

For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith. And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.

1 John 5: 4, 11

Pallbearers

Michael Thurmond Jyvelle Thurmond JhaMari Thurmond

Vivian Doumas

Tomeka Johnson ShaWanda Davis Rodney Howard Tyrelle Thurmond

Flower Bearers

Lillian Howard Earnestine Daugherty

A flower in our garden... Has been blooming for years.

Seasons change, my flowers grow

The soil is rich, the sun shines bright

(my flower grows)

Ruby was that flower leaving petals everywhere she went.

In her church ministry, there were petals of Peace.

In her family, petals of Happiness (she kept everything together).

In her community, she showed petals of Love.

The Lord is allowing new flowers to bloom.

The garden Ruby left will continue to grow

With each member of her family.

The Lord will bless his people with Peace,

Embracing you in prayer, knowing that even though

You are grieving, we rejoice knowing our flower

Ruby, is with the Lord.

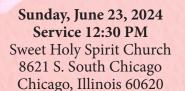
The family wishes to THANK each and every one of you for your love and support during this time. Every text, DM, call, prayer, card is greatly appreciated. Proper acknowledgements will be sent at a later date.

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Processional
Old Testament: Minister Victoria Seals
New Testament: Elder Delcine Ball
Prayer: Elder Terrance Claiborne
Musical Selections: Choir
Resolutions: Missionary Mamie Crenshaw
Tribute: Mrs. Marjorie Howard
Tribute: Postal Bible Study Group
Obituary
Musical Selection
Eulogy: Bishop Larry Trotter
Recessional



Wednesday, June 26, 2024 Service 1:30 PM

Lowfield Missionary Baptist Church 446 AL-110 Union Springs, Alabama 36089

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Old Testament
New Testament
Prayer
Selection
Resolutions / Acknowledgements
Tribute: Classmate
Tribute: Family Friend
Tribute: Family
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Ruby Mae Howard Thurmond was the fourth of five children born to Emmie Lee Rodgers Howard and Jesse Howard in Suspension, AL. During her early years, the family moved to Lowfield Community in Union Springs where she met lifelong friends. She was an active member of the Lowfield MBC until she left home. She attended Carver HS graduating in 1961. Not to miss the excitement, she joined the great migration north, originally living with her Aunt Sallie in Gary, IN before moving over to Chicago, IL where she would spend the rest of her life.

Being the loyal person that she was, she began her career at the Butternut Bakery on Garfield Blvd. In May, 1970 she was afforded an opportunity at the United States Postal Service – main branch, where she would dedicate 33 years until retiring in December, 2003. During her tenure, she made great friends and small group of them were founders of the Postal Bible Study Group.

Ruby met her soon to be husband as he was friends with her older brothers. During their courtship, **Ruby** gave birth to their first child – Lisa. She and WB were married March 29, 1966, in Chicago and were blessed with a second child – Michael, in October, 1969.

Upon settling in Chicago, **Ruby** sampled a few churches before joining the Greater Mount Eagle family; upon a church split, she followed her then Pastor, Rev. James Allen Rodgers and considered a founding partner as he established the Greater New Mount Eagle Missionary Baptist Church where she faithfully served on the Nurses Board. In about 1975, along came a young fire-filled preacher named Rev. Larry Trotter. Rev. Trotter grew and served as the youth pastor until his calling to pastor the Sweet Holy Spirit Missionary Baptist Church. **Ruby** and her family moved their fellowship with Rev. Trotter, with **Ruby** serving as pulpit / choir nurse.

Through the church growth and expansion, **Ruby** served in the Nurse's Ministry until she was called into the Ministry of Evangelism, ordained in September of 2008; elevated to Elder in 2021. **Ruby** was also commissioned to serve the finance committee and a proud member of the XYZ until her health began to decline. She also volunteered with the Prison Ministry of SHS under the direction of Elder Sandra Rowe. Upon retiring, **Ruby** volunteered with, and was licensed as a member of the Willing Workers for Christ Outreach Ministry, February 2005, under the direction of Rev. Walter Green, serving various Nursing Homes around the southside.

Ruby was preceded by parents: Emmie Lee and Jesse Howard; brothers: Andrew James, Jesse James, Samual James, Henry James; Louis; Fred Louis; Jessie (aka Jr.) Howard and one sister, Emma Dean.

She is survived by her loving husband of 58 years, W.B. Thurmond; daughter, Lisa (Leroy, II) Brazier; son, Michael (Denise Stapleton); 4 grandchildren: Zhavante (Leamos Byrd) Brazier, Jhonteil Brazier, Jyvelle and Tyrelle Thurmond; 2 great-grandchildren: JhaMari Emmanuel Brazier and JhaZelle Elyse Brazier-Fields; 8 sister's in law; 10 nephews; 17 nieces and a host of cousins.











