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, Arvia 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

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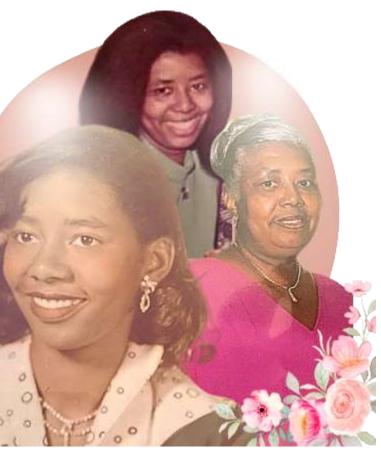
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Acknowledgement

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-

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; thirtytwo 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.

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A Service of Remembrance

Musical Prelude

Viewing	Funeral Directors
Opening Hymn	Ms. Alexis Albert
Prayer	Reverend Alphonso Counts
Musical Selection	Ms. La'Tanyua 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



Committal, Benediction, and Interment

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