



# MRS. REOLA SMITH

SEP 29, 1928 - APR 22, 2020



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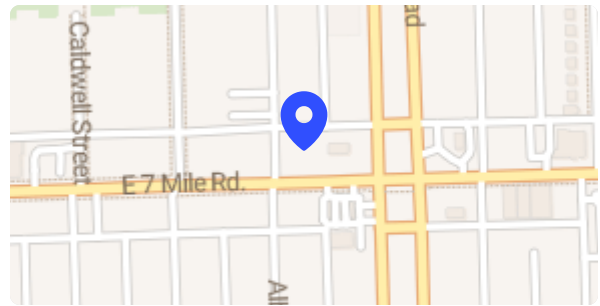


# Events

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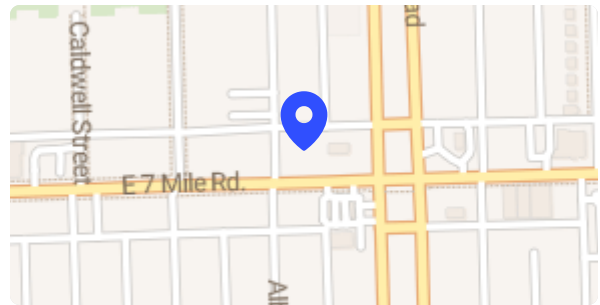
## FAMILY HOUR

- Thursday**, April 30, 2020
- 11:30 AM ET
- Clora Funeral Home (Detroit East)**  
5801 East Seven Mile Road, Detroit MI 48234



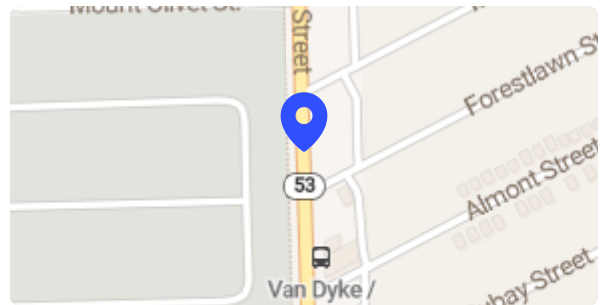
## CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE

- Thursday**, April 30, 2020
- 12:00 PM ET
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## Cemetery Details

- FOREST LAWN CEMETERY**  
11851 VAN DYKE STREET, DETROIT MI 48234





## Tribute Wall

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BD

**Brett And Crystal Dodd** shared 2 photos to the **Memories Album** album.

April 30 at 7:44 AM



PB

**Pam Bryant** lit a candle in honor of REOLA .

April 30 at 7:16 AM



YW

**Yolanda Williams** lit a candle in honor of REOLA .

My deepest condolences to the Family I always looked forward to seeing her smiling face at King David, truly will be missed. Love to you all.

April 30 at 6:32 AM



BD

**Brett And Crystal Dodd** lit a candle in honor of REOLA .

April 30 at 6:11 AM



VP

**Valorie Page** posted:

To Martin, Brenda and SonsYour Mother will always hold a special place in my heart. Trust God for your strength. My prayers are with you Valorie Page and Family

April 29 at 2:41 PM

AS

**Antonio & Julian Smith** lit a candle in honor of REOLA .

April 29 at 2:33 PM





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**Brenda Smith** lit a candle in honor of REOLA .

April 29 at 2:28 PM



**Robert (Bounce) And May Gant** sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the SMITH family.

April 29 at 8:23 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Arrive in Style to the SMITH family.

April 29 at 6:42 AM



**K Ison** lit a candle in honor of REOLA .

Auntie. That's what you will always be to me. Thank you for all your guidance and love. I will miss you dearly and I love you. Spending prayers to the family. Mr. and Mrs. Ison

April 29 at 6:09 AM



**David And Audrey Whitfield** lit a candle in honor of REOLA .

April 28 at 11:28 PM



**David And Audrey Whitfield** April 28 at 11:29 PM

Martin and Brenda we are sending hugs and Prayers to you both and the family. You are in our Prayers.



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**Joann O'neal Marshall** posted:

Sending my love and prayers to Martin, your wife, and family! May you find peace in the many loving memories that you have of your mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother. As you know, she was such a wonderful, loving woman - always full of grace and kindness. Reola was my mother's friend for many years. How they became such good friends with such big age differences, I never knew. They laughed together, traveled together with (and without) their spouses, told each other their secrets, and they worked together, selling Stanley Home Products. They were entrepreneurs before the term was even popular, especially with Black women. They met and/or exceeded new sales goals placed in front of them, winning numerous awards and beating their competitors in and outside of the state of Michigan. Reola and Smitty were two of the adult chaperons at my Sweet Sixteen party in 1964. Later that year, Reola traveled with my mom and I as we explored and took advantage of the many services at the Grand Hotel on Mackinaw Island, as only a very few of the Black hotel guests at that time. We laughed and had such a great time on that trip! In the late 1970's, Reola stood by my mother as a constant friend and helpmate throughout her entire battle with breast cancer. When my mom passed, Reola stepped right up and helped me out by suggesting a school for my son; and then volunteering to pick him up and ensured his safety on a daily basis. I was forever grateful to her; but, I'm sure my story is only one of many - because she was just that kind of woman with great wisdom and character. I wish I could be with you to celebrate Reola's long and wonderful life; but, our current local and national circumstances won't allow. Please know that I love you all and hope that you know that others understand and share your grief. Love, JoAnn O'Neal Marshall  
Daughter of the late Rebecca O'Neal (1913-1978)

April 25 at 12:55 PM



**Martin Smith** April 28 at 9:50 PM

JoAnn This story touched me in many ways. I have heard the stories of her selling Stanley Products and going to conventions in various states with your mom. I was really young then. I was so blessed to have such good loving parents. Thank you so much for the wonderful word.



**Yvette Clayborne** lit a candle in honor of REOLA .



April 28 at 3:57 PM



**Luke & Yvette Clayborne** April 28 at 3:59 PM

Dear Cousin, Rest In Peace. We love you and will miss you. 🙏



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LM

**Love Alonzo (Tony) & Colette Marshall** sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the SMITH family.



April 28 at 3:12 PM

KI

**Kim** posted:

Hello Martin and Brenda, I am very sorry to hear of Mrs. Smith's passing. My deepest condolences go out to your family. I pray for peace and understanding during this time. She was a beautiful lady. Rest in Heaven Ms. Smith. Love, Kimberly, Eric and family

April 28 at 9:11 AM

JC

**Jeanette Clark** posted:

Good afternoon Martin, Brenda and the rest of the family. I am so sorry for the lost of your Mom. Known as my other Mom... Mama Reola. My family and I send our condolences. Mama Reola was a very special person to me she was my mom's friend and I took to her to be my other mom. Mama Reola was such a good-hearted Christian sweet person, that's the only way I knew her to be no matter when you saw her when you talked to her she was always the same very kind sweet and loving. I remember when I used to pick her up for Church because she had stop driving. She would always be ready and waiting and looking out the big picture window at her home that was on Bloom street. Mama Reola put a smile on my face when she came out that door she was so jazzy had her little heels on and she had a switch to her walk, so cute. I will miss Mama Reola dearly. I love you all. God Bless. I pray for you and the family and just think of all the good memories you had with your mom and that will up lift you and put a smile on your faces. Your sister Jeanette ❤️

April 28 at 9:05 AM

GF

**Genevieve Fale** lit a candle in honor of REOLA .

There are so many memories I can't pinpoint just one. What best stood out is her quietness when on my visits to Detroit she often told me it is going to be ok in dealing with my Mom who suffers with dementia. I looked forward to seeing her smile and getting that full on hug from her when I first came home. Mrs Smith was like my own grandmothers who have long since passed. You are now where you need to be with Mr Smith and others who have gone on. Martin and Brenda continued prayers for you and the boys from all of here in Washington



April 28 at 8:58 AM



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MS

**Martin Smith** lit a candle in honor of REOLA .



April 28 at 8:19 AM

SH

**Shannon E. Hardy** posted:

Martin, I've known you and your family since we were young children. Aunt Reola was as familiar to me as Daddy Dodd. We were all loved on and in trouble together, lol. Your mom was a most kind and giving spirit and will be forever loved. My deepest condolences to you, Brenda, and the boys. You are family; may peace and comfort be yours. ❤️❤️❤️ Shannon

April 28 at 1:20 AM

BA

**Brigitte Anderson** lit a candle in honor of REOLA .

Martin, I'm praying for you and your family. I know your mom was proud of you. We go all the way back to grade school. I remember your mom coming to the school to see what trouble you were causing now 🤔. It was the greatest display of love from a mother! She will be missed. I know you have so many loving memories to cherish. God blessed you with a wonderful mom. Continued peace and strength to you and Brenda. God bless you. Brigitte Anderson-Rogers



April 27 at 7:55 PM

MS

**Martin Smith** April 27 at 8:08 PM

Brigitte I appreciate your kind word. ye we go waayy back. love you sis

CH

**Clora Funeral Home** shared an album called **Memories Album**.



April 25 at 12:55 PM

LW

**La Keisa Williams** lit a candle in honor of REOLA .



April 27 at 5:32 PM



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**La Keisa Williams** posted:

My condolences goes out to Martin, Brenda & The Boys. Mrs. Smith was one of the sweetest ladies I had the pleasure of knowing. I remember having conversation with you and loved when you would ask me about my kids and ask how have I been doing! I always love the hug you would give, Dulles with love!!! Your beautiful smile and your peacefully voice I will truly miss! Rest well Mrs. Smith. Love Keisa & Family

April 27 at 5:30 PM



**Sis. Hughes** April 27 at 6:39 PM

I am at a loss for words. She was such a Lady, however she was a no nonsense Lady. She meant what she said and said what she meNt And love her family very much. I guess I found some words, huh! I Loved her like my mom and I'm sure she, Massey, Polly and Terrell are having a wonderful time ❤️ much Love, Sis. Loretta Hughes



**Anonymous** sent a Serene Retreat to the SMITH family.



April 27 at 5:20 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Medium Dish Garden to the SMITH family.



April 27 at 5:13 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the SMITH family.



April 27 at 5:08 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the SMITH family.



April 25 at 12:55 PM



# Media

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Aunt Reola & Uncle Smitty's Wedding



Partying in the basement on Sturtevant



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April 27 at 5:39 PM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring REOLA by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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