Pallbearers

Troy Adams | Carlos Thompson | Kevin Bellinger
Karl Matthews | Kern Bellinger | Steven Craig

Honorary Pallbearers

Martha Schofield High School Alumni

Flower Bearers

Valree Green | Latonya Johnson
Lawana Williams | Gwen Taylor | Carolyn Matthews

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Wishing Words to the Family

THOSE WE LOVE
DON'T GO AWAY
THEY WALK
BESIDE US
EVERYDAY
UNSEEN, UNHEARD
BUT ALWAYS NEAR
STILL LOVED
STILL MISSED
AND VERY DEAR
SIMPLY DESIGNING
- Love, Jalia Manney -

Acknowledgements

The family of Ruthie Lee Priester acknowledges with deep gratitude the many prayers, comforting phone calls, text messages, flowers, and other acts of kindness during the illness and transition of our loved one. You have been pillars of comfort to each of us. God's Blessing to All.

Love,
The Priester Family

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A CELEBRATION OF
THE LIFE FOR

Ruthie Priester

Thursday, April 4, 2019
12 Noon

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH
425 Hampton Avenue, N.W.
Aiken, South Carolina

Reverend Charles Matthews, Officiating

Life Celebration

Celebrating the life and legacy of an abiding faith in God, Sister Ruthie L. Priester was a true beacon of light that will forever shine brightly.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2019, God tapped her shoulder and said your earthly duties are complete; with dignity and grace, she kindly accepted that tap and transitioned to receive her Crown! She fought a good fight, she finished her course, kept the faith; the seal of life bestowed upon her "job-well-done, my child."

Ruthie Lee Priester was born in Aiken County, South Carolina to earthly parents, Sallie M. Adams and Willie Priester. Ruthie was educated in the public school system of Aiken County boosting of Martha Schofield High School and Aiken Technical College on the higher education level.

Ruthie was a life member of the Second Baptist Church, and served on various choirs, bus ministry, and the usher board.

Ruthie was a member of the United States Marines and stated it proudly. She is a former member of the American Legion Post #212.

Ruthie's love of the kitchen kept so many at her table. When asked, she could get that Red Velvet Cake, those Sweet Potato, and Coconut pies, or just some fried chicken prepared before you got to North Augusta. She hosted the cast of gospel plays that traveled through town; gospel singers needing and wanting a home cooked meal. She often boasted of her sweet tea and they would say they want kool-aid... in few minutes... kool-aid it is! Most of the time with almost all of the 5lb bag of sugar; which they loved! She fed her friends, her children's friends, co-workers, church members and ministers alike. There was never a problem to cook she always said, "you have to eat!"

After twenty-seven years of working, Ruthie went from Aiken to Fort Lauderdale to Charlotte to Atlanta to Aiken to Fort Lauderdale to Fort Lauderdale to Fort Lauderdale ... not a misprint she loved Fort Lauderdale, we guess deAnthony was the favorite. She did find a new passion and traveling was it. Ruthie traveled across the United States campaigning for then-candidate Barack Obama. On President-Elect Obama's first election night, Ruthie was overjoyed to be in Grant Park, Chicago, as well as the first Inauguration in Washington, DC.

Her health declined and she was not able to volunteer for President Obama's second run.

Ruthie Lee was a one of a kind individual and can NEVER be replaced. She always told you what was on her mind. She was a stiletto, suit wearing DIVA!

Ruthie's parents, a sister, and brother, and two special loving sons, Otis Q. Copeland, III and Edwin Thompson, all preceded her in death.

Today and tomorrow those who cherish her life and legacy are: children, Andrea Priester, Atlanta, Georgia, Charmaine (Sidnee) Norwood, Charlotte, North Carolina and Senior Airman deAnthony (Meghan) Priester, Fort Lauderdale, Florida; grandchildren, Dianah Harrison, Savannah, Georgia, Nikita Priester, Charlotte, North Carolina, Araya Copeland (Malquan) Gaillard, Gwynn Oak, Maryland, Sidneece Norwood, Charlotte, North Carolina, Devonte Mason, Charlotte, North Carolina, Matia Turner, Orangeburg, South Carolina, Hailee Priester, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Ian J. Priester-Gamble, Atlanta, Georgia and Joshua Priester, Fort Lauderdale, Florida; great-grandchildren; Alysia Jackson and Princeton Norwood, Charlotte, North Carolina; sisters, AngieLena Grady, Louisville, Kentucky, Dorothy Hightower, Aiken, South Carolina and Willie Mae Priester, Aiken, South Carolina; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and loving friends.

Order of Service

Prelude ..... Musicians

Processional ..... *"Every Praise"*

Song ..... Roscoe Priester

Scriptures ..... Minister Lester Smalls
New Testament

Prayer ..... Minister Melissa Allen

Selection ..... *"Emmanuel We Worship You"*

A Salute to Mother ..... Charmaine Norwood

Selection ..... *"Let the Church Say Amen"*

Acknowledgements ..... Donna Scott

Song Celebration
"Take a Trip On That Good Old Gospel Ship"
"God Is Going To Do It"
"How Excellent"

Words of Comfort ..... Minister Charles Matthews

RENDERING OF MILITARY HONORS
United States Marine Corps

Recessional ..... Howard Hewitt
"Say Amen"

Interment ..... All Cemetery
Allendale, South Carolina

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120 Rolling Rock
Aiken, South Carolina