

**SMITH Delores (Batton)**, 75, of Lexington, KY, was called home to her Lord and Savior at 3:25pm on June 28, 2014 at St. Joseph East Hospital in Lexington. She was born August 2, 1938 to the late Carl L. and Ruby (Timberlake) Batton, Sr. in Terre Haute, IN.

On August 21, 1961 she married Justice Smith Jr. and he preceded her in death on October 16, 2009. Delores had been a lifelong resident of Lafayette, IN until relocating to Lexington, KY, to live with her daughter, April. She worked as a cook for over 27 years for the State of Indiana at the Veterans Home, retiring in 2007. She loved spending time with her family, especially her children. She also loved flowers, gardening, interior decorating and cooking. She was both a girl scout leader and brownie leader. Delores was known as a "world class" shopper and was loved by all for her outgoing and joyful personality. She had a dear love for her pets, Rocco Antony and Emma Sage, and was preceded in death by her dog Angel Marie.

She is survived by her two daughters, Kimberly Timbo (Richard) of Oklahoma City, OK and April Smith of Lexington, KY, and one sister, Marva Jean Batton of Lexington and a sister-in-law, Etta Jean Johnson of Chicago. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband of 48 years, Justice Smith, Jr. and two brothers, Erman Everett and Carl L. Batton, Jr.

Visitation will be held one hour prior to the 11am funeral on Thursday, July 3, 2014 at Hippensteel Funeral Home, 822 North 9th Street, Lafayette, IN 47904, officiated by Celebrant Carla Ellis. Interment will follow in St. Mary Cemetery, Precious Blood Gardens. In honor of Delores, memorial contributions may be made to Food Finders Food Bank or Save The Children.