



PALLBEARERS
Nephews

FLORAL BEARERS
Nieces

**A Letter from Ruby
To Those Whom I love & Those Who Love Me**

Loved Ones, I am gone, release me, let me go.
I have so many things to see and do,
You mustn't tie yourself to me with too many tears,
But be thankful we had so many good years.

I gave you my love, and you can only guess
How much you've given me in happiness.
I thank you for the love that you have shown,
But now it is time I traveled on alone.

So grieve me a while, cry if you must,
Then let your tears be comforted by trust.
It is only for a while that we must part,
So treasure the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away for life goes on.
And if you need me, call and I will come.

Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near.
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear,
All my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and a 'Welcome Home'.

Love Always,
Ruby Alice Hoefer

Psalm 23



THE FAMILY'S EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

The family of the late **Ruby Alice Hoefer** wishes to express their great appreciation to each of you for your condolences, prayers and all acts of kindness and comfort extended to them during this difficult time.
May God bless each of you for being a blessing to our family.

Services Entrusted to:
BOSTICK-TOMPKINS FUNERAL HOME

Columbia Office
2930 Colonial Drive
Columbia, SC 29203
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A CELEBRATION
OF *Life*

**Sunday, August 14, 2022
Two O'Clock in the Afternoon**

**Bostick-Tompkins Funeral Home
2930 Colonial Drive, Columbia, SC 29203**

Sunrise
JUNE 20, 1937

Sunset
AUGUST 6, 2022

Ruby Alice
HOFER

REFLECTIONS OF HER LIFE

*For I am ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand,
I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.
II Timothy 4:6-7*

Ruby Alice Hoefer entered her eternal rest on Saturday, August 6, 2022, at her residence in Columbia, South Carolina. Born in Upper Richland County, Columbia, South Carolina on June 20, 1937, Ruby was the tenth child born to the late Zellie and Geneva Gantt Hoefer.

Ruby was educated in the public schools of Richland County. Upon graduation, she relocated to Brooklyn, New York. While residing in New York, she worked as a telephone Switch Operator for the City of New York for over 20 years. In 1978, she returned to South Carolina and began working for the City of Columbia Water Department from which she retired.

Ruby accepted Christ as her Savior at the early age of thirteen (13) and joined Zion Chapel Missionary Baptist Church #1 under the leadership of the late Arthur B. Bailey. She was a faithful and active member of the choir for many years.

Ruby’s greatest joy was her family. She would have Saturday classes for the girls. The class was on “How to be a Lady.” A few things taught in the classes were how to wear lip stick and how to sit properly in a dress. Another class was taught on “how-to walk-in heels”; during this session of the class, you could not drop the book off the top of your head, or you would have to start over. As we walked, she would say, “You are walking like a cowboy, standup straight and walk like a runway model.”

Ruby was always very fashionable, and she loved to listen to jazz music. She loved her flowers and loved working in her garden and her yard. She also enjoyed shopping and fine dining and cuisine. Her favorite things to do were to travel with and spend time with family and friends.

For those of you who knew Ruby, you knew that she was classy, sassy, proud and a dignified woman. She was especially proud of her heritage and being a “Hoefer”. Ruby would often say “I’m a real Hoefer.” She was sure of what it was and what it meant to be a part of the Hoefer lineage. She was the last elder of our tribe and she will be deeply missed by all who loved and knew her. Ode to **Ruby Alice Hoefer**, our family’s “Matriarch.”

Ms. Hoefer was also preceded in death by her nine siblings, brothers, Rev. Uzell Hoefer, Eddie Hoefer and Arthur Hofer, Sr.; sisters, Kissiah H. Bookert, Vonetta H. Seals, Bessie H. Davis, Dorothy H. Harris, Ethel Mae H. English, Bertie Lee H. Hall.

Those cherishing her fond and precious memories are her daughters, **Joyce Mullen** of Irmo, SC; **Peggy Rodoson**, **Vicki (Jennis) Cruel**, **Linda Kershaw**, **LaToya Hoefer** and **Wendy Washington**, all of Columbia, SC; her best friend, **Rodena (Willie Dean) Tillman**; a host of nephews, nieces, great-nephews, great nieces, great-great nephews, great-great nieces and other loving relatives and dear friends, all of whom will miss her dearly.



Order of Service

BISHOP LARRY JACKSON, SR, OFFICIATING
PASTOR, FAITH DELIVERANCE TEMPLE # 1

Prelude.....

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Selection

Scripture Readings:
Old Testament – Psalm 23
New Testament - John 14: 1-6

Prayer of Comfort Bishop Larry Jackson, Sr.

ReflectionsMrs. Robin Elaine Briggs, Great-Niece
Mr. Charles Rodoson, Nephew

Family Tribute.....Mr. Jared Hughes, Nephew

Selection

Words of Comfort Bishop Larry Jackson, Sr.

Recessional

SERVICE OF COMMENDATION
COMMITTAL, CLOSING PRAYER & BENEDICTION

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