



## Beulah Mae Pace Smith

July 11, 1940 - March 17, 2024

Beulah (Bea) Pace Smith transitioned into God's eternal care on March 17, 2024. Bea was born on

July 11, 1940 to the late Columbus and Inell Pace in Columbus, Ohio. She spent her formative years in Hartford, CT where she was baptized at Holy Trinity Church of God in Christ (COGIC) and was guided throughout her life by Missionary Inell Pace Evans, her mother and spiritual role model.

Bea moved to Washington, DC to attend Howard University in 1958. During her twelve year tenure at Howard University, she earned a Bachelors Degree in Sociology and later earned a Masters Degree in Counseling Psychology from the University of District of Columbia, where she taught for four years. Bea joined Refreshing Spring COGIC in 1981. In 1982, she was instrumental in founding The Friends of Andrew Rankin Chapel at Howard University which supports the Dean and Chapel activities. Bea became a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc®, Xi Omega Chapter in 1989.

Bea's professional career included over twenty years as the Director of Government Relations and Chief Lobbyist for the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education, which represents the Presidents and Chancellors of over 100 Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

She was instrumental in protecting and securing increases in student and institutional financial aid as well as advocating for fairness in federal regulations.

Bea's career highlights also included positions with the US Department of

Commerce,

Northern Virginia Community College, and the Institute for Services to Education, a Black College development and management consulting firm.

Mother Bea was honored by Refreshing Spring COGIC with a scholarship established and presented in her name in 2022. At this program, she was appointed to the Mothers Board to her surprise and delight.

Mother Bea enjoyed working with the youth of Refreshing Spring COGIC encouraging their pursuit of a college education. She assisted the youth with their selections, applications, adjustments, and graduation. In her retirement she enjoyed art, gospel music, football, and bargain and thrift shopping around the world.

Bea, an educator, HBCU champion, and pillar of faith, is survived by her sister, Wyrot Ward (Fred), sister-in-law, Mary Mattke Jones, and a host of nephews, nieces, Godchildren, and extended family. She leaves a loving imprint on her village; family, friends, and mentees that have travelled along with her during her life's journey.

Along with her parents, Bea was preceded in death by her brother, Ronald Jones.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 23. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Refreshing Spring Church of God in Christ  
6200 Riverdale Rd  
Riverdale, MD 20737  
(301) 277-2020

## Service

MAR 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Beulah Mae Pace Smith.*



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March 21, 2024 at 06:41 PM



“ *John Greene, lit a candle in memory of Beulah Smith*



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**John Oswald Greene, Sr.** - March 20, 2024 at 05:50 AM



“ *We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

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**Marshall-March Funeral Homes** - March 18, 2024 at 05:28 PM