

Floral Attendants/ Pall Bearers

Family and Friends

Because the Angels Came

No more grief or sorrow,
No more suffering or pain,
Now there is everlasting peace
Because the Angels came.

Only God knows what is best,
And He gently holds my hand,
Guiding me to a better place
Because the Angels came.

When the sun rises tomorrow,
And I answer not my name,
Please don't cry--rejoice with me,
Because the Angels came.

I now can rest in peace,
As I never could before,
I answered the gentle knock,
Of the Angels at my door.

So please, don't mourn for me,
As new wings, I now claim;
I can take my flight to heaven,
Because the Angels came.



In Appreciation

Perhaps you telephoned or sent a dish of food; perhaps you sent a potted plant or bouquet to set the mood; perhaps you sent a beautiful card or donated your time; perhaps you sent a funeral spray or said a silent prayer; perhaps you sat quietly in a chair, if so we saw you there; perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say; perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day; whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much, whatever the part.

Thank you for a job well done. ~ The Family ~



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Celebrating the Life Of Rufus William Ruffin



Sunrise September 28, 1935 - Sunset January 12, 2019

The Order of Service

Evangelist Savonda Davis, Presiding
Ship of Zion - Raleigh, North Carolina

Smith Temple FW Baptist Church, 322 S. East St., Raleigh, NC

Saturday, January 19, 2019

Musical Prelude Musician

Processional *Clergy, Family and Friends*

Moments of Visitation - 12:30 PM

Opening Hymn Choir

Funeral Service - 1:00 PM

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Ms. Tamecia Smith
New Testament Mr. Larry Smith

Prayer of Comfort Mr. Kevin Peppers

Solo Ms. Taylor Harrington

Acknowledgments Ms. Katie Strickland

Obituary (Silent Reading) Soft Music

Reflections Ms. Penny Bumpers
Ms. Janelle Harrington

Solo Ms. Katie Strickland

Eulogy Evangelist Savonda Davis

Recessional Clergy, Family and Friends

The Legacy of Rufus William Ruffin

Rufus William Ruffin was a devoted father, brother, uncle, grandfather and friend. He was always very giving to family and friends who called upon him. He worked hard to provide for his family.

Rufus was employed by two companies with which he dearly enjoyed working with the many coworkers over the years - Cross Poultry (20 Years), Rock Quarry Road and Raleigh Rehab (20 years), Wade Avenue, both in Raleigh. He retired from each with twenty years of commendable service. His combined tenure at these two places of employment was 40 years.

Rufus, affectionately called "Hard Times", leaves to cherish his memories and mourn his passing; a son, Lamont Griffis (Wendy) of Raleigh; three daughters, Sheila Johnson of Zebulon, Michelle Powell and Clara McLoud, both of Raleigh; one sister, Marie Harris of Raleigh; 13 grandchildren, five great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends including a very special niece, Lorraine Ruffin of the home, and a very special friend, Josephine Griffis.

Poem Lovingly Submitted By - Shelette Richardson (Granddaughter)

God saw you getting tired
A cure was not to be
So he put his arms around you
And whispered, "Come With Me."

With tearful eyes we watched you
And saw you fade away
Although we loved you dearly
We could not make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating,
Your tender hands at rest
God took you home to prove to us
He only takes the best.



The Resting Place

Rand Street Church Cemetery
Garner, North Carolina



- Please turn on flashers and headlights as we travel with our beloved
'The Last Mile of the Way' to the Cemetery. -