

Her Story

Michelle Renee Smith, affectionately known as “Lottie,” was born on February 5, 1964, in Camden, New Jersey, to Mendol and Cecila Smith.

Michelle was educated in the Camden City Public School System and later pursued a career in healthcare, becoming a certified nurse aide. She dedicated her compassionate spirit and strong work ethic to her roles at Cooper River and Sterling Manor.

In her earlier years, Michelle cherished the time she spent with her siblings, often helping to care for her younger one. During these formative years, her deep love for cooking began to blossom, a love she carried throughout her life.

Michelle was the proud and devoted mother of three beautiful children. Lamar, Cecelia, and RaSheen Smith. Her children were the light of her life, and she loved them unconditionally. For the past 17 years, Michelle shared her life with her fiancé, Aaron Know, with whom she journeyed through love and companionship until her passing. Known for her warm and giving nature, Michelle enjoyed many hobbies. She found joy in babysitting, decorating, cleaning, cooking, and spending time on the porch listening to music and enjoying her scratching off tickets.

She loved family gatherings, especially during the holidays, and was a devoted Philadelphia Eagles fan. Michelle was known for her frequent phone calls to her nieces, nephews, and godchildren, constantly checking in with warmth and care. Her heart was overjoyed to welcome her first grandchild, Melani Amoura Smith.

She is preceded in death by her brothers, Norris Robinson and Mendol Smith, and her sister, Stella Smith.

Michelle leaves behind a legacy of love, kindness, and resilience. Her children survive her: Lamar, Cecelia, and RaSheen Smith. Her beloved granddaughter, Mehlani Amoura Smith. Her devoted fiancé, Aaron Knox, of 17 years. Her godchildren: Jaylha Walker,

Ay'riah Boykins, and Jonnathan Robininson, Jr. Her loving parents: Cecilia Smith and Mendol Smith. Her siblings: Chantay White, Zikeya Lois, and Johnathan Robinson. A host of nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends who loved her deeply. Long-time friends: Odetta Thompson, Rose Wooden, Dorothy Royden, and Alce Williams.

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Michelle's presence, laughter, and generous spirit will be deeply missed by all who were blessed to know her.