



Mrs. Evelyn Smalley

December 8, 1946 - August 14, 2025

On Thursday (August 14, 2025), God sent his angels for his daughter, Evelyn R. Smalley with a message stating, "Come home now, my child. Yours has been a gallant fight, and your reward is eternal life, free of toil, strife, and suffering."

Evelyn, the daughter of the late Clarence B. Rodgers and Corene Estelle James Rodgers was born on December 8, 1946, in Williamston, NC. At an early age, she was given the nickname "Nonnie." She received her high school diploma from E.J. Hayes in 1965. After high school, she moved to NJ to start her new life. While in NJ, she met the love of her life, the late Napoleon Smalley.

In August of 1968, the two moved back to NC to get married and raise a family.

Evelyn was very skillful with her hands, which led to her unique sewing skills. Everyone was so impressed with her sewing. She had business to last her a lifetime. Evelyn also used her skillful hands to work at Black and Deckard in Tarboro NC where she met many of her wonderful colleagues.

Evelyn is survived by her two children, Lisa Smalley of Knightdale, NC, Derryl Smalley (Tunesia) of Douglasville, GA, and bonus children, Grant Leverett

(Juan) of New Jersey, Sharon Carter of Augusta, GA, and Denise Edwards (Neil) of Jacksonville, FL; two brothers, Clarence Rodgers (the late Loretta) of Elizabeth Town, NJ, Theodore Rodgers (Annie) of Raleigh, NC; one sister, Theodora McCullers of Raleigh NC; one special brother, Donnell Little (Yvette) of Williamston, NC; sister-in-law, Doris Brown of Augusta, GA; two grandchildren, two bonus grandchildren, six nieces, two great-great nephews and one great-great niece, a host of cousins, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Martin Memorial Gardens

12813 U.S. 64
Williamston, NC 27892

Previous Events

Viewing

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

United Holy Church Of Deliverance
611 Warren Street
Williamston, NC

Celebration of Life Service

AUG 30. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Congleton Memorial Mortuary - August 29, 2025 at 05:02 PM

DM

“ *Sending my love and condolences from cousin Dore' and Jovon Jr. We love you aunt Evelyn, I remember the times where we sat on the phone and just giggled. You made me feel at home with you. May the Lord preserve your soul.*



Dore' Mack - August 30, 2025 at 04:25 PM

KF

“ *Rest well family*❤️

Kaila Freeman - August 30, 2025 at 11:54 AM

CH

“ *Sending heartfelt condolences to the family. I have fond childhood memories of Ms. Nonie. She was my wedding dress seamstress forty plus years ago and I still have her lovely creation to this day. May she enter into sweet rest from her earthly labors!* 🙏🕊️❤️

Cheryl Lee Herring - August 29, 2025 at 09:48 PM

DB

“ *Sending Prayers and Blessings*

Danny Brown - August 29, 2025 at 03:45 PM



“ *Send Prayers and Blessings to the family*



Danny Brown - August 29, 2025 at 03:38 PM



“ *My condolences to you and your family!*



Melaine Shoffner - August 25, 2025 at 08:23 PM



“ *Wanda Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Smalley*



Wanda Jackson - August 25, 2025 at 02:40 PM



*Good Evening.
The pounds and the Brooks family sent up. PRAY to you and Heavenly Father be with our family. AMEN AMEN AMEN*

Andrea Brooks - August 26, 2025 at 05:56 PM

WJ

“ To the Smalley Family,
Know that you are in our thoughts and prayer during this difficult time. Our mom wanted to let you know, she Thank God for the many years of friendship and bond Mrs Evelyn and our mom shared for such a very long time during their work experience at B lack & Decker and so forth the many years after the closing of their job. We will always remember the often visits to Greenville to see our mom and late night phone calls, whenever you couldn't reach our mom you would always call me or my sister to check on her and to assure everything was alright. Mrs Evelyn you were a Beautiful example of what it is to be a devoted friend you will be greatly missed by so many who knew you.
Love Always
Theresa J Neal &
Family



Wanda Jackson - August 23, 2025 at 05:16 PM

SJ

“ I used to work with Evelyn at Black and Decker. She always had a smile on her face. She was always a sweet and kind person. My prayers and condolences go out to her family and friends.

Sue Knight Jefferson - August 23, 2025 at 04:44 PM

CJ

“ Derryl and Lisa my condolences and prayers are extended to your family.

Chris Jones - August 21, 2025 at 02:52 PM

CG

To Lisa and Darrell,

My deepest condolences on the loss of Evelyn. She was such a sweetheart, and I had the privilege of working with her for many years at Black & Decker. She will be remembered with love and fondness.

Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.

With sympathy,

Camille Griggs

Camilla J Griggs - August 24, 2025 at 04:47 PM

DC

“ Lisa my prayers are with you and your family that this time of bereavement and I do know how it feels to lose a mother it takes something out of you but remember God got you. 👍🙏🕊️🙏



Donte Crowell - August 20, 2025 at 09:36 PM

DS

“ 4 files added to the album Tribute Wall



Derryl Smalley - August 19, 2025 at 11:15 PM

AP

Evelyn was a faithful friend! We were in High School together. She continued to keep in touch with me! I loved the warm greeting on her phone for a missed call 🥺 The family is in my prayers! May God Bless and keep you Always!

Aria Willuams Pride - August 21, 2025 at 10:03 AM

CR

May God Give You Comfort And Strength During This Difficult Time. ❤️🙏

Carlissa Raye - August 26, 2025 at 09:51 AM

LS

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<https://s3.amazonaws.com/storage.lifetributes.com/Candles/10-m.png>

Mom, I'm truly going to miss you! I can't be saddened because I know that you are no longer in pain anymore 🙏. I Love You... All The Money In The World!!!

Lisa Smalley

lisa smalley - August 19, 2025 at 05:01 PM

WJ

“ *Wanda Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Smalley*



Wanda Jackson - August 19, 2025 at 04:25 PM

CS

“ *Cecily Sene lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Smalley*



Cecily Sene - August 18, 2025 at 10:45 PM

EH

“ *My Condolences And Prayers Are With The Family* 🙏🙏🙏



Evangelist Gwen Hudson - August 15, 2025 at 11:49 AM

CS

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



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - August 14, 2025 at 08:17 PM

EL

We the Latham family, we'll always miss you, our condolences are with the smalley and Rodgers family.

Ethel Latham - August 17, 2025 at 09:19 AM

CB

May God give youall Strength and Comfort in the time of your Bereavement from Thurman and Carrie Bridgers and Family may God continue to keep his arm around youall!!

Carrie Bridgers - August 19, 2025 at 01:24 PM

SB

Prayers and peace goes out to the family

Shandra Bowen - August 23, 2025 at 02:09 PM