



Sheila Marie Collins-Smith

August 28, 1945 - November 21, 2025

Sheila Marie Collins Smith, daughter of the late William Spears and Mary (Collins) Jones, was born on Tuesday, August 28, 1945, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Sheila was a graduate of John Harris High School, class of 1964, earning a degree in Journalism from HACC. Later, she attended Howard University to study Journalism. Her love for writing, creativity, and art led her to graduate from the Antonelli School of Photography in Philadelphia, PA.

Sheila provided employment assistance to the late Harold James, House of Representatives. She was employed as a staff photographer for Signifyn" Harlem Literary Journal and contributed her writing skills to Scoop Newsletter and the Philadelphia Tribune. Later, she was employed by the Pennsylvania State Education Association (PSEA) in Harrisburg, PA. She ultimately retired from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Public Welfare, in Harrisburg, PA, after many years of dedicated service. Her work ethic, talent, and passion for communication left a lasting impact on every space she touched.

A gifted artist and writer, Sheila was deeply involved in the arts community. She was a proud member of the Dauphin County Arts Council, the Perry County Arts Council, the Sister Arts Community, and the Poetry Society of New York. Her published book, preserved in the National Archives, stands as

a testament to her creative voice and legacy.

On Friday, November 21, 2025, at the age of eighty, Sheila peacefully transitioned into eternal rest at The Gardens at West Shore Skilled Facility. She was preceded in death by her parents.

She leaves to cherish lasting memories and love her sons, Eugene Brown, Joseph R. Smith, and Doug Smith (Denelle); her daughter, Elayne Brown; her sisters, Marcia Beasley (Hyle), Carolyn Gathers (Julius), and Marilyn Cleland (Eural); her brothers, Ronald Jones (Deb) and Daryl "Steve" Jones; seven grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and a host of extended family, relatives 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.

Flower delivery, 8:30 a.m., Saturday, December 6, at WFD.

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Wallace Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Sheila Marie Collins-Smith



Wallace Funeral Directors - December 05, 2025 at 03:18 PM

SA

“ Sending my sincere condolences to my Cousin Sheila. Praying for my family. I love you. Rest in peace.

Sherrie Lynne

Sherrie Allen - December 06, 2025 at 05:46 PM

EL

“ Emily Jones Lemon purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Sheila Marie Collins-Smith.



Emily Jones Lemon - December 06, 2025 at 05:40 PM

KP

“ Sending my sincere condolences to my family. Cuz Sheila can truly now rest in peace. 🙏

Kathy Burney Poole - December 06, 2025 at 12:04 PM

KA

“ Kathy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sheila Marie Collins-Smith.

Kathy - December 06, 2025 at 11:49 AM

KA

“ Kathy purchased the Forever in Our Hearts LED Musical Water Globe for the family of Sheila Marie Collins-Smith.



Kathy - December 06, 2025 at 11:49 AM

JS

“ To the Family, I'm so very sorry for your loss, Sheila was a very kind person she and Marshall were very good former neighbors of my Mother always looking out for her. May your fond memories and God's love give you peace and comfort. My deepest condolences.

Janet Staff

Janet Staff - December 06, 2025 at 11:17 AM



JH

“ Jeff Barnes, Loralyn Barnes, & Shannon H lit a candle in memory of Sheila Marie Collins-Smith

Jeff Barnes, Loralyn Barnes, & Shannon H - December 05, 2025 at 10:34 PM



BD

“ *Bill & Helen Drayton lit a candle in memory of Sheila Marie Collins-Smith*



Bill & Helen Drayton - December 05, 2025 at 04:46 PM

LJ

“ *Sending love and prayers from my sister Denise, my Aunt Liz (Red), and myself.*

Lance L Burgess Jr - December 05, 2025 at 11:31 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sheila Marie Collins-Smith.*



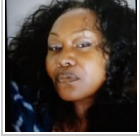
December 05, 2025 at 11:09 AM

AB

“ *Andre & Shannon Brown purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Sheila Marie Collins-Smith.*



Andre & Shannon Brown - December 05, 2025 at 10:36 AM



“ *Elayne, you and your family have my heartfelt condolences during this most difficult time and may God comfort you all in the hollow of his hands.
You all will remain in prayers.*

Cyndi Britton and Family.

Cynthia Britton - December 05, 2025 at 07:58 AM

BB

“ *Bruce & Jamilla Buchanon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sheila Marie Collins-Smith.*

Bruce & Jamilla Buchanon - December 05, 2025 at 07:49 AM

BB

“ *Bruce & Jamilla Buchanon purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Sheila Marie Collins-Smith.*



Bruce & Jamilla Buchanon - December 05, 2025 at 07:49 AM

YF

“ *Your A-Team Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sheila Marie Collins-Smith.*

Your A-Team Family - December 05, 2025 at 07:41 AM

YF

“ *Your A-Team Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Sheila Marie Collins-Smith.*



Your A-Team Family - December 05, 2025 at 07:41 AM

TK

“ *The Kefovers purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Sheila Marie Collins-Smith.*



The Kefovers - December 04, 2025 at 09:13 PM

CB

“ *To the family of aunt Sheila as we called her she went our uncle Robert badgett for years she was a great person. My family send our condolences and prayers to the family 🙏*

*Cynthia badgett and family.
Olivia and Jerry Jones
Harrisburg PA*

Cynthia Badgett - December 04, 2025 at 07:16 AM

FA

My Condolences to the family we have known Sheila all my life she was a beautiful person and always had a smile may she rest in peace

Frances Frankie Madden Adams - December 04, 2025 at 11:10 AM

GB

*To Marilyn and Family, we send our prayers and condolences for the loss of your sister Sheila.
John and Gerry Brown*

Gerry L. Brown - December 05, 2025 at 11:42 AM

BD

*Our condolences and prayers for your family.
Bill & Helen Drayton*

Bill & Helen Drayton - December 05, 2025 at 04:53 PM

YF

“ *Your EEO Family purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Sheila Marie Collins-Smith.*



Your EEO Family - December 03, 2025 at 03:41 PM