



# Theresa Jean Smith

May 21, 1947 - April 3, 2022

Private Arrangements

# Tribute Wall

SE

“ I met Theresa over three decades ago as little girl through my daddy, Mr. Sherman Everage Jr. They were colleagues at Hearst Elementary School. At times, my older sister and I would come to school with my daddy. I believe this is where we initially met. At one time, my daddy provided transportation for Theresa when they both lived in Chicago. From what I can remember, she was very nice.

She attended my uncle, Mr. Alonza Everage's Memorial Service some years back. That was the first time I can recall seeing her as an adult since I was a child. I was in my mid-thirties at that time. I last saw Theresa when she attended my daddy, Mr. Sherman Everage Jr.'s Memorial Service which was on July 1, 2019. When she learned of my daddy's passing from my mom, she was kind enough to bring some refreshments to our house the following day. It just so happens; one was my daddy's favorite, Arizona Tea. 😊

I still mourn the death of my daddy, Mr. Sherman Everage Jr. When I learned of Theresa's passing, it was an additional blow. She just reached out at the end of 2021. She asked me for my address because she wanted to send me something. I had no idea she moved out the state until I received the mail from her. Afterwards, I sent a greeting card and NEVER received a reply. I even texted her phone asking if she received the card and was everything okay. Little did I know, she passed away. When I found out about this a few months ago, I was so sad. I am happy she showed love and respect to to my family. I want to do the same for her. Rest Well & Fly High Theresa. I miss you

One Love,

Shana L. Everage

---

Shana L. Everage - August 12, 2022 at 09:36 PM

JA

“ A great human! She was my 6th grade teacher and became my principle she was always keeping me in line. I was a troubled kid but she was invested in my future. As an adult I reached out to her. I said do you remember me? She said oh boy do !! She said I had thousands of students over the years but you left a lasting impression on me and did that do something for my heart. You will be missed and remembered because you have changed the lives of thousands.

---

**James Ashe** - June 24, 2022 at 09:06 AM

MW

“ I can't seem to find the words to truly express my love for Mrs. Smith. Although, I know she is resting with The Father, my heart breaks.

You inspired me in ways that can't be expressed in words. My love for you is a mother to her child. Beyond Hearst, we found each other- always humble by the Grace of your presence. Throughout the years, I would never let you go. I called you came. Opening my eyes to see you at my wedding. Such an honor. Thank you. Such a Lady, strong, confident, intelligent, and kind. Grace covered you- reflected in your words and deeds. I will always love you. My mother- my love. My Theresa Byrd Smith. Rest, see you on the other side.

Marie

---

**Marie Washington** - April 20, 2022 at 12:05 AM

EG

“ I used to walk 🚶🏻♂️ with her and Denise Campbell throughout her neighborhood in Westchester. I have not met a person to date who could walk walk faster than Theresa. She always encouraged us to get moving!



Elaine Glenn - April 19, 2022 at 04:56 PM

PS

“ This is so hard for me. Theresa Byrd-Smith (Jean) . I met Theresa 45 years ago on the tennis court in Columbus Park in the Austin area of Chicago. My daughter wanted to learn how to play, so as a mother I did the best I could. Theresa saw us and came over to help, well she ended up being the instructor for that day. Her smile and spirit was so bright and we both ended up married to husbands called Smitty. Well that started a friendship that didn't require everyday phone calls, however if need one would be made. I will always treasure what we had and will miss her. Know the world is better because you were here. Rest on Theresa say hello to Smitty for us.

Paulette Smith

paulette smith - April 19, 2022 at 04:07 PM

MC

“ Rest in Heaven, I'm Thankful to have Met her while working at LWCA as a Teacher Assistant. She always Bless Me with Words of Wisdom & Encouragement. She will never be Forgotten. Bless Family, Friends & Loved Ones. Love ❤️



Monya Cook - April 16, 2022 at 09:36 AM

BA

“ *She was my 7th grade teacher at Hearst Elementary School she such a pretty teacher I love when she had her book signing at The Leclaire Church and she thanked all us with calling our names I miss her so much*



---

**Brenda Alford** - April 13, 2022 at 07:12 PM