



## Lillie Mae Ragin Smythe

May 6, 1923 - January 24, 2020

Lillie Mae “Tina” Smythe, widow of Sylvester “Stump” Smythe was born on May 6, 1923 to the late Pickney Aaron Ragin Sr. and Millie Delia McBride Ragin. She departed this earthly life on Friday, January 24, 2020. Lillie Mae was the fourth of ten children, born and raised in South Carolina. She was raised in a Pentecostal Holiness home and was educated in the public schools of Clarendon County. Lillie Mae and Sylvester were married on January 9, 1947, and to this loving union six children were born (five sons and one daughter). Sylvester was a farmer and Lillie Mae took care of the children, home and garden. She was an excellent cook and fulfilled these duties with so much love. Their first three children, Sylvester Jr., Robert and Hampton were born in South Carolina. The family migrated to Harlem, New York in the mid-50s, and then to Brooklyn. There were three more children, Elliott, Leonard and Millie. Lillie Mae worked as a seamstress in a garment factory, and her husband worked for the police department.

After the children were grown, Lillie Mae and Sylvester returned back to Summerton, South Carolina. She was a warm-hearted person, who devoted her life to God and her family. Mrs. Smythe enjoyed the music of Mahalia Jackson, the Mighty Clouds of Joy, and the Swan Silvertones, which encouraged her sound relationship with God. All who knew Mrs. Smythe were so blessed, as she was a wonderful person, sweet, loving, and God-fearing woman...“If you had not been touched by her, you would have wished that you had.” As matriarch of the family, she lived her last three years at the Blue Ridge Nursing Home of Sumter. The staff loved and cared for her deeply, as if they were providing for their own. She was so well adored. Mrs. Lillie Mae Smythe was a dedicated servant of God. Proverbs 3:17-18 states, “Her ways are ways of pleasantness and all her paths are peace; she is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her and happy is everyone that retained her.” Lillie Mae was a long-time member of Taw Caw Missionary Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Sylvester “Stump” Smythe Sr., two sons Sylvester Smythe Jr., and Hampton Smythe, seven siblings, Pinckney Jr., Annie Mae Liza, Daisy, George, John Bee, Willean and Robert.

Lillie Mae leaves to cherish her precious memories four children: Robert (Yvonne) Smythe, SC, Elliott (Loura) Smythe, VA, Leonard (Christina) Smythe, NJ and Millie McFadden, SC; 17 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; two siblings, Hampton

Ragin and Emma (Ezekiel) Hill; one sister-in-law Lena Riley Ragin, SC and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

# Events

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**JAN**   **Public Viewing**   02:00PM - 07:00PM

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Palmer Memorial Chapel - Sumter  
304 South Main Street, Sumter, SC, US, 29150

**FEB**   **Homegoing Celebration**   01:00PM - 02:30PM

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Taw Caw Missionary Baptist Church  
1130 Granby Lane, Summerton, SC, US, 29148

# Comments

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“ Hello my Ragin Family Members,  
Sure will missed Cousin Tina 's smile and laughter. She sure loved our family and shared so much with me on our Ragin/Fludd History. My grand mother Irene Fludd/Stinney and her grandmother Eliza Fludd/McBride were sisters. Rest my beautiful cousin.  
To Lillie Tina Siblings my prayers goes out you at this difficult time. Please keep your sister's memories alive.  
Love  
Irene Bozier-Hill

Irene Bozier-Hill - January 31, 2020 at 10:02 PM



“ Thank you. God bless.

Larry Smythe - February 04, 2020 at 10:39 AM

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“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Lillie Mae Ragin Smythe.



January 31, 2020 at 10:12 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lillie Mae Ragin Smythe.



January 31, 2020 at 09:34 AM

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“ To the family my heart felt sorrow and prayers are with you. My life was truly blessed by Mrs. Smythe and it was a joy taking care of her and hearing her recite the Lord's prayer every day I really loved her take comfort in knowing that absence from the body is present with the Lord. my prayers and love will be with the family.

**Gloria Hart** - January 28, 2020 at 07:17 AM



“ I remember my Aunt Tina as a kinda & sweet person. When I would visit home (SC) for the holidays, I would stop by to visit her. As she got older I was always happy to know that she remembered my Children's name & asked how they were doing if they weren't with me & ask about my husband. Good times with her teasing her daughter & myself about our weight (lol). Jus thinking she will truly be missed, love you Auntie

**Annie Mckenzie** - January 31, 2020 at 04:36 PM