



Ms. Clarice Joyce Ruff

February 19, 1940 - December 14, 2025

“She was full of God’s Works and acts of Charity”. Acts 9:36

CLARICE JOYCE RUFF , born February 19, 1940 to Cleo Earl and Warren Watson. She was preceded in death by both parents, one brother, and her first born son Kevin Ruff.

EDUCATION: She attended the Baltimore City Public School System, later receiving her High School Diploma from Harford Heights Night School.

Clarice was united in holy matrimony to William Edward Ruff, Sr., on February 28, 1958. From this union there were five children Kevin, Valerie, Kim, Lynda, and William, Jr.

Clarice was a hard working and dedicated employee with Johns Hopkins Hospital in the Coding Department which at that time was all done manually. She was the only African American in this Department. When the hospital went digital, they sent Clarice to learn the new coding system. She attended BCCC and received her Associates of Arts Degree in Medical Records Technology. She graduated Magna Cum Laude. Upon completion, Clarice was promoted to Supervisor and trained many of the old and new employees on using the new coding system. Clarice worked at Johns Hopkins Hospital in this capacity for over 49 years to include working from home when unable to go into the office.

Clarice loved to cook, bake, and sew. She especially loved teaching her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren all the tricks of baking and cooking. She was an avid reader.

Clarice dedicated her life to Christ early in life. She was a member of St. Francis Xavier Church until 1973. After moving to West Baltimore, she and her children became members of St. Cecilia's Church where she was a lifetime Gospel Choir member, a Eucharistic Minister, a Lecture for Saturday masses only. If you ever went to her home on any Sunday you could hear Mahalia Jackson, Albertina Walker, Shirley Caesar, as well as many other old time gospel singers and groups. While you heard the music playing and Clarice singing along, you could smell the aroma of fried chicken, greens, macaroni and cheese, and homemade rolls There was always some type of dessert, but mostly a chocolate cake. Everyone who came was welcomed and invited to stay for dinner. She was the "good time house".

She leaves to mourn and cherish her memories, four children, ten grandchildren, thirteen great grandchildren, four great great grandchildren, and one son-in-law. Kevin (Kevin, Jr, and Lakeisha), Valerie (Joseph and Joyce), Kim and Stephen Frances (Rachel, David, and Joshua) Lynda (Lauren, Mi'chelle) and William, Jr.(Anita). Other relatives (Dolly, Sheila, Richard, Warren, and Charles Honeyblue), and a host of friends. She was affectionately called "mom or granny" by so many other young people that she meet during her lifetime. She will be greatly missed.

Written by Clarice Ruff "Loved ones do not weep for me"

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

2130 Woodlawn Drive
Baltimore, MD 21207

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

March Funeral Home - West
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215

Wake

DEC 27. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Celebration of life with live streaming

DEC 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Ms. Clarice Joyce Ruff*



March Funeral Homes - December 15, 2025 at 02:33 PM

RM

“ *To Min Kim Frances and the entire Family of Sister Clarice Joyce Ruff.*

Take comfort in the scriptures which tell us that weeping endures for a season, but joy comes in the morning. Know that God is with you as the Good Shepherd to guide you through the valley of the shadow of death. Our precious Clarice Joyce Ruff has traveled through the valley of the shadow of death and can proclaim to us: “IT IS WELL! IT IS WELL! WITH MY SOUL!”

May God grant you peace and strength as you walk in this valley holding on to God’s unchanging hand.

Praying the Lord gives you the strength to celebrate a life well lived!

Prayerfully,

Rev. Dr. Bess McCallister



Rev Dr Bess McCallister - December 27, 2025 at 01:13 PM

MS

“ So sorry to hear that miss Joyce has passed on to her new home and received her reward. Miss Joyce was one of the mothers in our neighborhood. She was a strong woman and a hard worker sending her children to catholic school. Miss Joyce always dispensed discipline with love, and I will never forget my formative years growing up with all of her kids and the loving example she set for me. We will miss her quick wit, nuggets of wisdom and loving encouragement.

in HIS service,

Michael and Nilene Spencer 12/27/2025

Michael A. Spencer - December 27, 2025 at 06:04 AM

AR

“ Anita McQueen Ruff lit a candle in memory of Ms. Clarice Joyce Ruff



Anita McQueen Ruff - December 23, 2025 at 05:36 PM



To my twin, I will forever keep our talks in my mind and my heart. You gave me the carriage to say don't worry about what they think of me I going to always be me regardless. I love you and miss you even more

Da'Diva To You - December 23, 2025 at 05:41 PM

MW

“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love, and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Home West - December 15, 2025 at 03:55 PM



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