



Jennie Roberts Ruffin

February 22, 1913 - August 24, 2015

"And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels" . . .

Malachi 3:17

Mrs. Jennie Roberts Ruffin, sunrise February 22, 1913 to sunset August 24, 2015. She leaves 102 years of sharing life, work and faith to those left behind. She is the last of 7 children born in Midway, Woodford County, KY to James and Maggie Roberts.

Jennie, widow of the late Andrew J. Ruffin, former pastor of the Jerusalem Second Baptist Church, Urbana, OH, was born Jennie Brooks Roberts to James Charles Roberts and Maggie Walker Roberts. In early childhood, she became aware of her creator's omnipotent existence and of His saving power and as a result she was converted and baptized into the Christian fellowship of the Baptist church.

Her early childhood and young adulthood were spent in Woodford and Franklin counties, Kentucky; her later years, prior to her marriage, were in Cincinnati, OH. On July 28, 1944 she was united in marriage to the Rev. Andrew J. Ruffin. The Rev. Frank L. Reynolds of Dayton, OH officiated. She united with the Jerusalem Second Baptist Church in July 1946 that was pastored by her husband until 1973; thereby identifying herself in a specific way with the church and its auxiliaries and the following organizations: The Sunday School, Missionary, Helping Hand, Wimodausis; and the National Association of College Women.

She was the founder and organizer of the Wimodausis and the National Association of College Women (NACW), Urbana branch.

She served in the following official capacities: Missionary secretary for 17 years; President of Missionary; Assistant Superintendent of Sunday School and Teacher in Sunday School.

She has held membership in the NAACP, NACW (Urbana Chapter) and the Interdenominational Ministers Wives Alliance of Springfield, OH and vicinity.

She is survived by her devoted guardian and beloved nephew-in-law Jack Coutts; nephews Clark Roberts and Charles Roberts; nieces Gwendolyn Adams-Kyles, Maryilyn Hill, Cleopatra Roberts, Barbara Rutledge, Margo Collins, Sytharae Thomas, and Evelyn Wilhight; numerous great, great-great and great-great-great nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. A.J. Ruffin; sisters, Sally James and Mary Samuels; brothers Wilson Roberts, Claude Roberts, Herbert Roberts and George Roberts.

Visitation will be held at Walter & Stowe Funeral Home, Urbana, from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 1, 2015 and again from 10-11 a.m. on Wednesday, September 2, 2015 at Jerusalem Second Baptist where a service will be held at 11 a.m. with Pastor Michael Freeman officiating.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to Jerusalem Second Baptist Church, 1036 S. High St., Urbana, OH 43078.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.walterfunerals.com.

Cemetery Details

Oak Dale Mausoleum

319 Patrick Avenue
Urbana, OH 43078

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Walter & Stowe Funeral Home
642 South Main Street
Urbana, OH 43078
(937) 653-4227
<http://www.walterfunerals.com>

Visitation

SEP 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Jerusalem Second Baptist
1036 S. High St.
Urbana, OH 43078

Service

SEP 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JA

“ I extend my condolences to the family of Mrs. Ruffin. I was saddened to hear of her passing. I came to know her through the UCCSC . Mrs. Ruffin served on the Board of trustees and after I became director she would always call and let me know how the meeting went. She prayed for me and the staff. . And as her eyesight began to fail, she would call and talk about things pertaining to the center. I was honored to have known her.

Jackey Arrington - September 02, 2015 at 09:53 PM



“ So Sorry,
You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Beverly Crosswhite Lucas

Lucia Lucas - August 31, 2015 at 09:21 PM

JV

“ Our Aunt Jennie will be missed. I remember her always calling on our birthdays and playing Happy Birthday with a music box over the phone. Best gift ever is the memory of her taking the time to do that for us!

Jennifer Coutts-Visel

Jennifer Visel - August 31, 2015 at 10:55 AM

RC

“ To the beloved family of Mrs. Jennie Roberts Ruffin, I extend my deepest thoughts, prayers, and condolences. She was and is a christian legend. Spanning across a century plus touching and changing the lives of multitudes. Mrs. Ruffin will forever live in our hearts because of the vast, rich, and countless diverse contributions she made to humanity in a multiplicity of arenas of life.

May God richly bless her unique and distinguished memory and legacy forever. May He sustain, comfort, and meet all of your needs as you go through this very difficult period and beyond. God bless each of you today and always.

Prayerfully yours,

Rev. Ronald A. Cooper

Ronald Cooper - August 30, 2015 at 10:21 PM

MJ

“ To the Family of Jennie R. Ruffin, I was saddened to hear of the death of Mrs. Ruffin, Oh! My! what a lady. I grew up in Urbana and went to the Baptist Church. Just reading her obituary took me back to the days of her and her husband Rev. Ruffin, and all the love and support that was given from the two of them in the Baptist Church. I remember back when I was a kid the church doors were never locked. Mrs. Ruffin, will never be forgotten.

All of my family attended and was members of the church. I thank the Lord for the memories that I have of her and her husband. Family I know that your hearts are broken and I know that God, will heal them. Just trust in Him always.

Marilyn (McDonald) Jackson and my siblings Anna Frances, Janice Marie ,Everett and Cynthia

Marilyn (McDonald) Jackson - August 29, 2015 at 07:25 AM