



Casket Bearers
Grandsons
and
Family

Floral Bearers
Granddaughters
and
Family

Goodnight

I see a light shining far, far away, and I've decided to follow that light today;

I've done all the work I plan to do, so I must say goodnight to you.

The angels are waiting to show me the way home;

God spared this old life for so very long.

I must go with them, they will not wait; the Lord is waiting to greet me at the pearly gate.

Goodnight my family — I must lie down and rest; this soul of mine has done its best.

There's no reason to be sad — I am only asleep,

I laid down this morning — for keeps.

Acknowledgement

The family of Ms. Nancy Jo Ruff acknowledges with sincere appreciation your understanding, your prayers and all acts of kindness shown at our time of bereavement. A special thanks to Shawn Sims for her hair and accessories. We thank God for each of you, for He has come to us through you. May His love and peace abide with you always.

— The Family

Services Entrusted To:

F.B. PRATT & SON FUNERAL HOME
601 South Street • Newberry, South Carolina
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Homegoing Services
Celebrating the Life
of
Ms. Nancy Jo Ruff

Sunrise
August 6, 1943

Sunset
March 10, 2019



Saturday, March 16, 2019
1:00 P.M.

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

Reverend Johnny Byrd, Pastor
Reverend Jacqueline R. Sims, Officiating

Obituary

*Sometimes it's hard to understand
Why certain things must be,
But there is a reason for it all
Beyond our power to see.
May it comfort us a bit
To know the one we love
Has found eternal happiness
And lasting peace above.*

Ms. Nancy Jo Ruff born August 6, 1943, in Greenboro, NC, to the late Davis Ruff and Lessie B. Ruff, entered into Eternal Rest on Sunday, March 10, 2019.

Ms. Ruff attended schools in Greensboro, NC, and graduated from Gallman High, Newberry, SC, class of 1962. Ms. Ruff retired from Newberry Hospital and was a member of Pleasant Grove A.M.E. Church and Ladies Aid Society.

Ms. Ruff was predeceased by brothers, Jerry Lee Ruff and Charles Rufus Ruff; and granddaughter, Taquana Lashawn Ruff.

Surviving are daughters, Crystal Ruff and Mitzi McKnight (Willie) of Newberry, SC, and Denita Howse (Thurman) of Irmo, SC; son, Stanley Ruff of Newberry, SC; grandchildren, Alexis Ruff of Greensboro, NC, Joshua Ruff Caldwell, Jamel Howse, Tianna Howse, Da'John Feaster and Angel Cook all of Newberry, SC, Donte Howse and Shawn Howse of Irmo, SC; sister-in-law, Mary Ruff of Newberry, SC, and Carolyn Davis of Greenboro, NC; aunt, Lucy Sligh of Greenboro, NC; special friends and family, John Blair, James A. Cook, Alberta Shelton, Wilson and Shirley Caldwell, MSA Hospice and Kenneth Johnson; fourteen great-grandchildren; and a host of other family and friends.

*"Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was;
and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it."
— Ecclesiastes 12:7*

Order of Service

Rev. Johnny Byrd, Presiding

Prelude

Processional Clergy and Family

Final Viewing Family and Friends

Hymn Pleasant Grove A.M.E. Church

Prayer Rev. Johnny Byrd

Scripture

Old Testament Min. Bobbie Jean Nelson

New Testament Rev. Claude A. Wallace

Reflections Wilson Caldwell
Others

Solo Rev. Claude A. Wallace

Words of Comfort Rev. Jacqueline R. Sims

Recessional

Committal & Benediction Graveside

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