



Ruthie Bedford Martin

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Graveside services for Ruthie Bedford Martin, 66, will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, May 23, 2020 in the Magnolia Cemetery. Mrs. Martin was born on November 24, 1953 in Malvern Arkansas and died Sunday, May 17, 2020 in Hillister, TX. Deaconess Ruthie Jean Bedford-Martin, was born on November 24, 1953 in Malvern, Arkansas to the proud parents of Ellis and Pauline Bedford.

The Bedford family moved to Los Angeles, California in 1968. Ruthie graduated from Fremont High School in 1972 and attended Compton Jr. College. After college, she met the love of her life, Bennie Charles Martin, Sr. and was married on July 4, 1974.

In 1980, Ruthie accepted her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and attended Revival Center Tridestone Church of God in Christ under the leadership of the late Pastor-Dr. Joseph W. Mayfield. She was a very faithful member of the Church where she worked as a Deaconess, Usher, Pastors-Aid, and fed the homeless. Whatever Ruthie found to do...she did it. She was blessed with many talents and often called herself and entrepreneur.

Ruthie followed her husband and moved to Chester, Texas in 1996. The Martin family attended First Church of God in Christ in Corrigan, Texas under the leadership of Pastor Guy Richards until his death in 2001. Ruthie settled in Lufkin, Texas in 2002 and attended Woods Memorial Temple Church of God in Christ under the leadership of the late Superintendent Chester M. Robinson. Ruthie will be remembered as a strong, faithful, compassionate, graceful, loyal, lovable, and independent mother, granny, great-grandma, sister, friend, and church member. Ruthie is preceded in death by her oldest son, Darryl D. Bedford; her father, Ellis Bedford; her mother, Pauline Bedford; grandmother, Ruth Bedford; four brothers, Arthur Lee Garland, George Garland, Roland Garland and Ellis Bedford Jr.; A sister, Bobbie Sue Mendenhall.



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Ruthie is survived and leaves to cherish her memories: Her only daughter and best friend, Angela Martin Pairé (Dimpsey Pairé); Sons, Bennie "Bo Zack" Martin, Jr., Anthony Martin (Christi) Martin, Timothy Martin (Mi Mi White) Darryl Bedford, Jr.; Her "Road Dog," Willie Mae Hurts who all live in East Texas; One sister, Mattie Sue Bedford of Los Angeles, California; One brother, Charles Garland (Linda Garland) of Moreno Valley, California; Twenty grandchildren; A God Child, Chesa Delane; A God-Sister, (Peaches Mallard); A host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



Tribute Wall

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BE

Bobbie Edwards lit a candle in honor of Ruthie.

May 23 at 4:41 AM



MH

Maggie Davis Houston sent a virtual gift in honor of Ruthie.

May 22 at 1:25 PM



FB

Family Of Seth Haynes: Tracy, Steven, And Boys sent a Sweet Tranquility Basket to the Martin family.

May 20 at 12:29 PM



EB

Erica Bootie lit a candle in honor of Ruthie.

To the family of Ms Ruthie MartinMs Ruthie was loving, kind and cherished her faith in the Lord. She always had kind words to minister to your spirit. She will be greatly missed but forever cherished. ❤️ Erica Bennett Bootie

May 20 at 10:39 AM



JH

Joshua Harris lit a candle in honor of Ruthie.

Just wanna no more pain Auntie you will be watching over us till we meet again I love you so much can't believe it.. It hurts so bad also sending my condolences to the Family love you always Nephew Joshua

May 19 at 2:26 PM





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Bobbie Edwards lit a candle in honor of Ruthie.



May 18 at 7:03 AM



Keith C Martin May 18 at 9:04 AM

Aunt Ruthie, your life was a living testimony of pressing on through challenging times. You fought the good fight of faith and have now gained the gift of eternal life in our Lord and Savior Jesus. May the family continue to follow in your foot steps and trust in God and keep pressing on through the issues of life, by looking to our Lord Jesus - the author and finisher of our faith. Rest in His Eternal Love. Bennie Jr, Anthony, Angela, Tim and family, you have my sincere condolences and I pray the Lord will comfort and strengthen each of you always. Auntie spirit lives on in each of you - always. Love, Nephew & Cousin, Keith C. Martin



Betty & George Martin May 18 at 8:29 AM

Ruthie, you will be missed. Rest in Heaven until we meet again. Gone but not forgotten. Your Sis. & Bro. Betty & George 🌹🙏🙏



Kimberly Martin Mccoy lit a candle in honor of Ruthie.



Sending my condolences to the family I love you Auntie going to miss you beautiful you not in no more pain Rest Well until we meet again Love your Niece Kimberly Martin-McCoy

May 17 at 5:10 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ruthie by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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