

Homegoing Service
for
Mrs. Ruth Elizabeth Jordan Massey

Sunrise: July 16, 1947

Sunset: June 19, 2021



Thursday, 11:00 A.M., June 24, 2021

Belmont Missionary Baptist Church
419 Belmont Church Road Monroe, NC

Officiating Clergy: Reverend J.M. Sanders
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Thursday, 11:00 A.M., June 24, 2021

Order of Service

Presiding.....	Reverend J.M. Sanders
The Family Processional.....	Reverend J.M. Sanders
Old Testament Scripture.....	Evangelist Alfreda Evans
New Testament Scripture.....	Minister Mary McNeely
Prayer of Comfort.....	Bishop Robert Huey
Selection.....	Ms. Olinda Simpson
Tributes.....	Sister Nadine Alsbrooks
	Mrs. Winnie Bennett
	Mr. John Jordan
	Dr. Linda Leek
Obituary.....	Read Silently
Resolution.....	Brother Elgin Sanders
Selection.....	Ms. Krystall Leek
Eulogy.....	Reverend J.M. Sanders
Selection.....	Mrs. Ophelia Jones
Benediction	Reverend J.M. Sanders

Committal / Benediction / Interment
Hillcrest Cemetery
601 Adams Street, Monroe, NC 28110



The Obituary

Mrs. Ruth Elizabeth Jordan Massey was born on July 16, 1947, to the late Mr. Lonnie A. Jordan and Mrs. Ethel Robinson-Hailey. **Ruth** was born and reared in Monroe, North Carolina. Educated in the Union County Public schools, she was a good student who loved to learn. In 1963, **Ruth** married Willis James McNeely, and to them five daughters were born: Brenda, Linda, Valerie, Laura, and Tracy. The family was devastated at the loss of their daughter, Valerie Lorraine, who died as an infant after a brief illness.

Ruth joined and attended Belmont Missionary Baptist Church at an early age. **Ruth** accepted Christ as her personal savior at a young age: Ruth loved the Lord. She was a loyal and dedicated member of Belmont Baptist Church who worked in several departments. She served as church secretary, Sunday school teacher, and in the Kitchen Ministry where she cooked and served in every capacity. She was a faithful member of the church until her health declined. She always acknowledged Belmont Baptist Church as her church home.

In 1970, **Ruth** met the love of her life, Mr. James Massey, Jr. They added a son to their family when James Massey III was born. Ruth continued to work outside of the home and to take care of her family. She loved to cook and maintained a spotless home. In addition, Ruth and James cared for her extended family, including her mother and her beloved grandmother, Katie Robinson, who was also one of **Ruth's** closest confidants and friends. **Ruth** worked as a cashier but her main employment was as a domestic engineer. **Ruth** last worked at a day care center where she continued to demonstrate her love and care for young children. However, **Ruth's** greatest legacy will be her love for her family and her children.

Family members who precede Ruth in death in addition to her parents and daughter Valerie Lorraine include her husband, James Massey, Jr., her sisters, Hattie Berry and Joyce Knuckles, two sons-in-law, Richard Strong and Minister Dwight Allen, and two grandsons, LaManual McKinney II, and Justin Allen.

Ruth Massey is survived by her son Mr. James Massey III, of the home, daughters, Mrs. Brenda Allen of Oxford, NC, Dr. Linda Strong-Leek (Kevin), of Richmond, KY, Mrs. Laura Sabrina Warren (Anthony), of Miami, FL., Mrs. Tracy McKinney (LaManual), of Hampton, VA.; two brothers, Mr. James Jordan of Virginia, and Mr. John Jordan of Tampa, FL.; One brother-in-law, Mr. Harry Massey, (Virginia), of Monroe, NC. two sisters-in-law, Ms. Alice Massey, and Mrs. Magdalene Massey, both of Monroe, NC. She is also survived by seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Also left to mourn her are a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends. Ruth Massey was dearly loved and will be truly missed.



Expressions of Gratitude

The family of **Mrs. Ruth Massey** would like to thank everyone for their calls, cards, and for their expressions of love and kindness during this difficult time. We would especially like to acknowledge Mrs. Winnie Bennett, Mrs. Rita Bowman, Evangelist Alfreda Evans, Miss Hattie, Ms. Vanessa Marsh, Ms. Alice Massey, and Minister Mary McNeely, Reverend and Mrs. Diane Sanders, and the Belmont Church family.

Her Journey's Just Begun

By an Unknown Author

Don't think of her as gone away
her journey's just begun
life holds so many facets
this earth is only one.

Just think of her as resting
from the sorrows and the tears
in a place of warmth and comfort
where there are no days or years.
Think how she must be wishing
that we could know today
how nothing but our sadness
can really pass away.

And think of her as living
in the hearts of those she touched
for nothing loved is ever lost
and she was loved so much

Flower Ladies & Pall Bearers

Family & Friends



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