



## Deborah Canyon Henderson

August 4, 1951 - May 12, 2013

Mrs. Deborah Canyon Henderson was born August 4, 1951 in Oconee County, South Carolina. She was the daughter of the late Stonewall Smith and Evelyn Gilmore Smith. She married Calvin Henderson, Sr. February 3, 1968. Unto this union was born 3 children. On Sunday May 12, 2013 she passed away at her home. Deborah (Kay) received her formal education in South Carolina Public School "Blue Ridge High" Class of 1969. Deborah was a home maker and enjoyed taking care of her family. Deborah also known as 'Kay' loved her family dearly and those that knew Deborah knew that she had a heart of pure gold and a bright welcoming smile for all that she met. She was an active member of New Direction Christian Center. She was the President of the Usher Board, and she was over the Caring and Sharing Outreach Ministry. She had her hands tied in many things at New Direction, whenever they called on her and if she was able she was there. She loved her church family dearly. Deborah was definitely "more than a conqueror!" She graciously fought every obstacle that she was confronted with to the very end. After a courageous battle against cancer, God decided it was time for His special butterfly to come on home. As a virtuous woman, she always found time to be the best wife any man could pray for, a loving mother/nana, great daughter, daughter-in-law, a loving sister and friend, you could always count on her. She was not only a mother to her own children, but a loving mother to so many others. You can say that she was the "bridge" in keeping her family together. She will always be remembered for her giving spirit, her ability to

encourage and inspire others, and an infectious smile. She was preceded in death by her parents and her siblings: Margret S. Parks, Morris Smith, Stonewall Smith, Jr., Irma S. Dancy, Bradley Smith, and Walter Smith. Deborah will never be forgotten because she leaves to cherish her memories her husband of 45 years, Calvin Henderson Sr. of Charlotte, NC, two sons: Calvin Henderson Jr. and Derrick Henderson (Sharon) both of Charlotte, NC, one daughter: Teressa Henderson Gregory of Charlotte, NC, 5 Grandchildren: Quantavia Canyada Henderson of Seneca, SC, Sha'Derrickah Shanice Henderson, Talaycia LaShay Cooper, Derrick Henderson Jr., and Haley Cierra Gregory all of Charlotte NC, two sisters: Lorean Mayes of Seneca, SC and Phyllis Holland of Spartanburg, SC, one brother Stephen Smith of Seneca, SC, aunt, Julia Clanton of Atlantic City, NJ, one step-daughter Michelle Wideman Clemons of Seneca, SC. In-laws that LOVED her dearly. She also leaves a special friend, Gwen Stokes of Charlotte, NC.

# Cemetery Details

## Gethsemane Memorial Gardens

1504 W. Sugar Creek Road  
Charlotte, NC

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 16. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Greenville Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church  
6116 Monteith Drive  
Charlotte, NC

## Service

MAY 16. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *My nana was, and still is the specialist thing in the world. She understood me and listened to everything I had to say. I miss my nana so much I can not believe it has been over a year it feels like it just happened one week ago. I wish she was here right now in flesh I know she is in spirt but in flesh so I can tell her how much I love her. Last week was the 8th grade social which was very big to me and all I wanted was to see her big and beautiful smile. I know she is watching me right now smiling ,Nana I just want you to know I miss and love you with all of my heart*

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**Haley Gregory (Granddaughter)** - May 19, 2014 at 11:45 AM

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“ *Barry & The Holland Family purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Deborah Canyada Henderson.*



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**Barry & The Holland Family** - May 16, 2013 at 08:02 AM