#### Honorary Pallbearers

Grandchildren

#### Interment

**Pine Forest Cemetery** 187 Lakeview Drive Homerville, Georgia 31634

#### Acknowledgement

The family of the late Mrs. Donna K. McKnight-Smith wishes to acknowledge with sincere appreciation the prayers, comforting words, floral tributes,

visits, telephone calls, acts of kindness, and all other expressions of love that were shown towards us during ourtime of bereavement. The Family of Donna Kathleen McKnight-Smith



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Saturday, March 30, 2024 2:30 PM

**Pine Forest Cemetery** 187 Lakeview Drive Homerville, Georgia 31634

Pastor Alfred A. Miller, Officiating

## Life Reflections

"She is clothed with strength & dignity; She can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue."

Proverb 31-25-26

Kathleen McKnight-Smith, born on July 17, 1962, in Sacramento, California, to George McKnight, Jr. and the late Elizabeth Sullivan Cowart, suddenly passed away on Monday, March 18, 2024, at Memorial Satilla Health in Waycross, Georgia.

On February 6, 2003, Donna Kathleen united in marriage with her beloved Willie Lee Smith, her cherished partner for 19 years. Together, they shared a sacred bond, residing in their sanctuary in the woods off Pearson Highway. According to their vows they promised to "love and honor each other all the days of their lives. To give each other their strength, to help each other in good times and bad, to stand by each other in joy and sorrow, and to make their home one of love and understanding." Sadly, her beloved husband preceded her in death on November 15, 2021.

Donna Kathleen was a devoted member of Prayer Garden Church of God in Christ, where her passion for enhancing the sanctity of the sanctuary and its surroundings shone through her service in the Women's Department. Her creative flair and gift for decorating graced every special occasion, as she generously contributed her talents to event decoration and fundraising endeavors.

A proud alumna of Therrell High School Class of 1981, Donna Kathleen held tight to her graduation stole, symbolizing cherished memories and enduring friendships. She furthered her education at Gupton-Jones College of Funeral Services, earning her Associate Degree in Mortuary Science in 1986. As a single parent, she tirelessly provided for and nurtured her three children: Cameon, Nicholas and Jericah. Later, she welcomed the oldest grandchildren Yahrai and Yerick into her home to raise with her devoted husband before his death. She embraced her role as "Meme" to all her grandchildren and loved them very much.

In her professional life, Donna Kathleen retired from the Department for Human Services in 2022, having served as an Economic Support Specialist II. Beyond her career, she found solace and joy in tending to her garden, adorning her home, and extending a helping hand to those in need, all while her health was failing.

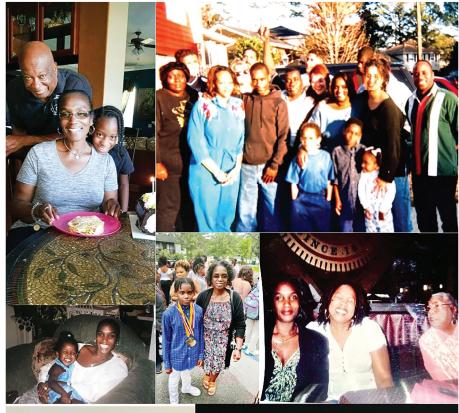
She was preceded in death by her husband, Willie Lee Smith; mother, Elizabeth Sullivan Cowart; and her brothers, Leavette and George Cowart, Jr.

Donna Kathleen leaves behind a legacy of love and devotion. She is survived by: her children, Cameon McKnight, Nicholas Byrom, Jericah McKnight, and stepdaughter Shae Campbell (Roderick); father, George McKnight, Jr. (Sue); siblings, Ken Finister, Leland Cowart, Barry Cowart, Rodrick Cowart, Marlon McKnight, George McKnight III, Nicholas Byrom, Megan McKnight Bowen, and Damien McKnight; cherished grandchildren, Ariel, Jordon, Donavyn, Legaci, Yahrai, Yerik, and Curiah Simpson; uncle, Ulysses McKnight (Laura Nell); nieces, Crystal, Santana, Shona, and Macey; nephews, Stone, Cole, and George IV; and special cousins, Amanda McKnight and Annette Coopwood, among many others.

## **Precious Memories**



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## Order of Service

Processional	Prayer Garden Church of God in Christ Choir
Final Viewing	
Prayer of Comfort	First Lady Kim Miller
	104
Scripture Readings	Pastor Amanda McKnight
6	
Reflections	Please Limit to Two Minutes
	Yahrai & Yerik McKnight
	Sonja Heath
As a Friend	JoAnn Lacey
Anyone Desiring to Speak	
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Acknowledgements	Harrell's Funeral Home Staff
Committal Service	
Benediction	

"A woman who honors the Lord deserves to be praised."

Proverb 31:30

