



Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve to dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave when my life is done.

Lovingly submitted,
The Family

Acknowledgments

The family of Ernestine C. Ruff wishes to extend our sincere thanks and deep appreciation to all for your many acts of kindness, comforting words, and prayers during this time of sorrow.
May God bless each of you for your support.

THE RUFF FAMILY

Services Entrusted To:

F.B. PRATT & SON FUNERAL HOME
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IN LOVING MEMORY

OF

Ernestine C. Ruff



November 20, 1937 - May 20, 2020

Saturday, May 30, 2020
11:00 A.M.

Welch Lion Baptist Church
Newberry, South Carolina

Bishop Robert F. Kinard, Pastor
Rev. Jacqueline R. Sims, Officiating

Obituary

Ernestine C. Ruff, affectionately known as “Teen”, 82, died at her home in Bridgeport, CT, May 20, 2020, after a brief illness. She was born on November 20, 1937, in Newberry, SC, to the late George and Inez Chaplin.

She attended Newberry Public Schools and Gallman High. She was a long -time member of the Mount Aery Baptist Church and the Eastern Star, New York Chapter. She enjoyed crossword puzzles, loved to cook for family and friends, and selflessly did for others before she would do for herself.

She worked in the health care industry, as a nurse’s assistant and retired after 50 plus years from Sylvan Manor Convalescent Home. She continued working, contracting cleaning services for the offices of Dr. Lawrence Lipton, Dr. Paul Rockoff and Dr. Robert Markowitz.

She was predeceased by her husband, Elbert Ruff, Sr.; daughter, Betty Ruff; two brothers, James Chaplin and Daniel Chaplin; five sisters, Mabel Jeter, Johnnie Chaplin, Lillian Harp, Melinda Chaplin and Georgia Brown; and four brothers-in-law, Eugene Brown, John Harp, Sr., Lawrence Williams and Grady Jeter.

Ernestine leaves to honor her memory, three children, Bernice (Bonnie) Ruff of Bridgeport, CT, Elbert Ruff, Jr., of Provincetown, MA, and Lisa Ruff of Bridgeport, CT; a stepson, Thaddeus Brayboy of Bridgeport, CT; four grandchildren, Latifah Ruff of Meriden, CT, Calvin Johnson of Las Vegas, NV, Davon Jefferson of Bridgeport, CT, and David Jefferson of Raleigh, NC; a special nephew, Terrence Brown; twelve great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mildred (Al Dryer) of Raleigh, NC, Louvenia Williams of Newberry, SC; one sister-in-law, Annie Chaplin of Irmo, SC; and a host of nieces, nephews, family members and friends.

To our mom, you were nurturing, caring and protective of all of us and for that we love you. Thanks for being there when you were needed; we cherished you.

*A
Loving
Farewell*

Order of Service

Opening Prayer

Scripture Readings

Prayer of Comfort Rev. Jacqueline R. Sims

Remarks Family and Friends

Selection Rev. Jacqueline R. Sims

Words of Comfort Rev. Jacqueline R. Sims

Committal and Benediction Graveside

Interment Welch Zion Baptist Church Cemetery
Newberry, South Carolina