



Ruthie Mae Berry

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Graveside service for Ruthie Berry, 83, of Tenaha, will be held 11 a.m., Saturday, August 15, 2020, in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery, in Tenaha. On Friday, August 14, 2020 visitation will be held from 4 p.m., till 7 p.m., at The Bright Morning Star Baptist in Tenaha. Mrs. Ruthie Berry was born on April 12, 1937, in Tenaha (Wood Community) and died on August 5, 2020, in Lufkin Texas.

Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over. Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Psalm 23: 5b-6

Ruthie Mae (Bryant) Berry was born in the Woods Post Office Community of Tenaha, TX on April 12, 1937. She departed this life for her heavenly home in the early morning hours of August 5th, 2020.

Ruthie was a devout & unwavering Christian who loved the Lord with all her heart. She could always be heard singing a song of praise & worship. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend to many. At an early age, she joined the Social Point Baptist Church (Tenaha). She later joined the Bright Morning Star Baptist Church (Tenaha), where she wholeheartedly served until God began to prepare her for her heavenly home. She was a member of the Heroines of Jericho, and dutifully served her church as choir president and youth worker. Her voice was as beautiful as one could find this side of heaven.

On June 20, 1955, she united in marriage with Roy Gene Berry of Tenaha. That union was blessed with 9 children (6 boys & 3 girls).

Ruthie was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Roy Gene Berry, with whom she owned & operated one of the most successful black-owned businesses in Shelby County, TX. Also preceding her in death are her parents, Sam & LeAnna Bryant; Sisters: Beulah Bryant, Gracie Bryant, and Mildred Lucas; and granddaughters LaToya DeTaye McClure, Adrian Taleah Berry-Roberts & Tamoya Yvonne Gentry.



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Ruthie leaves behind a legacy of love & devotion to God & Family and Christian service.

To follow in that legacy & cherish her beautiful memory, she is survived by her 6 sons: Oscar Larry

(Gale), Elvis, Alfred (Loretta), Anthony (Maxine) & Roy (Rosetta), all of Tenaha, TX.

Sherby Constance) of Livingston, TX; 3 daughters: Doris Flakes (Wallace) of Tenaha,

Delois Flakes (Curtis)Lufkin, TX and Jackland McDowell (Linsey) of Port Arthur, TX;

her brother & closest friend, James Louis Bryant of Tenaha; 29 grandchildren; 65

great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandchild and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins & friends.



Tribute Wall

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ML

Mae Lewis posted:

Bishop Robert G and Mae LewisCarthage, TX "We send our sincere sympathy and condolences to the Berry Family. We pray for your strength and for your Peace. Know that Aunt Mae and the Berry Family is loved very much."

August 15 at 6:01 AM

CP

Cheryl Pate posted:

Mr. Oscar, May God hold you and your family in his loving arms of comfort. Also know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Keep the memories in/of your heart and they will help you through the days and months to come. God Bless Cheryl Pate co-worker

August 15 at 1:26 AM

JJ

Janet Jennings posted:

My Aunt Mae was a loving and sweet aunt. There was nothing she wouldn't do to help you and make you feel so loved. I will never forget how she helped me out when Mother Dear and Carrol were down sick on me. I couldn't pay what she deserved but she didn't even want what I offered to pay. I just had to insist she took the money. She was a great cook and a spirit-filled songster. No one can sing like that precious angel of a person. Family, know that she was a loved aunt and will be missed. A link in the chain has been broken but we need to bind together and repair this chain so it can be made strong again. I am here and just realize that God loved her the best. Rest in peace sweet angel. You all are in my prayers. Love, Janet J.

August 14 at 7:23 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Berry family.

August 13 at 5:27 AM



EC

Elaine Carrington sent a virtual gift in honor of Ruthie.

August 11 at 2:06 PM





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Angela Parks lit a candle in honor of Ruthie.



August 7 at 1:15 AM



Pat Stricklin posted:

Mrs Ruthie was such a sweet lady and always had a smile. My thoughts and prayers are with you her family. God Bless, Pat Stricklin Lufkin, Texas

August 7 at 12:16 AM



Joan lit a candle in honor of Ruthie.



August 6 at 3:39 PM



Bobbie Edwards lit a candle in honor of Ruthie.



August 6 at 9:45 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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