

A LIFE REMEMBERED & LOVED



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Freida Renee Smith was born on March 9, 1958, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to Freddie Newton and Annie Mae Smith. From the very beginning, Renee was a light to those around her—full of warmth, faith, and a joyful spirit that blessed countless lives throughout the years.

Renee received her formal education in the Milwaukee Public School System, graduating from West Division High School. She later continued her education at Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC), always striving to grow and better herself.

At an early age, Renee accepted Christ as her personal Savior at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, where her love for the Lord blossomed through music and service. Her voice and dedication became a blessing to many. While at Friendship, Renee sang with the Friendship Gospel 5 and the JCH Singers. She also served faithfully directing the Young Adult Choir, Angel Choir, and Gospel Chorus. On special occasions, she shared songs she taught with the Male Chorus, always giving her gifts back to God.

In 1987, Renee experienced one of the greatest joys of her life when she welcomed her beautiful daughter, Domonique Leachmon, into the world. Being a mother was a role she cherished deeply, and her love for Domonique was unwavering and unconditional.

In 1999, Renee joined Holy Redeemer Institutional COGIC under the leadership of the late Bishop Sedgwick Daniels. There she continued her faithful service as a member of the Sanctuary Choir and the Public Relations Ministry. Renee was known as a willing worker - whatever her hands found to do, she did wholeheartedly as unto the Lord.

Music was one of Renee's greatest passions. Her love for gospel choir music connected her with some of Milwaukee's most cherished musical ministries. She sang with the Majestic Community Choir for over 15 years under the leadership of Joe Nathaniel Jr. and Reverend Alonzo Clemens. She also lifted her voice with the Milwaukee Fellowship Choir under the direction of William Calloway and with Voices of Faith under the leadership of Cliff Anderson. Through every note she sang, Renee shared faith, joy, and encouragement.

Renee faithfully served her community through her career with the City Attorney's Office, where she worked for 30 years. Her dedication, professionalism, and kind spirit left a lasting impression on colleagues and all those she served.

In her leisure time, Renee embraced life with enthusiasm. She enjoyed bowling with the Friendship Bowling Team, playing softball, and skating. She loved attending stage plays and concerts, traveling, shopping, and spending treasured time with the Birthday Club Women of All Generations. Wherever Renee went, laughter, love, and fellowship followed.

On April 18, 2026, Renee peacefully departed this earthly life, leaving behind a legacy of faith, music, love, and service.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Freddie Newton and Annie Mae Smith; her godparents, Louise and Thomas Greene; her sister, Bessie Lee Wray; her brothers, Freddie Smith, Cleveland Roundtree, Wilbert Roundtree, and Martin Luther Roundtree; her nephew, Calvin Jet Jr.; and her great-nephew, Derrik Lamont Host Jr.

Renee leaves to cherish her precious memories her loving and devoted daughter, Domonique Leachmon; her bonus mother, Emma Lee Roundtree; five brothers; her god siblings; seven nieces; ten nephews; two godchildren; and a host of great neices and nephews and great great neices and nephews, bonus children, extended family members, dear friends, and all whose lives were touched by her kindness and love.

Though she is no longer with us in body, Renee's voice, faith, and loving spirit will forever echo in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

JOB WELL DONE

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026
VISITATION 10:00AM | CELEBRATION OF LIFE 11:00AM
HOLY REDEEMER INSTITUTIONAL COGIC
3500 W. MOTHER DANIELS WAY, MILWAUKEE, WI 53209
PASTOR RYAN GRAY, OFFICIATING
PASTOR JEREMY Q. HENRY, EULOGIST

Order OF CELEBRATION

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PRAYER OF COMFORT

ELDER NATHANIEL J. CARTER

SCRIPTURE READING
OLD TESTAMENT
NEW TESTAMENT

PASTOR ALEX ERDMANN
PASTOR JOHN DANIELS III

SELECTION

CELEBRATION CHOIR

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF
CARDS & RESOLUTIONS

MELISSA CROWLEY

SPECIAL TRIBUTES
THE MAJESTIC COMMUNITY CHOIR
DOMONIQUE LEACHMON

REMARKS

PASTOR VALERIE DANIELS-CARTER

SELECTION

CELEBRATION CHOIR

REMARKS (LIMIT 2 MINUTES MAX)

FAMILY & FRIENDS

OBITUARY READING

MISSIONARY DINA CHAPPLE

SERMONIC SELECTION

EVANGELIST ASHLEE JASPER

EULOGY

PASTOR JEREMY Q. HENRY

FINAL VIEWING

PARADISE MEMORIAL

RECESSIONAL

MINISTERS & FAMILY

Job Well Done



Special TRIBUTES

REMEMBERING MY MOM

Hey Mom

Thank you... for everything.
For loving me the way you did.
For showing up. For staying.

Everybody knew - if they saw you, they saw me.
If they saw me, they saw you.
That's how close we were...
that's how deep this goes.

You didn't just tell me how to be a woman -
you showed me.
Honest. Courageous. Strong.
Even on the days it hurt.
Even on the days you were tired.

I watched you push through it all -
the ups, the downs, the joy, the pain -
and you still stood tall.
That's the kind of strength people talk about...
but you lived it.

Style. Grace. A whole walking miracle.
That's who you are. That's who you'll always be to me.

And I thank God - truly -
for giving me those 10+ years to take care of you.
That time meant everything.
You fought... you really did.
And you ran your race the way you were supposed to.

So I'm gonna keep going, Mom.
With purpose. With grace. With love.
The way you taught me.

I love you... always, Ma ♡

Love your one and only,
Domonique





Special TRIBUTES

REMEMBERING MY MOM

If Roses Grew In Heaven

*If Roses grow in Heaven,
Lord please pick a bunch for me,
Place them in my Mother's arms
and tell her they're from me.*

*Tell her I love her and miss her,
and when she turns to smile,
place a kiss upon her cheek
and hold her for awhile.*

*Because remembering her is easy,
I do it every day,
but there's an ache within my heart
that will never go away.*









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FAMILY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of Freida Renee Smith would like to thank you for the many cards, calls and other expressions of sympathy shown during our hour of bereavement. Your comforting expressions of sympathy will always be remembered with deep gratitude. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

PALLBEARERS

Brothers | God Son | Nephews

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Honorary Sons | Great Nephews
Great Great Nephews

FLOWER BEARERS

Honorary Daughters | Nieces
God Daughter | Friends

INTERMENT

Graceland Cemetery
6401 N 43rd Street
Milwaukee, WI 53209

REPAST

Genesis Fellowship Hall
3500 W. Mother Daniels Way
Milwaukee, WI 53209

FINAL ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO

Paradise Memorial Funeral Home
7625 W Appleton Ave
Milwaukee, WI 53222

PROGRAMS ENTRUSTED TO

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