



# Ruthie Mae Knaff

JUN 26, 2018



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## **Ruthie Mae Knaff**

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**R**uthie Mae was born on May 4, 1939, in Detroit, Michigan to the Union of the late, Pastor Randall and Lueranah Myrick. On Tuesday, June 26, 2018, peaceably she went to be with her Lord.

Preceding her in death in addition to her parents were three brothers; Eugene, Randall and Samuel, two sisters; Louise and Marion.

Ruthie was formally educated in the Detroit Public School systems, graduating from the High School of Commerce. She was very intelligent and applied her abilities to successfully earn the Top Gregg Shorthand Awards and typing awards at the High School of Commerce. Her ambition led her to achieve a higher education and she earned a degree from Mary Grove College.

She was very successful in obtaining employment. She held secretarial and computer positions at various organizations including the Federal Government and in the medical field.

Ruthie was united in holy matrimony to the late, Alphonso Knaff at Anderson Memorial Church of God in Christ, Detroit, MI. To this union, two sons were born; Alphonso and Lorenzo.

She was blessed with a very friendly and loveable personality. She loved to talk and laugh, play the piano and listen to music. Ruthie enjoyed singing and participated in the choir and many concerts of Anderson Memorial COGIC.

Ruthie was also blessed to be brought up in a sanctified, Holy Ghost filled home by Godly parents. Along with her family, she attended the churches of God in Christ under the leaderships of the late Pastors, A. Owens, C. Range, S.P. Croom, Bishops; C.L. Anderson, Sr. and C. L. Anderson, Jr. While in her teenage years, she was baptized with the Holy Spirit in the Detroit River by Pastor Croom along with Pastor Gordy. She faithfully participated in various church activities and loved being involved in the life of the church.



## Obituary

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Ruthie possessed a deep love for her family. She was very, very dear and good-hearted. She was sincerely thoughtful and kind, always giving gifts and sending flowers. Ruthie loved to travel and bring back gifts and those places of travel included New York City, Washington, DC, London, England and Canada.

Ruthie leaves to cherish her precious memories, two sons; Alphonso Knaff and Lorenzo Knaff, two granddaughters; Kiara and Lauren, three sisters; Rebbie Myrick, Helen Payne and Emma Myrick, two brothers; Roman Myrick and Ramon Myrick, a host of nieces and nephews, great grand nieces, great grand nephews, cousins and friends.

A Celebration of Ruthie's life will be held at 2:00 pm, Saturday, July 14, 2018, in the Chapel of James Funeral Home, 10520 Arahova Drive, Huntersville, NC with Reverend Harold Hudson officiating. The family will receive guests from 1:00 pm until 1:50 pm at the funeral home.

James Funeral Home of Huntersville is serving the family. [www.jamesfuneralhomeLKN.com](http://www.jamesfuneralhomeLKN.com)



## Tribute Wall

Ruthie Mae Knaff

ME

**Melinda** posted:

Ma, It's still so hard to believe that you are no longer here. Nearly one year later, I am holding on to your loving spirit, innocence and laughter knowing there will never be anyone that can replace the special place that is permeated and etched in my heart. I never got the chance to tell you one last time just how much you meant to me and the impact you had on my life. You have always been like a second Mom to me and I will always cherish every moment we shared together: every doctor's appointment I would take you to (even on those visits when you would get so nervous about getting your blood pressure checked), our weekly, sometimes bi-weekly grocery shopping adventures, every restaurant we would visit to find the best foods to satisfy your cravings and wishes, the text messages and hour long conversations we would have multiple times throughout the day and most importantly, the many stories and secrets you shared with me. I wish we could have had one more conversation just for me to tell you how much you are loved and the life lessons you shared and offered were never in vain. I didn't realize the day I picked you up at the airport when you moved here would have been the beginning of many abundant days and loving memories. You were always so full of joy and looked at each day as a new opportunity to pursue dreams and live with purpose. You became a pillar and beacon to so many that knew you and a strong force that will never be forgotten. You entered all of our lives as a beautiful and vibrant soul and you left the same. As I mourn and miss you dearly, I know God has received another shining star! Love you forever and always, M.

June 21 at 1:07 PM

AH

**Aesha Harrison** posted:

My dear friend Mrs. Ruthie, I am blessed to have had you as a friend. I am so thankful for the time and conversations we've shared over the years. Shortly after getting to know you, you became a permanent fixture in my life and more importantly in my heart. You are truly missed. Love you!

July 21 at 11:32 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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