

## ASIP Mourns the Loss of Dr. Monica Renee Smith, Former ASIP Trainee Awardee



### Obituary

Dr. Monica Renee Smith was born on December 29, 1972 to Henry and Nadine Smith, Jr. in Marion, Indiana. She graduated from Marion High School and proceeded to further her education at Fisk University, Nashville, TN. Upon achieving a Bachelor of Arts in Biology, her love of science continued at Fisk, where she earned a Master's in Biology. She went on to obtain a Doctorate degree in Pharmacology from Meharry Medical College, Nashville, TN. During her time at Meharry, she also devoted her talents to teaching science to young middle school students in the Nashville area, through a collaborative program with Vanderbilt University.

Since 2005, she was considered an asset to the University of Michigan and the University of Illinois at Chicago, where she performed research as a Postdoctoral Fellow.

Monica was a two-time ASIP trainee awardee in 2007 and 2008.

An accomplished student and scientist, Monica balanced her time among family, church, friends and her sorority~ always helping others.

Monica was a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. She personified a true woman of Fortitude with her commitment to sisterhood and scholarship.

Monica accepted Christ at an early age and declared His works wherever she went. An active member of Allen Temple A.M.E. Church (Marion, IN), she was dedicated to the Young People's Division, Youth Choir, Usher Board and Missionary Society. During her tenure in Nashville, she joined Lee Chapel A.M.E. Church and was a committed member of the Adult Choir, Director of the Young People's Division and later served as a guest speaker. While in Michigan, she was a faithful member of Bethel A.M.E. (Ann Arbor, MI) and enjoyed singing in the Adult Choir.

In Chicago, Monica found her new church home at St. James A.M.E. Church where they gladly welcomed her. She immediately became involved in the Adult Choir and Women's Bible Study.

Monica brought waves of hope and encouragement to everyone she met. Her beautiful smile, compassion for others and sincere heart was always a comfort. She will be remembered for her loving spirit.

Monica departed this life to be with the Lord on November 4, 2011. Preceding her in death are Grandparents, Cornelius Wilson, Henry and Mary Smith Sr; Uncles, Ronnie Smith and Richard Wilson; and Aunt Alma Wilson.

Left to cherish the wonderful memory of Monica are: Parents, Henry and Nadine Smith, Jr; Brother, Henry (Lakesha) Smith, III (Jackson, TN); Niece, Nikole Hinshaw (Marion, IN); Grandmother, Alta Wilson; Uncles and Aunts, Rita (Art) Faulkner; Cindy Love Smith; Ida Stalling; Raymond Smith; Donald (Mary) Smith; Tony Smith; Reggie (Rhonda) Smith; Berdina (Russell) Bobson (all of Marion, IN); James Wesley (Erica) Smith, (Columbus, OH); Mary Ann Ruff, (Birmingham, AL); Freddie (Carol) Jones, (Phoenix, AZ); Brenda McGregory, (Indianapolis, IN); and a host of cousins and friends.

Funeral Service: at 11:00 am, Saturday, November 12, 2011 at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, 1204 W. 14th St., Marion with Rev. Teresa Thomas and Rev. J. Leon Thorn officiating. Burial will be in Grant Memorial Park, Marion, IN.

Visitation: will be Friday, November 11, 2011 from 6-8 P.M. at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, 1204 W. 14th St., Marion, IN.

Arrangements handled by Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 North Baldwin Ave., Marion, IN 46952

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