

Floral bearers

Colleen Meredith Mary Cameron
Danielle Ruffin Antwanette Ruffin
Anita Council Shawn Ray

Casket Bearers

Marcus Meeks Tonaka Green
Haywood Ruffin Jr Chris Ruffin
Algernon Sanders Quinton Hunter

Acknowledgements

The family extends their gratitude for the comforting expressions of sympathy offered during our time of bereavement. May you be blessed and kept by God.

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Life Celebration for



Lillie Mae Ruffin

Saturday, April 27, 2024 11:00 am
Johnston Chapel Freewill Baptist Church
6147 Raleigh Rd, Benson, NC 27504
Pastor Willie McLeod-Eulogist
Co-Pastor Herbert Snead-Officiant



Order of Service

Prelude..... Music
Processional.....Clergy and Family
Officiant..... Co-Pastor Herbert Snead
Selection “Lilly of the Valley”..... Johnston Chapel Choir
Scripture Readings
Old Testament.....Deacon Jerry Baker
New Testament.....Elder Phyllis Kirby
Prayer for Comfort..... Pastor James Baker
Solo..... Apostle Latanya Ruffin
Poem.....Sarah Whitaker
Family Reflections.....Two Minutes Please
Acknowledgements, Family Poem (2) &
Obituary.....:.....Secretary
Selection..... Johnston Chapel Choir
Eulogy..... Pastor Willie McCleod
Recessional..... Choir



The Legacy

In remembrance of a wife, a God-fearing lady, a daughter, a beautiful mother, a grandmother, a Great-Grandmother, a Great-Great Grandmother, a sister, a loving auntie, and a mother to many she did not birth, but loved as her own. On Sunday April 21, 2024, Mrs. Lillie Mae Ruffin was ushered to her heavenly home. Mrs. Lillie Mae Ruffin was born on November 8, 1938, to the late Nelson Sanders Sr. and Elder Wadie Sanders.

Mrs. Lillie Mae Ruffin was committed to God and her family. She was a faithful member and Mother of Johnston Chapel Freewill Baptist Church. She served in many areas of the church faithfully. In her home she revered the same God she served in her church. It was normal to walk in her home and hear Lee Williams and many other Gospel singers playing. God was her everything and her faith in Him has never wavered.

Mrs. Lillie Mae Ruffin received her education at Short Journey School in Clayton, North Carolina. Later employed at Austin Foods in Cary, North Carolina. She was a devoted wife and raised 8 children and 2 grandchildren: DeAngelo Ruffin and Antwanette Ruffin.

Mrs. Lillie Mae Ruffin was preceded in death by her late husband, Haywood Ruffin, one daughter; Linda Sue Sanders; three brothers, Nelson Sanders Jr, Luther Sanders, and David Sanders and one granddaughter Sharicka Finch and one nephew Michael Sanders Banks.

Ms. Lillie Mae Ruffin leaves to cherish her memories 4 sons, Deacon Herbert Sanders (Barbara), Deacon William “Bear” Ruffin Jr. (Gail); Deacon Haywood Ruffin (Pastor Clarissa) all of Garner, NC; Gregory Ruffin (Apostle Latanya) of Louisville, KY; and one stepson, George Ruffin of Garner, NC; three daughters; Mulinda Ruffin-Robinson; Mary Ann Ruffin both of Garner, NC, and Contrecee Ruffin of Dunn, NC., 19 grandchildren; 29 great grandchildren; 7 great -great grandchildren; 7 nieces, and 6 nephews. two sisters, Deaconess Annie Evans (Deacon Bobby) and Elder Bertha Sanders. 3-God children, Andra Miller, Sarah Whitaker, and Monique Evans.


Mrs. Lillie Mae Ruffin also leaves to cherish a special granddaughter, Felecia Ruffin, who cared for her and precisely made sure she maintained all of her healthcare needs for many years; and DeAngelo Ruffin, who gave her great joy in her heart.



Lillie Mae Ruffin



A gentle soul was called to glory, there was a void that nothing can fill.
Her love was the sweetest fragrance, love, and kindness is what she was. A plethora of a beautiful family is left behind, waiting to uphold the lessons she has left them with, and the love to spread unconditionally to every person they come into contact with, these are the remnants of “The Lillie of the Valley”



Lillie Mae Ruffin



He only takes the Best

He Only Takes The Best
God saw you getting tired
And a cure was not to be
So He put His arms around
you
And whisper, "Come to me"
With tearful eyes we watched
you
And saw you pass away
Although we loved you dearly
We could not make you stay
A golden heart stopped
beating
Hard working hands to rest
God broke our hearts to
proves to us
He Only Take the Best

A Chosen Mother

Father in heaven we thank you, for planting
this wonderful seed,
When you sent her here to be with us, you
knew just what we would need.
You knew we needed a loving mother, who
would wear a smile and give a kind nod
Who spoke softly as she went about, and
put her trust in God.
You sent a Mother who never complained,
even when life seemed to be unfair
One who said "Don't be discouraged for
God will always be there."
She was a special Mother, a grandmother
who was meant for the part.
And She left us with a glowing light that will
forever shine in our hearts.
Father, we thank you for this Chosen
Mother that you sent to guide us through.
And we pray you will meet her with opens
arms as she come back to You.

Lillie Mae Ruffin

