



## Marian Cleo Smith

June 3, 1936 - November 9, 2016

Marian Jefferson entered this life on June 3, 1936 to loving parents the late Clinton and Octavia Lee Jefferson in Midland, Texas.

She attended Carver High School where she was on the basketball team, thoroughly enjoyed being a majorette and participating in band as a saxophone player. She was also homecoming queen. Marian was a very popular student. Church was an important part of her life as she accepted Christ at an early age, attending Greater St. Luke AME Church.

After graduating from high school, she and high school friend Alva moved to Denver in 1958. She met the love of her life Odell Smith and would remain his devoted friend and wife for 33 years until his passing in 1992. To this union would be born two wonderful children Kendell and Stacey Smith. Marian began her working career in Denver as a soda jerk for a local drugstore. Wanting more of a challenging career, she studied to become a Certified Nursing Assistant. "Smitty" as she was known by her co-workers, was a loyal employee who spent most of her years working in the Well-baby nursery. She enjoyed helping new parents and absolutely loved taking care of the babies. Her entire medical career would be dedicated solely to Rose Medical Center for over 30 years until her retirement in 1996.

She was a firm believer that the average person should add a bit of culture into one's life. She loved to visit art and history museums; art galleries and other exhibits where she could learn about different cultures of the world. She also had a penchant for learning about different animals of the world. She would pass this love for culture onto her daughter.

Marian was a gentle soul and people person with an undeniable and unique cackle for a laugh. She loved helping people including strangers. She didn't help out of obligation but simply because it was in her nature. She would help an alligator if she thought it was in distress. An avid music lover, she would dance whenever and wherever the mood struck her and didn't care if anyone danced with her. She would gladly dance by herself.

Marian completed the circle of life on November 9, 2016 after a lengthy and valiant battle with Alzheimer's disease and breast cancer. She leaves to cherish her memory two children, Kendell and Stacey Smith of Denver, Colorado; a sister, Ella Sewell of Richmond, California; a host of nieces and nephews and extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Odell Smith; her parents, Clinton and Octavia Lee Jefferson; four brothers, Clarence, Earl and Walter Taylor, Clinton Jefferson, Jr., and two sisters, Dorothy Smith and Joyce Jean Jefferson.

Although she will be greatly missed by all who loved her, she is free from pain, resting comfortably in the arms of the Lord surrounded by loved ones who have gone on before her. She is finally at peace.

# Previous Events

## Memorial

NOV **15**. 11:00 AM (MT)

Ballard Family Mortuary, LLC  
6700 Smith Rd  
Denver, CO 80207  
(303) 963-5779

# Tribute Wall



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**Rochune Scroggins** - November 15, 2016 at 09:00 AM



“ *Beloved Kenny and Stacey,*

*I extend my heartfelt and deepest condolences to you. A process has many steps that need to be taken for proven success. If there is any way possible you can trust that each step taken with the guidance of The One who enables us to do so is The One who will comfort you. His Word declares so in Isaiah 66:13... As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you.*

*I love you both dearly,*

*Rochune*

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**Rochune Scroggins** - November 15, 2016 at 08:44 AM