



Martha Kay Smith

December 21, 1956 - February 7, 2023

Martha Kay Smith 66, the beacon of class and elegance personified, sister, aunt, wife, mother, educator, friend, and servant of God.

Martha, affectionately referred to as Kay, was born to the union of Deacon Leviticus and Lula

Charlene Stewart Patterson. As a child, Kay accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Lord and

Savior and was baptized and united into the fellowship of the Christian faith through Little River

Baptist Church. She departed this life on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, due to complications of multiple sclerosis (MS).

From her sister Hattie and her brothers, Albert Louis and Wallace Ray, Kay developed a work

ethic that was second to none. From her sisters, Selena and Pearline, Kay received her

inspiration to become an educator. Coupled with her strong work ethic and her desire to improve

the lives of young people through education, Kay dedicated her life to teaching.

After graduating from Trigg Country High School, Kay enrolled at Murray State University,

earning her bachelor's degree. After completing her bachelor's degree, Kay enrolled at Western Kentucky University, where she earned her master's degree in education. Kay began her career as an educator with the Trigg County Public School System, where she taught Head Start. She later moved to Louisville, Kentucky and taught at Watson Lane Elementary, before being hired by Newburg Middle School, in 1989. While teaching at Newburg Middle School, Kay met Arthur "Art" Smith, who shortly thereafter, became her husband. Kay and Art created a blended family with Ramona (Art's oldest daughter), Joshua (Kay's son), and Alexandria (child of Art and Kay). Unfortunately, due in part to the affects MS was having on her health, in 2000, Kay had to retire from teaching. Conversely, this allowed Kay more time to raise Alexandria as a stay-at-home mom and wife. Kay was predeceased by her mother and father, Deacon Leviticus and Lula Charlene Stewart Patterson, her brother Albert Louis Patterson and her sister, Selena Patterson. Those left to cherish her memory is her faithful, loving, and devoted husband of 33 years, Art, Louisville, Kentucky; daughter, Alexandria, Silver Spring, Maryland; son, Joshua McDaniel, Louisville, Kentucky; step-daughter Ramona Young, DO, Bradenton, Florida; sisters Hattie Patterson (James H.) Wallace, Hopkinsville, Kentucky and Pearlina Patterson Payne, Louisville,

Kentucky; twin brother Ray Patterson, Cadiz, Kentucky; and a host of nephews, great nephews, nieces, great nieces, cousins, family, special friends, students, and colleagues.

Services will be held at A.D. Porter and Sons Funeral Home Southeast, 4501 Bardstown Road, Louisville,

Kentucky 40218, on Friday, February 10, 2023. The visitation will be from 10am to 12pm

followed by the homegoing celebration at 12 noon. In lieu of flowers, the family requests

donations be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

“We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with

the Lord.” 2 Corinthians 5:8 (KJV)

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 10. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall

CM

“ I am sorry for your loss, will keep you in our prayers. Charlie Ann Mayes

CHARLIE Ann MAYES - February 12, 2023 at 08:17 PM

ID

“ To the family of Kay Patterson Smith, I was deeply saddened to hear of Kay's passing. Kay and I met at Murray State University where we both majored in the field of education. She had a beautiful spirit inside and out. She was "one of a kind". May God bless and keep you.

Iwanda DeBerry - February 11, 2023 at 03:30 PM

BL

“ Art....I was saddened to hear of your wife's passing. I was gone from Newburg when Kay arrived but I wanted you to know that I am sorry to hear this. She looks like a beautiful lady and I am certain had a beautiful soul. I learned about this too late to be at the funeral but know that I have you and your family in my prayers. Blessings, Brenda Logan

Brenda Logan - February 10, 2023 at 11:56 AM

TM

So sorry for your lost, Kay and I were friends throughout high school. I'm praying for the family in this delicate time of morning. May God Bless you. RIP Kay 🙏🙏💔

Terri Martin-Merritt - February 19, 2023 at 11:32 AM

RY

“ Just heard about Kay's passing and sorry to have missed the visitation. Kay was a very special person and made a difference for so many students. I was her principal at Watson Lane Elementary. Kay was a jewel, so bubbly and warm. The students loved her as did all of us. I send my condolences to her family and rejoice in her eternal life with our God.

Rosemarie Young - February 10, 2023 at 11:11 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Martha Kay Smith.



February 09, 2023 at 10:23 AM

CT

“ Know that the joy of the Lord is your strength. I had the pleasure of meeting Kay back in the 80's while attending school in Louisville. I will be forever grateful for the kindness that she showed to me during my time there. God is a keeper. He will keep you in perfect peace if you keep your mind stayed on him.

*Carla Toliver
Clarksville, TN*

Carla Toliver - February 09, 2023 at 08:56 AM

RW

Martha kay and I were cousins,classmates and friends,she loved her famiy and friends. Kay will be missed and my prayers go out to her family and friends. She loved the Lord and we prayed together many times over the years and talked about the goodness of the Lord. May she rest peacefully in his arms.

Regenia Wilkerson - February 09, 2023 at 10:51 PM

MP

*Art,
So,so sorry to hear of Kay's passing. She and I attended Murray State University and she was a joy to know and be around. My deepest sympathy to you, your children, Ray, and the rest of her lovely family. God bless each of you.*

Monica Patrick - February 10, 2023 at 10:56 PM

EM

“ *Edith McCord lit a candle in memory of Martha Smith*



Edith McCord - February 09, 2023 at 06:53 AM