



Ruth Marie Jackson

May 28, 1938 - March 11, 2023

In her lifetime, many were the choices that characterized and distinguished Ruth Marie Jackson. Following her birth on May 28, 1938, as the second of four daughters, she grew up in the love and nurturing of her parents, the Reverend Lawrence A. and Mrs. Mary F. Jackson in Bridgehampton, Long Island, New York.

Early in life, she pursued excellence as the measure by which she would accomplish her goals. She was a very joyful and active youngster who loved to read and thoroughly enjoyed interacting with family and friends. She was also very active in youth activities and organizations in her church and community. Ruth was baptized and became a member of Olive Branch Baptist Church, Haymarket, Virginia under the leadership of her father, Reverend Lawrence A. Jackson, Pastor.

Ruth attended public schools in Richmond, Fauquier and Prince William Counties in Virginia. One of the most memorable highlights of that period was during her high school graduation, when she recited "Creation" by James Weldon Johnson in a most profound and dramatic manner, resulting in thunderous applause. She made lifelong friends in high school and participated in the planning, as well as, attended most of her high school class reunions, over the years.

At those turns in the road called career choices, Ruth chose to be engaged in professional settings that embraced her desire to help people. After graduating from Virginia Union University where she majored in Sociology, she moved to New York City, obtained a Master's degree and spent her entire career in the field of Social Work. She retired as a Supervisor in the New York City Human Resources administration. She admitted to being such a tough task enforcer that no one on her staff was sorry she was retiring.

In choosing causes with which she would be identified, she affiliated with individuals and several organizations, whose ideas and ideals mirrored her own. Her favorite was the V.U.U. New York City Alumni Chapter, of which she served as president for more than ten years. Another was the United Negro College Fund. Her family had the privilege of traveling to the Sheraton Hotel in New York City to attend a United Negro College Fund event in which Ruth was honored for her enormous support of Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Ruth was also a member of a Meditation group from which she gleaned enormous inspiration and many friends and associates.

Ruth made long lasting friendships in New York and frequently attended the Abyssinian Baptist Church. Her friend, Martha Brown spoke about their habit of attending Sunday morning service, followed by lunch. Fortified by Christian faith, Ruth also thoroughly enjoyed visiting her family and home church in Virginia. She particularly enjoyed the home cooked meals, church attendance and fellowship.

She departed her earthly home on Saturday, March 11, 2023 at the Heritage Village Assistant Living facility in Gainesville, Virginia. Ruth was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Betty J. Watkins; and three nephews.

She leaves to cherish her memories, two sisters Esther J. Washington of Gainesville, Virginia and Barbara E. Jackson of Richardson, Texas; a most

devoted niece, Patricia M. Willis, (Kevin); four nephews, Stanley M. Washington, Jr., (Roxane); Michael Watkins, Dwonie Foye and David Howard; an aunt, Lena F. Harris, great nephews, a great niece, several cousins, and numerous friends and acquaintances.

We will forever miss her warm smile, humor, love and generosity. We rest assured that Ruth is at peace and inherits the peaceful Kingdom promised to the faithful.

"Charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised." Proverbs 31:30

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 25. 11:00 AM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Reception

MAR 25. 12:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home Celebration Room
9609 Center Street
Manassas, VA 20110
<https://www.piercefh.com/who-we-are/celebration-room>

Tribute Wall



“ *Pierce Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Ruth Marie Jackson*



Pierce Funeral Home - March 20, 2023 at 01:22 PM

JJ

May you rest in peace Ms Jackson

James E Parks Jr - March 21, 2023 at 09:44 AM

JS

*Your soul is with the Lord may you rest in peace
Joyce Seebrooks March 25th 2023*

Joyce Seebrooks - March 25, 2023 at 09:36 AM

CG

Miss you Cousin Ruthie. Rest in Peace.

Charles Gallimore - March 25, 2023 at 10:02 AM

JH

I am shocked and so sorry to hear of Miss Ruth's passing. I learned of her passing just yesterday, Saturday, March 27th when I revisited my old neighborhood in Riverdale where I met her in 2014. We lived at Riverdale Gardens. She was one of the first people I met there. She was so bubbly so friendly. She introduced herself to me and then introduced me to everyone else. She would come by my apartment to check in on me to see how I was getting along. I did the same with her. MS. Ruth had a joyful spirit and always a bright outlook on life. She always seemed to downplay her ailments, choosing, instead to put a positive spin on things. She was always well dressed and on the go. I once told her I wanted to be like her when I grew up... Full of life, love and hope, an elder and, yet, still independent. I saw her living forever despite her ailments. I just can't believe that MS. Ruth is gone. May she rest in peace. May God bless her family with comfort.

Jacqueline P. Howell - May 28, 2023 at 06:24 PM

LP

“ *May your soul be at peace. Blessings to you always Ms. Ruth.*



Lydia Perez - March 25, 2023 at 10:38 AM

DM

“ *Dr. & Mrs. Danny Myers lit a candle in memory of Ruth Marie Jackson*



Dr. & Mrs. Danny Myers - March 25, 2023 at 10:20 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ruth Marie Jackson.*



March 23, 2023 at 02:48 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ruth Marie Jackson.*



March 23, 2023 at 01:27 PM



“ *Special memories of breaking bread with two wonderful ladies, Ruth Jackson and Martha Brown. Lemuel Copeland*



Lemuel Copeland - March 23, 2023 at 11:20 AM



*Dear Ruth, you will be missed. A great soul
Love
Camille*

Camille Maravegias - March 25, 2023 at 03:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ruth Marie Jackson.*



March 22, 2023 at 08:47 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Michelle P Brown - March 22, 2023 at 08:17 PM



“ *Michelle P Brown lit a candle in memory of Ruth Marie Jackson*



Michelle P Brown - March 22, 2023 at 08:14 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Michelle P Brown - March 22, 2023 at 08:13 PM

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“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Michelle P Brown - March 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM

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“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Michelle P Brown - March 22, 2023 at 07:51 PM

AC

“ Ruth was such a driving force in the NY HBCU community and she will be deeply missed



Adenike Cumberland - March 21, 2023 at 07:52 PM