



Shelby L. Smalls

August 14, 1963 - November 7, 2023

Shelby L. Smalls, 60, of Bluefield, WV gained her wings after losing an 8 year battle with cancer on Tuesday November 7, 2023.

Shelby was born on August 4, 1963 to the late Clarence and Dorothy Martin of Bluefield. Shelby was preceded in death by her husband William George Smalls Jr., sisters Audrey Mitchell, Patricia Shaw, Dora Martin Coleman, brothers Charles Ross and Robert Samuel Martin, & great nephew Jaydon Brown.

A graduate of Bluefield High School, Shelby worked tirelessly for the City of Bluefield and The Greater Mt. Zion Pentecostal Church for many years and was able to touch the lives of so many throughout that time. Shelby will be sorely missed by her family and friends.

Those left to cherish her memory are her two amazing sons that allowed their mom to want for nothing, William Smalls "III" (Danica) and Michael Smalls both of Raleigh, NC. Siblings Linda (Bruce) Brown, Bluefield, WV Mary Martin-Franklin, Lexington, KY Amos Ross, Bluefield, WV Peggy Hudson, Bluefield, WV, Charles Williams, Bluefield, WV, Pernie (Kenneth) Brown,

Havaco, Beverly Martin-Crenshaw and Leslie Martin both of Bluefield. She had one grand daughter that she absolutely adored, who she affectionately referred to as “the ticket” and facetimes with regularly, Reagan Smalls of Raleigh, NC. God also blessed Shelby with a wealth of nieces and nephews who are also left to cherish her memory, each of which she loved dearly.

The only solace is that she is free of pain and no longer suffering. Shelby was not afraid of death as she accepted the Lord as a young child and she still made it a priority to read her bible daily.

The family would like to extend thanks to all that checked on Shelby through text, phone calls, stopped by for visits, or sent cards. Your generosity is truly appreciated and each of you holds a special place in our hearts.

A memorial service will be held privately by family members and close friends on Monday November 13, 2023. Burial will be at Maple Hill Cemetery in Bluefield, Virginia where nephews will serve as pallbearers.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Mrs. Shelby L. Smalls.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

Bluefield, VA 24605

Tribute Wall

RL

“ I MISS YOU!!!!

robin Lefler - February 24, 2025 at 07:23 PM

CM

“ I meant to when you were only about six years old! I'm glad I got to know you as an adult! Now you have all the rewards you were promised. Rest rest in peace, sweet lady and I hope and pray that I'll see you again if I am judged worthy enough to be there, too! I just drove by the funeral home and your close friends and family are gathering. I pray that they saw Peace and I know you would never be forgotten



Cindy Romano McGraw - November 13, 2023 at 01:21 PM

LE

“ To the family I'm sorry for your loss. I'll be keeping you in my prayers. She will be missed but never forgotten. Lynn Ellison

Lynn Ellison - November 13, 2023 at 09:31 AM

CF

“ Clifford, Fannie Pannell and Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Shelby L. Smalls.



Clifford, Fannie Pannell and Family - November 13, 2023 at 08:05 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shelby L. Smalls.*



November 12, 2023 at 02:10 PM



“ *Rebecca T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shelby L. Smalls.*

Rebecca T. - November 11, 2023 at 10:29 PM



“ *Rebecca T. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Shelby L. Smalls.*



Rebecca T. - November 11, 2023 at 10:29 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Shelby L. Smalls.*



November 11, 2023 at 02:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shelby L. Smalls.*



November 11, 2023 at 08:43 AM



“ *We are so sad to hear of your Mom’s passing, she was a special person. Your family is in our prayers. Ronnie and Gale Hypes*

Ronnie Hypes - November 11, 2023 at 08:26 AM



“ *Remember Shelby from my days when my sons played rec ball and high school football. Always such a nice lady. Prayers and condolences to her family*

Debbie Mariotti - November 10, 2023 at 08:55 PM



“ *JD and Pam Anthony planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shelby L. Smalls.*

JD and Pam Anthony - November 10, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shelby L. Smalls.*



November 10, 2023 at 07:40 PM

BB

“ Bobby, Ashley, and Beau Barber planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shelby L. Smalls.

Bobby, Ashley, and Beau Barber - November 10, 2023 at 01:34 PM

BB

“ Bobby, Ashley, and Beau Barber purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Shelby L. Smalls.



Bobby, Ashley, and Beau Barber - November 10, 2023 at 01:34 PM

DB

“ Dale B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shelby L. Smalls.

Dale B. - November 10, 2023 at 08:56 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shelby L. Smalls.



November 10, 2023 at 08:13 AM

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“ I’m so sorry to hear this, your mother “Shelby” was one of the sweetest people I’ve ever met! She was so kind and sweet to me. However I know she was a fighter and I am glad she’s not suffering anymore. Please except my sincere sympathy and condolences. Sending prayers and love during this difficult time. Much love to all the Smalls family, Sincerely cousin Ronnie and family

Rhonda Robinson (Ronnie) - November 10, 2023 at 08:02 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Shelby L. Smalls.

November 10, 2023 at 08:00 AM

KP

“ My heart is so saddened n Shelby’s passing. We go way back. She was my friend. I loved her dearly. Shelby was beautiful with a beautiful spirit. Through her illness, she would manage come visit Ms P. I called her a few days before her passing. She said she was getting treatments & would call me later. U will forever b missed. R.I.P. my friend, Ms P she would call me. 🥹🥹🙏🙏❤️❤�.

Kay Price - November 10, 2023 at 05:47 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Shelby L. Smalls.



November 09, 2023 at 09:28 PM

SH

“ Seth Hall planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shelby L. Smalls.

Seth Hall - November 09, 2023 at 09:28 PM