



Mother Ophelia Smith Loman

April 9, 1922 - May 26, 2015

Only a few are blessed and revered as a 93-year old Nonagenarian. Mother Ophelia Smith Loman was the oldest daughter of the late Deacon Columbus A. Smith, Sr. and District Missionary Bessie Harper Smith. She was the loving sister of Ovia Ruth Stephens, Columbus A. Smith, Jr. and Bessie Bowens. Longevity runs in her family—her father lived to be 102- and her mother 95 years old. In 1994 during Genealogy month, Orlando Public Library featured her family and their story of five living generations who had traced their family roots from Alabama to Orlando. Mother Loman was a longtime member of the Senior Choir, Hospitality, Pastor's Aid and Mothers' Board. It is an honor to "give Mother Loman her flowers while she yet lives.

She was born in Elba (Coffee County) Alabama on April 9, 1922. Her maternal grandfather—George Harper—was a slave. Upon receiving his freedom, George made sure his children received an education. Bessie Harper Smith sent her daughters—Ophelia and Ovia--to private boarding school to receive a "good" education. After graduation from Coffee County Training Center, Ophelia attended Alabama Normal and majored in Home Economics. Ophelia has always been industrious—she loved to cook, bake, clean and keep everything neat and tidy. For years, she was the cafeteria manager at Ameri-First Bank (which was recently demolished in Downtown Orlando). Many workers in the bank building ate her delicious food daily.

In 1954, Mother Loman and her husband, Clarence Loman, moved to Orlando, Florida and has resided in Orange County for 61 years. Mother Loman was a lifelong member of the Church of God in Christ all of her life. Mother Loman will be remembered as one who loved to sing the “old-time” hymns and songs of the church. Even at 93 years old, she loved praising the Lord by dancing victoriously. She loved to hear holiness preaching, teaching and as well as helping to train the young saints as a Church Mother and Mother in Zion. It was a joy every Sunday to see Mother Loman adored with her beautiful hats, gloves and plenty of bling—she was her children’s “Queen Mother.”

In November 2013, she was recognized as one of the City of Orlando’s Outstanding Seniors by Commissioner Samuel B. Ings. On December 29, 2014, she was honored by her church—Community Church of God in Christ—as the oldest member of the Mothers Board.

She received her Angelic Escort from earth to glory on Tuesday, May 26, 2015.

Precious memories will be forever cherished by her loving family: daughters: Pastor Mildred Loman Eason and District Missionary Margaret Loman Hester (Johnny); son: C. Earl Loman (Linda); two sisters: Ovia Ruth Stephens, Tampa, Florida and Bessie Ruth Bowens, Utica, New York; eight grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; sisters-in-law, cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family and loving friends.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Memorial Park

400 Woodlawn Cemetery Road
Gotha, FL 34734

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 2. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Zanders Memorial Chapel
232 W. Michael Gladden Blvd.
Apopka, FL 32703
(407) 886-3388

Visitation

JUN 3. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Saint Mark African Methodist Episcopal Church
1968 Bruton Blvd.
Orlando, FL 32805

Service

JUN 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mother Ophelia Smith Loman*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *Mrs. Hester and family, please accept my heartfelt condolences. I am so sorry to hear of your loss, and will miss seeing Mrs. Loman's beautiful smile (during her salon visits).*

Sincerely,

Barbara Lee

Barbara Lee - June 05, 2015 at 03:09 PM



“ *Apostle Gladys West lit a candle in memory of Mother Ophelia Smith Loman*



Apostle Gladys West - June 02, 2015 at 05:12 PM



“ *Mother Loman was the most elegant and distinguished mother on the mothers board of any cogic assembly anywhere in the USA*

Alphonso Davis - June 01, 2015 at 07:56 PM

MD

“ I shall always remember her shouting, dancing and praising the Lord. Her songs ignited the church always and ushered the Holy Spirit in the house. She called my grandson Max Regis " the Mother's board corner baby" at Malone Memorial under Bishop M. L. Sconiers. I love her and I know she loved me. She is in the precious and loving arms of the Lord forever. Mother Dennis

Mothetr Velma Dennis - June 01, 2015 at 04:36 PM

SF

“ Stephens Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mother Ophelia Smith Loman.



Stephens Family - June 01, 2015 at 10:03 AM

DL

“ David M Loman purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mother Ophelia Smith Loman.



David M Loman - May 30, 2015 at 04:05 PM

EN

“ Elder James E. Sconiers and family - Rochester, NY purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mother Ophelia Smith Loman.



Elder James E. Sconiers and family - Rochester, NY - May 30, 2015 at 06:29 AM

ES

“*"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." [Psalms 116:15] - May God comfort you Margaret and family knowing that your Mother was gift to the church as well as to the world. Thank you for sharing her with all of us who knew her. Please except my sincere condolences. Elder James E. Sconiers*

Elder James E. Sconiers - May 30, 2015 at 05:49 AM