



## Floral Bearers

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## Acknowledgements

We, the family of Mary Joyce Hines Ruffin acknowledge with grateful hearts and deep appreciation all acts of kindness that have been shown towards us during the passing of our loved one. It is because of your genuine support and most importantly your prayers that have made this time easier to bear. May God bless and keep each of you forever in His grace and mercy.

- The Ruffin Family

## To the Family

It appears that nothing surpasses

All your grief and despair

But God is a mighty refuge

And your loved one is in His care

-Carrons Funeral Home Staff

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# Celebration of Life of

Sunrise:

June 4, 1968

Sunset:

June 27, 2023



*Mary Joyce  
Hines Ruffin*

Saturday, July 8, 2023

Robert King, Sr. Memorial Chapel

Carrons Funeral Home

726 Tarboro Street SW, Wilson, NC 27893



## *The Order of Service*

**Processional .....Clergy & Family**

**Musical Selection .....Carrons Gospel Choir**

### **The Holy Scripture Readings**

**Old Testament .....Elder Robert McNeil**

**New Testament .....Pastor James Gear**

### **Prayer of Consolation**

**Pastor Mike Jones**

**Musical Selection.....Carrons Gospel Choir**

### **Remarks**

**(Please limit to two minutes)**

### **Acknowledgements & Obituary**

**Minister Amanda Batts**

**Musical Selection.....Carrons Gospel Choir**

### **Eulogy**

**Pastor Crag Taylor**

### **Funeral Director's Brief**

**Solo .....Bro. Kent Taylor**

### **Recessional & Final Viewing**

### **-Interment -**

**Rest Haven Cemetery**

**1717 Bishop LN Forbes Street**

**Wilson, North Carolina**

## *The Obituary*

Mary Ruffin was the daughter of Richard Earl Coley and Minnie Doris Hines, was born on June 4, 1968 in Wilson, North Carolina. God in His infinite wisdom and unfailing love called His beloved daughter home to her eternal rest on June 27, 2023. Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother , James Earl Hines and a sister, Annie Doris Horne.

Mary was reared in Wilson County and was educated in the Wilson County Public School System. Upon the completion of her studies, she graduated from Ralph L. Fike High School in Wilson, NC. After graduation Mary entered the workforce. She was employed by Alliance One in Wilson, NC for many years as well as Tropicana Supermarket in Greenville, NC.

Mary was very outgoing and had a zest for adventure. She loved traveling and seeing new and different scenery especially the beach. One of the most memorable and enjoyable trips she embarked upon was traveling to Australia and visiting her son, Tavares. Mary loved people. She would often host karaoke nights and would cook the most amazing food. She loved her work family and co-workers. You could always count on her warm and inviting smile every time you saw her. Mary was a big part of the car club community of Greenville, NC. She would always be at car shows, meetups, or just driving around. Most importantly Mary loved her family and always made sure they knew it. A kind and loving heart is now resting in sweet serenity.

Loving and lasting memories are left to be cherished by her husband, George Ruffin of Wilson, NC; two daughters, Vontria Ruffin (Wayne) of Wilson, NC, and Sharshara McLeod (James) of Oklahoma; three sons, Tavares Hines of Australia, Telvin Ruffin (Shemaya) of Wilson, NC, and Ty'Quez Ruffin (Vannessa) of Belfoir, NC; two sisters, Teresa Ann Wooten (George) and Evangelist Shana Denise Gaines (Anthony) both of Wilson, NC; one aunt, Joyce Ann Ellis of Lucama, NC; ten grandchildren, one godson, Robert Reid (Kiera); godsister, Latisha Lucas; several best friends, Tamica Phillips, William Harris and John Cox both of Greenville, NC, Detective Clarence Key and Sgt. George Wade both of Richmond, VA; a host of nieces, nephews, other loving relatives and friends.

## *"Until We Meet Again"*

Those special memories of you  
will always bring a smile  
if only we could have you back  
just for a while  
Then we could sit and talk again  
just like we used to do  
You always meant so very much  
and always will do too  
The fact that you're no longer here  
will always cause us pain  
but you're forever in my heart  
until we meet again.

**We Love you mom.**

**Your Children**

## *"Safely Home"*

**To my sisters, I am home in Heaven.**

**Oh, so happy and so bright!**

**There is perfect joy and beauty in this  
everlasting light.**

**All the pain and grief is over, every  
restless tossing passed;**

**I am now at peace forever, safely home  
in Heaven at last.**

**-Love, Your sister Mary.**