



Marcella Jean (Smith) Raynor

August 27, 1952 - April 14, 2024

Marcella Jean Smith Raynor, the third child of the late Deacon Moncy P. Smith Jr. and the late Deaconess Marion Lewis Smith, was born Wednesday, August 27, 1952.

Known as Marti by family and friends, Marcella graduated from John Harris High School, Class of 1970. She furthered her education at the Lear Siegler Institute in Silver Spring, MD, and the University of Maryland completing three years of study.

Having accepted Christ as her Personal Savior at an early age at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, Harrisburg, PA, Marcella served with the Sanctuary Choir and the Pulpit Guild Ministries. She remained a faithful member there for thirty-one and one-half years. Marcella continued her Christian walk at New Hope Living Baptist Church, Steelton, PA, serving with the Sanctuary Choir Ministry and as Chairwoman of the Rev. Dr. Scott White Memorial Day Parade for five years. Lastly, Marcella united in Christian fellowship with The First Baptist Church of Steelton where she served with the Missionary Ministry. Marcella was also an honorary member of At the Cross C.O.G.I.C.

Marcella was united in holy matrimony with Marcus Lydelle Raynor of Houston, TX. She retired from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,

Department of Transportation, and was a paralegal for numerous attorneys. Her professional and community affiliations included former member of the American Business Women's Association, former member of American Hope Corporation, Advocate for Prisoners and Inmate Rights, Cyrenus Temple #61, Steelton, PA, and Esther Chapter #1, Heroines of Jericho, Order of the Eastern Star.

During her lifetime, Marcella acquired many friends and met many people she loved as family. At times when her earthly journey got tough and the mountains were hard to climb, she held onto her faith in Almighty God. Sometimes the deaths of loved ones pierced her heart, but she held on. There were times her pillow was flooded with tears, but she held on. She loved the Lord with all her heart and often said, "There's a time and a season for everything." God placed special people in her life to encourage her, love her and sometimes give her a much-needed hug.

On Sunday, April 14, 2024, while at her Harrisburg residence surrounded by her loved ones, the bell tolled for Marcella Jean Smith Raynor as she quietly answered the call of her Almighty Father.

Marcella was richly blessed with one son, Christian Daniel Smith (Deceased); one loving daughter, Chinia Orinda Plant (Dezmond); adopted daughters, Tikki Holden Finley and Marilyn Hall McIntyre; three loving brothers, Moncy III (Deceased), Gayland James (Vicki) and Cameron Smith (Deceased); sisters, Lillian Smith Richardson (Deceased) and loving sister, Linda Smith Bennett; additional sisters, Alice Turner Dorsey, Darlene Crummel Manning (Deceased), Shirl Crummel, Rosemary Bolen Payne, Carmella Bolen (Deceased), Portia Bolen Geter, Rev. Dr. Paula Jackson; and her devoted love and forever friend, Henderson E. Hall. Marcella also leaves her love to her grandchildren, her precious babies whom she loved, adored and who were the joys of her life, Jaiana C. Plant, Jahmir D. Plant, Jasir C. Plant, Aniyah

Taylor; and her great-grandson, Akelius Plant. Additionally, Marcella was blessed with loving aunts, Mary (Peggy) Dawson-Payne, Helen Sellers, Maude Selvey (Deceased), Alice C. Lewis (Deceased) and Suzanne Smith; great-aunt, Shynauna B. Gales (Deceased); godchildren, Jonathan and Jared Brooks, Narlashia Mitchell and Tonice Clark, along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CLICK ON THE SHARE A MEMORY TAB TO POST VIDEOS, SHARE MEMORIES, CONDOLENCES, REFLECTIONS OR SIMPLY LEAVE YOUR NAME.

Cemetery Details

William Howard Day Cemetery

Lincoln and Carlisle Streets
Steelton, PA 17113

Previous Events

Flower Delivery

APR 24. 8:30 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Steelton
1850 S. 19th Street
Harrisburg, PA 17104

Viewing

APR 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Steelton
1850 S. 19th Street
Harrisburg, PA 17104

Service

APR 24. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Steelton
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Tribute Wall

RS

“ Happy Heavenly 73rd Birthday my girlfriend. I always looked forward to celebrating your birthday along with your family and friends at Olive Garden, or one of your favorite places that you enjoyed having your birthday gatherings. Thanking God for our 65 years of a faithful friendship, I miss you Marcella , and I think about you always, to my forever girlfriend I Love you. Rhonda



Rhonda Stevenson - August 26, 2025 at 10:47 PM

GC

“ Georgia Chisolm lit a candle in memory of Marcella Jean (Smith) Raynor



Georgia chisolm - June 04, 2024 at 09:04 PM

AL

“ I remember her at John Harris high and her brother Cameron Smith was on the John Harris Pioneers Track team with me. Her oldest brother was my Art and Humanities class at HACC with our instructed Julie Goodrich in 1972,1973, .

Andrei Lewis - May 05, 2024 at 03:53 PM

FW

“ *My condolences and prayers to the family.
What a beautiful person and soul. RIP*



Frances Waters - April 25, 2024 at 04:54 PM

PH

“ *🎵❤️ Praise God....you have my deepest condolences family and friends as I reflect on time spent at school in MD and her kind heart...
Remember, "absent from the body...we are present with the Lord!"
Gloria*

Prophetess Gloria Herring - April 25, 2024 at 08:25 AM

CM

“ *Didn't know you received your wings until later the day of your service. Boy, was I shocked! May your loves find comfort in knowing what a sweet lady you were and always had a kind word. Rest in Peace Marti*



Celeste Middleton - April 25, 2024 at 01:50 AM

EW

“ *China I am so sorry for your loss sweetie I worked at Penn Dot with your mom and also I missed y'all from New Hope but you have my sincere prayers and condolences love you*

Elizabeth Wright - April 24, 2024 at 11:03 PM

AC

“ *China I'm so sorry for your loss I'm keeping you and your family in prayer 🙏🙏🙏*

alana Cofield - April 24, 2024 at 09:58 PM

MB

“ *I remember Mrs Marcella as she was a friends with and worked with my mother. Always a beautiful woman. May God Encamp His Comfort Angels Around Your Family and Friends.*



Monique Bryant - April 24, 2024 at 07:26 PM

RB

“ *Love you Marti! You were there for me when I lost my son checking on me daily! My condolence To The Family.*

Renee Drayton Bowers

Renee Drayton Bowers - April 24, 2024 at 07:22 PM

RW

“ *Rebecca Watlington lit a candle in memory of Marcella Jean (Smith) Raynor*



Rebecca Watlington - April 24, 2024 at 02:49 PM

CB

“ *My Sincere Condolences To Marcella Family... She Was Such A Beautiful Woman...Sending Prayers .. Charlotte Bowen Bellamy*



Charlotte Bowen Bellamy - April 24, 2024 at 11:58 AM

JF

“ *To the Family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.
Marty was a beautiful, strong woman who will be missed.
Rest in peace, Marty.
We love you!
Jeannie, Ronnie, Donna & Patty Franklin*

Jeannie Franklin-Woodward - April 24, 2024 at 11:35 AM

SJ

“ *My deepest condolences to Chinia and the family. From the Shirley Jones And Roberts family. Only a phone call away*

Shirley Jones - April 24, 2024 at 11:16 AM

MG

“ *Dear Chinia,

My heartfelt condolences go out to you and your family. May God comfort you in your sorrow. Sending my thoughts and prayers.
Marca Graves (Charlotte, NC)*

Marca Graves - April 24, 2024 at 10:52 AM

WR

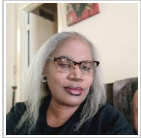
“ *Gayland and Family, Marti was an amazingly strong person whom I knew from childhood. May God continue to grant you peace and comfort. Sending my thoughts and prayers. Waitus Reaves*

Waitus Reaves - April 24, 2024 at 10:40 AM

MF

“ *Sending Prayers and condolences to the Family to the family:*

Mamie Edmonds and Family - April 23, 2024 at 11:33 PM



“ *Rest in Heavenly Peace my friend, I will forever cherish the wonderful memories we shared together especially the time we traveled to Maryland to see and meet Kool and the Gang what a wonderful time we had. To Chinia and the entire family, I send my sincere condolences. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Marti fought a good fight now she is resting in the arms of our Lord. Rest on in Heavenly Peace Sis. Weeping May Endure for a Night, but Joy comes in the Morning. Stephanie Williams, Austell, Georgia.*



Stephanie Williams - April 23, 2024 at 10:28 PM

DB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the families*



Doris Bright - April 23, 2024 at 09:50 PM

KB

“ My heart and prayers go out to Chinia and family.



Kimberly Bates-Robinson - April 23, 2024 at 09:42 PM

WS

“ My Condolences to the Family I am so sorry for your loss rest In Heavenly Peace
I Thank God for Her and I will never forget her and my Love 💕 and Prayers for the Family.

Wayne E Wallace Sr - April 23, 2024 at 09:23 PM

CM

“ To China and family,
I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother; she was a good friend of our family as she and my mother, Glenda McCarthur were friends. The last time I saw her was when your family came to my church, Baptist Fellowship. for a visit and she came up for prayer. Please know that my family and I extend our heartfelt sympathy and send you hugs and prayers.
Cynthia A. McCarthur & family



Cynthia A McCarthur - April 23, 2024 at 07:24 PM

GC

“ Georgia Chisolm lit a candle in memory of Marcella Jean (Smith) Raynor



Georgia Chisolm - April 23, 2024 at 06:24 PM

GG

“ Chinia I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of your mom.. she was a great friend to me ...before you were born your mom and I spent many days and nights together having FUN sometimes with Christian.. in tow LOL
Marcella was an awesome person... authentic charitable honest sincere and always there to help someone in need
I truly loved her I will always remember her fondly and your grandmother too



Stephanie B. Fair

Gee Gee - April 23, 2024 at 05:37 PM

LR

“ I want to express my sincere condolences to the family, Marcella may be gone but never forgotten!!
Lucille Ray



Lucille Ray - April 23, 2024 at 04:35 PM

IC

“ I recall her warm smile, her caring demeanor and her strong will to fight her illness. She spoke about her love for her family and of her deep faith in Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I believe that she is now whole and enjoying the presence of Our Lord.

--Dr. Iris Hairston Cooley

Iris Cooley - April 23, 2024 at 04:20 PM

TC

“ Sending Love and Prayers to the Family. May God Strengthen you during this difficult time.



Tracie Carroll - April 23, 2024 at 10:56 AM

TC

Correction may GOD strengthen

Tracie Carroll - April 23, 2024 at 10:57 AM

HL

“ My family and I extend our deepest sympathies to entire family of Marcella. May you find comfort in the cherished moments you shared together, and may her memory bring you peace 🙏.

Harold Lester - April 23, 2024 at 06:45 AM

MB

“ My sincerest condolences to the family of Marcella Smith Raynor. May her memory be a blessing.



Marian Blackston - April 22, 2024 at 10:04 PM

CA

“ *My sincere condolences and prayers to the family of Marceella.*



Constance Adams - April 22, 2024 at 06:56 PM

TL

“ *My Condolences To Marty R I P*



Tiny Livingston - April 22, 2024 at 03:31 PM

CD

To Chinia and Family, I am so sorry to hear of Marcella's passing. I missed talking to her and I will truly miss her as my friend. Marty was truly a wonderful person whom I loved very much as a friend. Please take care and God Bless you all. Carol Ann Dennis

Carol Dennis - April 24, 2024 at 04:31 PM

WE

“ *My prayers and condolences are extended to the entire family 🌹 May Marty rest in eternal heavenly peace 🙏*



Wanda Epps - April 22, 2024 at 02:53 PM