



Marlene E. Ruffin

April 30, 1937 - February 14, 2015

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1 Today we gather to celebrate the new life into which Marlene Evelyn Ruffin has entered: an eternal life in the presence of her God and Lord, her Creator. We rejoice in the wonderful life our God gave her and know that her spirit will always be with us.

A Time to Be Born...Ecclesiastes 3:2 Marlene Evelyn Johnson was born on April 30, 1937 in Baltimore, Maryland, to the late f Robert Powell Johnson and the late Bertha Virginia Myers Johnson. She was raised in Winchester, Va.

A Time to Be Saved...St. John 3:3 At an early age, Marlene joined St. Paul A.M.E.Church in Winchester, VA, where she sang in the Youth Choir. She remained a life-long member.

A Time to Be Trained ...Proverbs 22:6 Marlene was a 1955 graduate of Fredrick Douglass High School in Winchester, VA. She then graduated from the St. Philip School of Nursing in Richmond, VA, with an R.N. degree, and began a life-long career taking caring for others.

A Time to Love...Ecclesiastes 3:8 On January 15, 1961, Marlene married the love of her life, Christopher M. Ruffin, Jr., to whom she remained happily married until her passing. Over the course of their 54-year marriage, Chris and Marlene demonstrated the beauty, power, and strength of a strong, loving union. Their loving bond was evident throughout their marriage: on such joyous occasions as their 50th Anniversary cruise and their Vow Renewal Ceremony, during trying times such as Marlene's struggle with illness and

chemotherapy, and in ordinary, every-day life. The home that they made and the life that they built together brought warmth, joy, and laughter-always laughter-to everyone fortunate enough to be around them.

A Time to Labor...Genesis 3:19& St. Matthew 20:25-28 In 1959,after graduating from St.Philip, Marlene worked with the Visiting Nurse Association and at Provident Hospital, where all three of her sons were born. From 1967 until her retirement in 1995,she worked as an Occupational Health Nurse at the Social Security Administration, where she rose to the rank of Deputy Chief of Nursing.

Retirement merely enabled Marlene and Chris to begin the second chapter of their life together. Having spent the vast majority of her adult life in Baltimore, Marlene suddenly became a world traveler, visiting the four corners of the globe by land, sea, and air. Whether they were driving cross-country to California, cruising to Alaska, bouncing around Europe, or touring the South Pacific,Marlene and Chris took their show on the road, making new friends wherever they went.

A Time to Plant...Ecclesiastes 3:2 Marlene and Chris raised their three sons-- Rod, Chris, and Jay-with a mixture of love, discipline, and humor, nurturing their dreams, securing their educations, and guiding and supporting them into adulthood. Despite being the only woman in that dominantly-male household, and being a foot shorter than everyone-including the various family dogs-Marlene still "ruled the roost."

When their three grandchildren-Alaina, Alexandra, and Jayden- blessed Marlene's and Chris' lives, they were the first to visit "The Grands" in the hospital after their births. With a well-stocked refrigerator, toy box, sand box, and water pistols, Nana and Pop-Pop made their home a place where Lainie, Lexi,and felt as comfortable, safe, and loved as in their own homes - with lots fewer rules!

While Marlene maintained many strong, long-term bonds with family members and friends, she enjoyed meeting new people and fostering new friendships as well. The many people that she met throughout her illness - medical staff,

caregivers, hospital room-mates - became a part other extended family. Despite having so much other life in the role of caretaker, Marlene adjusted to the rigors other own care with dignity and grace, owing in large measure to the excellent care which her life partner provided to the very end.

A Time to Die; A Time of Peace...Ecclesiastes 3:2& 9:12 Marlene transitioned to her eternal life and home on Saturday, February 14,2015.She leaves behind to cherish her memory a host of family, extended family, and friends: her loving, devoted husband of54years, Christopher M. Ruffin, Jr.;her sons Rodney, Christopher III,and James; two daughters-in-law, Dawn Ruffin and Teresa Ruffin;her three grandchildren, Alaina Ruffin, Alexandra Ruffin, and [ayden Ruffin, three sisters- in-law, RebeccaJones, Carlotta Moore and Katherine Ruffin; two god-daughters, Treva Oxendine and Monica Eason; numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and grand-nieces and nephews; and many girlfriends.

A host of many other dear relatives and friends also mourn her passing and celebrate her wonderful life and home going. While we mourn our loss, we are grateful for the time that we had with our dear Marlene. Whoever she was to you--"Marlene", "Mom", "Nana", "Aunt Marlene", "Sister", "Ev", or "Pat", she left an indelible impression on our lives.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

2130 Woodlawn Drive
Baltimore, MD 21207

Previous Events

Public Viewing

FEB 20. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
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Wake

FEB 21. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

FEB 21. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Marlene E. Ruffin*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I am extremely sorry for your loss. I can not imagine the pain you have had to endure. May the God of comfort be with you now and in times to come. God's Word the bible promises the hope of seeing our dead loved ones again. That promise is at John 28,29 and also at Revelations 21: 3,4*

Shane Briscoe - February 26, 2015 at 09:40 AM



“ *May your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful time together as you celebrate a life well life.*

E. Huskey - February 20, 2015 at 07:17 PM



“ *Phillips/Chandler Knoxville, TN Families purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Marlene E. Ruffin.*



Phillips/Chandler Knoxville, TN Families - February 20, 2015 at 06:09 PM

LD

“ Jay, You and I worked together for many years, and I know that you had wonderful, loving parents. May the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort, be with you and your family during the loss of your precious mother.

Lorraine Dailey

Lorraine Dailey - February 20, 2015 at 03:31 PM

MP

“ We are so very sorry to learn of your loss. Marlene was a wonderful, sweet and kind woman. We know that God will continue to be with you during this time of grief.

Joe and (Mar)Tina Pack

Martina Pack - February 20, 2015 at 02:30 PM

LH

“ My deepest sympathies. Your were a second mother to me growing up. I know that you are in a better place, but you will truly be missed. Much Love from Lance, Kamala and Miles Hunter.

Lance Hunter - February 20, 2015 at 02:11 PM

SF

“ God truly has another angel in heaven!
We send our sincerest condolences and thoughtful prayers.

Much Love,

The Ford Family

Kitty, Terry, Walee, & Sonya

S Ford - February 20, 2015 at 09:37 AM

DB

“ Daryl B. Brown purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Marlene E. Ruffin.



Daryl B. Brown - February 19, 2015 at 04:38 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marlene E. Ruffin.



February 18, 2015 at 07:43 PM

DA

“ I'm so sorry for your loss . May the fond memories shared and resurrection hope Jesus spoke of in the Bible at John 5 : 28,29 be a source of comfort doing this most difficult time .

Delores Allen - February 18, 2015 at 04:46 AM

MF

“ Our condolences to The Ruffin Family. May you find comfort from Jehovah God's Word The Bible where He assures us at 1 Corinthians 15:26 that "death will be brought to nothing", Ou prayers are with your family.

MJ & Family - February 17, 2015 at 06:33 PM

MA

To the Ruffin family You may find comfort in (rev. 21:3,4 sorry about loss Hallie Honeyblue

Marcia - February 18, 2015 at 11:40 AM

GB

“ Georgia H. Brown lit a candle in memory of
Marlene E. Ruffin



Georgia H. Brown - February 16, 2015 at 01:33 PM

GB

“ Jay and family. I am so sorry for your loss. I know you will miss your
Mother but she has transitioned to a better place. Keeping you all in
my prayers brother.
Georgia

Georgia H. Brown - February 16, 2015 at 01:33 PM



“ 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 Homes - February 16, 2015 at 09:24 AM