




Casket Bearers
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Safely Home
I am home in Heaven, dear ones;
Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.
All the pain and grief are over,
Ever restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.
Did you wonder how I so calmly
Trode the valley of the shade?
Oh! but Jesus' love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade.
And He came Himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread;
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread?
Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still:
Try to look beyond earth's shadows.
Pray to trust our Father's Will.

Expression of Appreciation
We, the family of Genell E. Ruff, would like to graciously thank everyone for their personal and collective prayers, food, visits, calls, flowers and other acts of kindness. Your many expressions of sympathy and love will always be remembered. God bless you all.
— The Family


Services Entrusted To:
F.B. PRATT & SON FUNERAL HOME
601 South Street • Newberry, South Carolina
(803) 276-1206



*In
Loving
Memory
of*

Sister Genell E. Ruff

Wednesday, October 24, 2018
12:00 P.M.

Pleasant Grove A.M.E. Church
Newberry, South Carolina

Reverend Theodore J. Green, Pastor
Presiding

Obituary

Sister Genell E. Ruff entered into Eternal Rest on Monday, October 15, 2018. She was born December 23, 1925, in Newberry, South Carolina. She was the daughter of the late Carrie Lee Route.

Sister Genell, a retired florist and lifelong resident of Newberry, South Carolina, was indeed one of Newberry County's most distinguished citizens. She served as Chairperson of the Newberry Zoning Board of Appeals, Secretary of the Newberry County Council on Aging and an Official at Ward 6 Democratic Precinct.

She was an active member on the Local, District, Conference, Episcopal and Connectional levels of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Moreover, she was a devoted member of Pleasant Grove A.M.E. Church in Newberry, where she served unselfishly and with distinction as Chairperson Pro-Tem of the Steward Board, Class Leader, WMS President and Church Treasurer. Additionally, she also served as Church Secretary for more than forty years. On the district level, she served faithfully as President of the Newberry District Lay Organization and Finance Committee for more than thirty years.

Mrs. Ruff was a member of the Columbia Conference WMS Nominating Committee, Torch Lighter, Life Member, Lay Organization Treasurer and Advisor as well as Trustee. In addition, she served as First Vice President of the Seventh Episcopal District Lay Organization for twenty-five years and delegate to the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Adam Clayton Cook; and a devoted cousin, Clementine Bates.

She leaves to cherish precious memories, her son, Elder Johnny Ruff (Sharon) of Clinton, MD; a God daughter, Sister Wilma Moody-Jordan; two grandchildren, Chyno Nuygen and Chyna Nuygen; devoted cousins, Stanley Bates and Willie James Bates; devoted friends, Rev. Rosette Gallman and Mr. Gallman, Sister Joyce Gates, Rev. and Mrs. Lavern Witherspoon, Rev. Michael Simmons, Sister Loretta Moon, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hill, and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Graham; and a host of other relatives and friends.

The Twenty-Third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul;

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness

For his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley

Of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;

Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me

In the presence of mine enemies:

Thou anointest my head with oil;

My cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

All the days of my life:

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

*Come to me
all you who are weary
and burdened, and I will
Give you rest.
Matthew 11:28*

Order of Service

Prelude Soft Music

Processional with Viewing Clergy and Family

Opening Hymn, #364 "My Hope is Built"

Invocation Rev. Dr. Mary A. Glisson
Pastor, St. Mark A.M.E. Church

Scripture
Old Testament Rev. Ertha L. Bowman
Pastor, Miller Chapel A.M.E. Church

Epistle Rev. Anthony Washington
Pastor, Jeter Chapel A.M.E. Church

Gospel Rev. Wayne K. Pratt, Sr.
Pastor, Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church

Selection Pleasant Grove A.M.E. Choir

Tribute/Reflections Please Limit to Two Minutes

Church Resolution Sis. Shelia Suber
Pleasant Grove A.M.E. Church

Brother Caldwell Wilson
Pleasant Grove A.M.E. Church

Sis. Joann Grant
Newberry District WMS Area Chairperson

Sis. Cynthia Tolans
President, Newberry District Lay Organization

Sis. Felita Grady-Davis
President, WMS Conference Branch

Solo Brother Larry Graham

Words of Comfort Rev. Dr. M. Charmaine Ragin Merrick
Presiding Elder, Newberry District

Recessional

Committal and Benediction Graveside

Interment Pleasant Grove A.M.E. Church
Newberry, South Carolina