

Excerpt from song "Grafted In"
By: K. Botka

In my weakness and my sin
You Took me in; You took me in
Passing over all I held within
I'm grafted in, grafted in.

Have faith you said to me
I'll give you grace to see you through
You knew the need in me
You helped me see; you set me free

Ruden's Legacy

Grandchildren, Great-Grandchildren, and God Children

Terrance Gibson, Sr. (Tashia): Terrance Jr.
Mark Gibson

Gary III (Lindsey): Teagan, Cambree

Chris (Kellie): Carter, Michelle, Cameron

Courtney (Arelisse): Carma, Cir, Carmello

Carla: Idania, Corey Chapelle, Jr., Imania

Kara: Orpheu, Sundiata, Selah

Donald Mack, Jr.

Brenay: Brooke

Aubria

Kayla, Brice, James Garrett, Jessica

Totianna: Arianna, Alyssa, Alanna Amelia

Sean Jr.

Jalen (Kaitlyn): Odyn, Abram, August, Noah,
Princeton

Tiana: Aiden, Owen

Ebony (Michael Rhue): Micheal, Gabriella, Ryleigh, Brennon

Raquel Pompey

Ivory: Davion, Keyon, Aryia

Tyrus: Kadence, Ta'Mari

Jeremiah

Whitney, Ti'Mera, Ari'Yanna

Adaya, Madison

Queen, Sevyn

Goddaughters

Lisa (Tnari)

Nikkanya Brown

Shaneka Baxter

Skylar (Kamare)

Tamara Sullivan

Godsons

Roderick Perry

Lambert Hopkins

Douglass Little

Thomas Irvin

Deron Cornelius

Mike Washington

Bernard McKie

Pallbearers

Grandsons

Floral Bearers

Granddaughters

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mrs. Ruden Washington Myers, would like to take this opportunity to thank each one of you for the many kind expressions of love extended to us during our time of bereavement. May God bless and keep you in His tender loving care.

A Celebration of Life In Loving Memory of Mrs. Ruden Washington Myers



Friday, December 22, 2023

11:00 a.m.

Saint John Baptist Church

3404 West Beltline Boulevard

Columbia, South Carolina

Reverend Dr. Jamey O. Graham, Sr.

-Pastor-

Services Entrusted To:

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| Taylor Street Chapel 1831 Taylor Street Columbia, SC 29201 (803)771-7799 I. S. Leevy Johnson -Owner & Director- | Leevy's FUNERAL HOME Chris Leevy Johnson -President & Managing Director- | Lower Richland Chapel 9120 Garners Ferry Road Hopkins, SC 29061 (803) 776-6922 Leverette A. Williams, II -General Manager- |
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Obituary of Mrs. Ruden Washington Myers

On November 11, 1937, Ruden Washington Myers was born in Cayce, South Carolina. She was the daughter of the late Samuel and Idella Washington. She was the sixth child born into a strong family heritage. On Saturday, December 9, 2023, surrounded by family, Ruden peacefully departed this earthly life for her heavenly home.

Ruden was baptized at an early age at Mount Zion Baptist Church. She was a woman who lived and was a true follower of the word of God. Ruden demonstrated the true and spiritual meaning of “being grafted in” (“the process of joining two plants together so tightly that they grow together into one.”)

She was educated in the public schools of Lexington County, South Carolina and graduating Lakeview High School.

In 1952, Ruden’s tall and slender physique and her radiating beauty caught the attention of Gary Lee Myers, Sr. and they were married on February 5, 1954. Together they were blessed with five children, but God gave them the gift of many more.

Ruden attended Nurses Training School at Good Samaritan Hospital, fulfilling her dream of becoming a nurse, she received her certificate as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). Later, she branched out, switching careers and had a long successful career with Southern Bell (Bell South/AT&T). Ruden retired in 1995 at the age of 58. After retiring, she and her husband embarked on a higher calling of becoming foster parents. Their notable work as foster parents were recognized in 2005 by the Richland County Department of Social Services with them being named Foster Parents of the Year.

In addition to her parents, Ruden was preceded in death by her husband, Gary Lee Myers, Sr.; son, Gary Lee Myers, Jr.; sisters, Maise Motes, Eloise Atkins, and Iline Corely; and brother, Samuel Washington.

Mrs. Ruden Washington Myers leaves to mourn her passing: her sons, Michael Carlton (Brenda) Myers, Bruce Garrett (Georgia) Myers, both of Columbia, SC, and Rodney (Tonya) Muller, of Indianapolis, Indiana; daughters, Karen (Donald) Mack, of Los Angeles, California, Tevera Quintina Myers (Ricky) Robinson, Sonia Danielle Vaughn, Shelena Michelle Tate, Nikesha Sharonda Bannister, Cassandra Carlotta Fletcher, DeKendra Nicole Allen, and Shanita Monique Moore, all of Columbia, South Carolina; three sisters, Leola Rice, Marion Counts, and Jackie Bacon; one brother, Stanley Washington; godsons, Lambert Donelle Hopkins and Roderick Perry, both of Columbia, South Carolina; thirty-two grandchildren; thirty-seven great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, many other loving relatives, and caring friends. She was a friend to all and to all a true friend.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

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| Musical Prelude | |
| Processional | |
| Viewing..... | Funeral Directors |
| Opening Hymn..... | Ms. Alexis Albert |
| Old Testament..... | Reverend Earl Dennis Deuteronomy 10:16-22 |
| New Testament..... | Pastor Edwin Guess I Peter 2:9-10 |
| Prayer..... | Reverend Alphonso Counts |
| Musical Selection..... | Ms. LaTanyua Price |
| Remarks..... | Ms. Shari Atkins Minister Rodney Miller Ms. Lynn Ross Bishop Willie V. Sutton, Jr. Mr. James “Bubba” Casey Mr. Jalen Hamilton and Mr. Princeton Robinson Ms. Frances Hopkins |
| Musical Selection..... | Ms. Kara Mack |
| Words of Comfort..... | Elder Virgil Briggs |
| Recessional | |
| Postlude | |



Committal, Benediction, and Interment
2:00 p.m.
Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road
Columbia, South Carolina