

"My Love, My Life, My Wife"
Rudine (Ruddy)



We've gone through much together during the past 61 years: however, God continued to be our comforter. We often talked and planned for tomorrow, but we also said, "If it's God's will" because we know that life is like a vapor passing through the air-it lingers for a while and then it is gone.

Now, Rudine, you are gone and I must accept this and go on alone; I know that God will give me the strength and courage to go through this difficult time. I will always cherish you as my wife. You will be missed dearly.

Rudine, you have labored hard and long on this earth, often with more work than you could complete in one day. I have heard you often say a "woman's work is never done" until God calls you home. Now you have been called, so go get your rest!

Your devoted husband,
John

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A New *Life*
Beginning



Sunrise: January 4, 1936

Rudine Patricia
WRAGG PHELPS

Sunset: September 21, 2021



Tuesday ~ September 28, 2021

Two O'Clock in the Afternoon

St. Mary's CME Church

265 Locklin Street

Elberton, Georgia 30635

Presiding Elder Fredrick Braddock, Officiant
Reverend Ian Spencer, Eulogist

Order of Service

Officiating.....Presiding Elder Fredrick Braddock
Processional & Viewing.....Clergy, Family & Friends
Selection.....“We’ve Come This Far by Faith”
Prayer.....Reverend Dr. Thomas Slater

Inspiration from Scripture

Old Testament.....Psalms 23
New Testament.....Hebrews 11:1-12
Selection.....“Hold to God’s Unchanging Hands”
Remarks.....(Three Minutes Please).....Mr. Abe Plummer, Jr./Church
Reverend Nell Williams/Friend
Mrs. Betty Christian/Missionary
Bishop Thomas L. Brown/C.M.E. Leadership
Jonathan Wragg/Family
Acknowledgements:.....Mrs. Courtney K. Collins
Solo.....Mrs. Rudell G. Guyton
Eulogy.....Reverend Ian Spencer
Recessional.....Soft Music
Interment.....Lincoln Heights Cemetery

Poem

If you could see me now
I’m walking the streets of gold
If you could see me now
I’m standing tall and whole
If you could see me now
You’d know I’ve seen his face
If you could see me now
You’d know the pain has been erased.

You are invited to dine with the family in the Fellowship Hall of the church immediately following the benediction at graveside.

Acknowledgements

Words are inadequate to express the gratitude we feel towards all our friends who have consoled us during our bereavement. Your prayers, your love, your presence and services sustained us through our sorrow. Special thanks to Compassionate Care Hospice Staff, Mrs. Debra Glaze, Mrs. Shanetra Faust, Ms. Latashia McLendon and the St. Mary C.M.E. Church Family.

~ The Phelps Family ~

Reflections

She served and loved her Master, and tried His will to do
Was always helping others, a life so noble, kind and true.

Rudine Patricia Wragg Phelps, the youngest of 13 children, was born to the late Samuel Wragg Sr. and Cardell Rhue Wragg, on January 4, 1936 in Georgetown County, South Carolina. She transitioned on September 21, 2021 at her residence after an illness. She matriculated through the Public Schools of Georgetown County, SC., having attended Rosemary High School in Andrews, SC. She furthered her education at South Carolina State College, Orangeburg, SC., (B.S. in Business Administration & M.A. in Social Studies). She later attended the University of Georgia (Specialist Degree in Leadership). She received many honors and awards in recognition of her many outstanding services and accomplishments in Education and community over the course of her 40+ years career. She served on The Advisory Board of The Elbert County Family and Children's Services.

At an early age Rudine joined Cumberland A.M.E. Church, where she was actively involved in the church school and other youth activities and gave of herself unselfishly in any capacity expected of her. She later joined St. Mary’s CME Church where she served as active member on the Missionary Board, Senior Choir, Church School Teacher and church delegates for all levels of the Northeast Georgia CME Conference. She was the Sixth Episcopal District representative to the Balm of Gilead and the President of the Region Level of Missionaries.

On April 4, 1960 she married Mr. John L. Phelps of Elberton, GA. The Lord blessed this happy couple with 61 years of marital bliss and the rearing of one daughter, Alfrenita W. Smalls. She was a woman of integrity and pride. She held herself in high esteem and was highly regarded and respected by all who knew her. Her love for people and caring nature won her respect and admiration of who will miss her dearly.

As she flies among God’s Angels, cherished memories will be shared by her husband, John L. Phelps of Elberton, GA; one daughter, Alfrenita (Jerome) Smalls of Pawleys Island, SC; three grandchildren, Andre (Carissa) Byrd of Pawleys Island, SC; Alaina (Tiffany) Byrd of Charlotte, NC; Anita Smalls of Conway, SC.; two great-grandchildren, Ayria & Amir Anderson; one sister, Ester Harrell of Gary, IN; one brother, Samuel (Spencena) Wragg of Georgetown, SC.; one brother-in-law, Charles (Marilyn) Phelps of Elberton, GA; one sister-in-law, Wilhemena Wragg of Georgetown, SC; along with numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends..

A Journey Remembered

As some people journey through life, they leave footprints wherever they go-Footprints of kindness and love, courage and compassion, humor and inspiration, joy and faith. Even when they are gone, I can still look back and clearly see your trail, you left behind-A trail bright with hope that invites me to follow.

It is stated in Psalms 89:15:” Blessed are those who walk in your presence.” The fond memories, support, understanding and courage you gave will never leave me, because I love you, Rudine. I thank God for letting me share you for a while.

Your Daughter,
Alfrenita



Nana

Oh, how fortunate we have been to have shared time with you. We know that you enjoyed flowers and gave each flower special love and care to make them grow. You did not give the same to all but what you gave was what each flower NEEDED. We think of ourselves as ROSES in your Garden of Love.

Our lives have been so enriched to have been touched by you. You shared with us your life experiences, (good and bad). In many cases, it was really hard to believe. You’ve made a big difference in our lives. We believe in what you stood for.

Nana, we are feeling very fragmented at this time. A huge chunk of our lives are gone. The void will never be filled. We could always come to you with a question or concern and you listened, thought and then you responded. You are going to be truly missed; however, we will always have our fond memories that will always live in our hearts.

Nana, thanks for being our Gardener. We love you!
Your Grandchildren, Andre, Alaina, Anita
Great Grandchildren, Ayria & Amir