine's College in Raleigh, North Carolina. She was one of the 16 Charter members of the Iota Kappa Omega Chapter of the AKA Sorority, Incorporated, Greenville, North Carolina on October 28, 1972. Through the years, she served the Iota Kappa Omega Chapter as President and Membership Chairman. She served on the Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Committee. Using her gifts and talents, she worked tirelessly with the Sisterly Relations committee, the Annual Senior Citizens Celebration with sessions of adaptive physical fitness, and the Biennial Fashionetta Scholarship Pageant with escorts and Fashionetta Pearls in waltz and formal presentation. Charlotte became a life member of the Sorority in 1990 and she has been honored as a Golden Soror since 2007. We salute her 64 years of dedicated service.

Charlotte was preceded in death by her parents, her loving husband who

passed away on February 11, 2012, and her brother, Keith Jenkins.

Those left to cherish her memory are her son, Rodney Smith of the home and her legacy, Soror Tiffany Smith Bryant of Greensboro, NC; four grandchildren, India Holloway and Rodney J. Smith both of Greenville, NC, Tia Bryant and Tyson Bryant of Greensboro, NC; six sisters, Delories Brooks (James) Charlotte, NC, Gussie Dickens, Calabasas, CA, Betti Hinton (Milton) Cincinnati, OH, Barbara Baker, Newport News, VA, Keretha Whitfield, Hampton, VA, and Soror Glenda Mayo, Pittsburgh, PA; two brothers, John Jenkins, Jr., Newport News, VA, and Alton Jenkins (Terry) San Antonio, TX; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends who mourn her passing and will forever cherish and honor her memory.

Cemetery Details

Homestead Memorial Gardens

4251 E. 10th Street
Greenville, NC 27858

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC 28. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

York Memorial AME Zion
201 Tyson Street
Greenville, NC

Ivy Beyond The Wall Ceremony

DEC 28. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

York Memorial AME Zion
201 Tyson Street
Greenville, NC

Celebration of Life Service

DEC 28. 12:00 PM (ET)

York Memorial AME Zion
201 Tyson Street
Greenville, NC

Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Congleton Memorial Mortuary - December 27, 2021 at 06:32 PM



“ *Mrs. Charlotte Smith*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *Tiffany, my heart is with you and the family. Mrs. Smith was wonderful person, and will be greatly missed. Praying God comforts and brings peace during this time.*



Misha Featherstone - December 28, 2021 at 01:22 PM



“ *Lilla Holsey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Charlotte Smith*



Lilla Holsey - December 28, 2021 at 10:51 AM

DM

“ Denise Moore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Charlotte Smith



Denise Moore - December 28, 2021 at 10:44 AM

MS

“ My heartfelt sympathy to the family of Mrs. Charlotte Smith. While I had only known her for the past 5 years, I found her to be a loving and compassionate woman, and loved God. She often sat behind me at York Memorial and would tap me on my shoulder. I will miss her. May God wrap you in His arms as He gives you comfort and peace.

Mildred A. Seon

Mildred A Seon - December 28, 2021 at 09:41 AM

BB

My condolences to the family, she was my P.E. teacher at Eppes, she was tough but fair, I am so sorry.

Barbara Boyd - January 02, 2022 at 03:45 PM

LD

“ My sincere condolences to the family of Mrs Charlotte Smith.



Lois Dupree - December 28, 2021 at 07:43 AM

SP

“ Sarah G. Pritchard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Charlotte Smith



Sarah G. Pritchard - December 27, 2021 at 11:54 PM

BN

“ My sincere condolences to the family.



Betty Early Nurse - December 27, 2021 at 07:26 AM

VF

“ Charlotte and her family were dear neighbors of ours for many years. Our prayers and condolences are with Rodney, Tiffany and the family.

The Featherstone Family

Venita Featherstone - December 26, 2021 at 06:13 PM

RJ

“ Rhonda Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Charlotte Smith



Rhonda Johnson - December 26, 2021 at 04:51 PM

CW

“ Praying for strength, comfort, and peace for you and your family during this time. I am so glad that I had the opportunity to be Mrs. Charlotte and Mr. Smith church musician at York Memorial A.M.E. Church. I can see Mr. Smith on one side of the aisle and Mrs. Charlotte on the other side of the aisle leading the choir's march. They both enjoyed singing! The former Pastor, Rev. Lester Jacobs name the choir, "The 1st Sunday Choir." Oh what fond memories at York Memorial! I will treasure this memory forever.

Chanelle Williams - December 25, 2021 at 07:03 PM

JJ

“Another earthly angel has been called to her heavenly home. The Greenville - Industrial C. M. Eppes High School Alumni Association joins with the Smith-Jenkins families in mourning the passing our dearly beloved "Mrs. Smith."

Charlotte and JB (BBQ) Smith were among the first and longest supporters of this Association. The only time they were not in attendance at our Annual Reunion was when the Jenkins Family Reunion was at the same time. Even then, there were times they would be part of the both reunions sometime during those weekends.

"Miss Jenkins" came to Eppes as the Health and Physical Education teacher for the girls. She became so popular, boys tried to join her classes.

The boys weren't the only ones whose attention she attracted. One certain math teacher also became a fan, so much so that he asked her to marry him. They became what is described today as a "power couple."

Mrs. Smith not only taught girls' health and physical education, she coached the cheerleaders and taught drivers' education. Quiet and resolute, she always got her point across without grand fanfare.

As a staunch supporter of this Association, she helped organize many of the early parades, offering her talents in arranging for costumes for many of the marchers and giving instruction on how to march and even sometimes prance.

Educator of many and friend to many more, Mrs. Smith's smile and dry humor will certainly be missed. There are those who pass through, and then here are those who blaze a path for others to pass. Charlotte Jenkins Smith was a path blazer.

We know Rodney, Tif, her grandchildren sisters and brother will

surely miss her, but we want to know that the whole Eppes Family will miss her as well.

We offer these words of comforter, trust in the Lord as she did, He will bring comfort as He promised that He would. Mrs. Smith has no more early concerns, no more doctor visits, no more medicine to take, No More. She ran her race well and we can solace in knowing that she is at rest with the Lord.

May God continue to bless this family as we thank Him for loaning Charlotte Jenkins Smith to us for this appointed time.

Respectfully,

*James Harper, Jr.
National President*

JAMES HARPER JR - December 25, 2021 at 12:53 AM

CW

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Chanelle Williams - December 24, 2021 at 09:19 PM

CD

“ My condolences to the family of Charlotte Smith. Mrs. Smith was my PE teacher at EB Aycock. She was a great woman, coach and mentor. RIP sweet lady!



Chauncey Dixon - December 24, 2021 at 03:23 PM

DC

“ Sending prayers 🙏 to this great family!



Derrell Coston - December 24, 2021 at 08:58 AM

TF

“ We're praying strength 🙏 for this great family. Rest in Heaven, Mrs. Charlotte Smith!



The Coston Family - December 24, 2021 at 08:56 AM

JA

“ I am thankful to have had the opportunity to know Charlotte while working in the school system. She was a very gentle and inspiring person to be around. Prayers are surrounding you, Family and asking for God's help to strengthen you during this difficult time. Janie Chance



Janie - December 23, 2021 at 01:18 PM

YS

“ *Your Siblings purchased the Rose Romanesque Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Charlotte Smith.*



Your Siblings - December 23, 2021 at 10:03 AM

JP

“ *Joyce C. Purvis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Charlotte Smith*



Joyce C. Purvis - December 23, 2021 at 10:00 AM

GS

“ *George Stocks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Charlotte Smith*



George Stocks - December 23, 2021 at 07:19 AM

PB

“ *Remembering all the good times with Aunt Charlotte. Will miss you. Rest in peace.*

Phil Brooks - December 22, 2021 at 09:23 PM

AT

“ Please accept my sincere condolences. She was a great teacher.
Sleep well Ms Smith.

Aneisia TeelePerkins - December 22, 2021 at 06:57 PM

RS

“ Roland Perry Sr lit a candle in memory of
Mrs. Charlotte Smith



Roland Perry sr - December 22, 2021 at 05:37 PM

EG

“ Earl Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Charlotte Smith



Earl Gardner - December 22, 2021 at 04:44 PM

PM

“ Patricia McArthur lit a candle in memory of
Mrs. Charlotte Smith



Patricia McArthur - December 22, 2021 at 03:06 PM

RM

“ Regina And Bobby Murphy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Charlotte Smith



Regina and Bobby Murphy - December 22, 2021 at 01:53 PM

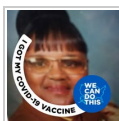
AL

My oldest sister.....I was her ring bearer❤️.....Charlee lead the parade of college graduates for her 9 brothers and sisters!

I will miss Charlee terribly, but I am fully aware that God makes no mistakes!

He has taken my sister to relieve her from the pains of this world, and to provide everlasting peace and joy 🙏

Alton - December 22, 2021 at 05:54 PM



The Class of 1967 RIP Janice Spain Reid

Janice Reid - December 28, 2021 at 08:41 AM

BD

“ Bernita Demery lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Charlotte Smith



Bernita Demery - December 22, 2021 at 01:47 PM

KM

“ *Kendra M. lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Charlotte Smith*



Kendra M. - December 22, 2021 at 01:12 PM

LB

“ *Lisa Green Blackwell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Charlotte Smith*



Lisa Green Blackwell - December 22, 2021 at 11:36 AM

SC

“ *My sympathy to the Smith family. May the love of God strengthen you in your hour of grief! Shady Clark, Jr.*

Shady Clark - December 21, 2021 at 08:37 PM

WC

“ *Walter And Mildred Council lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Charlotte Smith*



Walter and Mildred Council - December 21, 2021 at 03:58 PM

CD

“ *Mrs. Smith was a jewel. A contagious warm smile. Condolences to the Family.*



Connie Daniels-Brown - December 21, 2021 at 02:09 AM

CC

“ *Cassandra L Campbell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Charlotte Smith*



Cassandra L Campbell - December 20, 2021 at 09:33 PM

VB

“ When I was a sophomore or junior at ECU, Charlotte arranged a summer job in Long Beach, Long Island New York for a few of her former Eppes students. The job entailed housekeeping at a summer retreat house for senior citizens.

She told us that she had spent some summers working there when she was younger. Apparently she had kept in touch with the owners throughout the years because she was able to secure the job for us. Homesickness, however, got the better of us pretty soon after arrival and as a result, we didn't last the whole summer. But we did have lots of fun and laughter while there.

Charlotte loved to laugh. And laugh she did when we shared the experiences of our New York adventure with her. To this very day I am thankful for her providing us the opportunity to venture out and acquire skills that would help equip us for our future lives as adults.

Granted, it may be challenging to bring ourselves to laugh much during these difficult times. But think of something that makes or used to make you laugh. Then laugh and proclaim: This one's for you Charlotte Jenkins Smith!

Rest in God's Heavenly Peace, Charlotte.

-Veronica Coburn Burch

Veronica C Burch - December 20, 2021 at 07:15 PM

AB

“ Angelene Bowden-Bryant lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Charlotte Smith



Angelene Bowden-Bryant - December 20, 2021 at 06:49 PM

RJ

“ *Rev. Rhonda Jordan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Charlotte Smith*



Rev. Rhonda Jordan - December 20, 2021 at 02:33 PM

BW

“ *Ben Wooten lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Charlotte Smith*



Ben Wooten - December 20, 2021 at 09:13 AM

TH

“ *Tarshia Harris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Charlotte Smith*



Tarshia Harris - December 20, 2021 at 09:08 AM

PE

My condolences to Coach Smith Family and Friends. My thoughts and Prayers are will You all.

Pearl - December 23, 2021 at 09:35 PM

JJ

“ *To a very nice, sweet, & sincere lady. I'm sorry to hear of her passing. May all the great memories help the family make it thru this difficult time of bereavement.* ”



James Ray Staton, Jr. - December 19, 2021 at 09:28 PM

MJ

“ *Marilyn Kennedy Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Charlotte Smith* ”



Marilyn Kennedy Jones - December 19, 2021 at 06:48 PM

TW

“ *Tyrone Walston lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Charlotte Smith* ”



Tyrone Walston - December 19, 2021 at 04:35 PM

CS

“ *Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolence on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory.* ”



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - December 19, 2021 at 02:52 PM

CS

“ Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolence on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory.



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - December 19, 2021 at 02:42 PM

LS

“ L. Sparkman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Charlotte Smith



L. Sparkman - December 19, 2021 at 01:55 PM

PO

“ Heaven gain an Angel. Mrs Smith was my PE teacher and friend, she was a great counselor and mentor to me. Gone but not forgotten. Portia Opharrow.

Portia Opharrow - December 19, 2021 at 01:21 PM

PO

“ I've had the pleasure of knowing and working with Mrs. Smith through the school system. She was a joy and pleasure to be around. My deepest condolences to the family 🙏.

Patricia Outlaw - December 19, 2021 at 01:02 AM

DT

“ *Delores Tilley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Charlotte Smith*



Delores Tilley - December 19, 2021 at 12:04 AM

DP

“ *Donna Pierce lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Charlotte Smith*



Donna Pierce - December 18, 2021 at 09:31 PM

MU

“ *Muriel lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Charlotte Smith*



Muriel - December 18, 2021 at 01:30 PM

DC

“ *Ms. Smith was my first physical education teacher in junior high school. A good mentor for youngest growing up. Rest peacefully Ms. Smith.*



Dr. Matthew W. Clark - December 18, 2021 at 12:30 PM

JS

“ *Jeff Savage lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Charlotte Smith*



Jeff Savage - December 18, 2021 at 11:34 AM

JS

“ *I will always remember her kindness and that smile Mrs. Smith shared every time I saw her since my childhood days. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.*

Jeff Savage - December 18, 2021 at 11:33 AM

GH

“ *Gayle Hardy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Charlotte Smith*



Gayle Hardy - December 18, 2021 at 10:01 AM

RF

“ *Rev. Milton & Delorse Staton Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Charlotte Smith*



Rev. Milton & Delorse Staton Family - December 18, 2021 at 06:07 AM

BA

“ *Beatrice Atkinson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Charlotte Smith*



Beatrice Atkinson - December 18, 2021 at 04:11 AM

SE

“ *Sondra Early lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Charlotte Smith*



Sondra Early - December 17, 2021 at 05:47 PM

EW

“ *I am sending to the family of Charlotte Smith my comfort and love. Back when she was Charlotte Jenkins (we always called Jenks behind her back) she taught gym class and health education at the old CM Epps High School. We all loved her very much. She taught us a lot of things we would not get from anywhere else (different ball room dancing, US Military, etc. My late husband always said she was way ahead of the times after I told him about Mrs Smith (AKA, Jenks) A lovely, outgoing sweet woman and soft spoken. She did not have to raise or holler at you to get her point across. I saw her about 2 years ago and she still had her school girl looks and sweet smile. May the family look toward heaven and know you will see her again. I am Ella Grace Daniels Ward.*

ella grace daniels ward - December 17, 2021 at 03:59 PM

EH

“ *May Jesus Christ Continue To Comfort And Strengthen The Family 🙏*



Evangelist Gwen Hudson - December 17, 2021 at 02:23 PM

JK

“ *To: Rodney, Tiffany and family. I share your grief for the loss of your mom, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. I've known Charlotte since she was the P.E. teacher at Sadie Saulter Elementary years ago. She was so friendly and comical. She will certainly be missed by all who knew her. You are in my prayers. Look to God for strength and grace at this most difficult time.*

Joyce A. King - December 17, 2021 at 02:02 PM

AR

“ *Tiffany and Rodney you and family are in my thoughts and prayers
Adrienne Reddrick*

adrienne Reddrick - December 17, 2021 at 12:10 PM

PP

“ *Phyllis Taft Price lit a candle in memory of
Mrs. Charlotte Smith*



Phyllis Taft Price - December 17, 2021 at 11:46 AM

SS

“ Sharon W Stephens lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Charlotte Smith



Sharon W Stephens - December 17, 2021 at 11:31 AM

SS

My sincere condolences to the family, will cherish the memory of having the opportunity to have worked with Mrs. Smith.

Sharon W Stephens - December 20, 2021 at 04:11 AM

JF

“ Johnny/LaVette Ford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Charlotte Smith



Johnny/LaVette Ford - December 17, 2021 at 09:27 AM

VF

“ Venita Featherstone lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Charlotte Smith



Venita Featherstone - December 16, 2021 at 08:45 PM