



## Mary F. Ruffin

December 29, 1932 - June 28, 2020

Mary Frances Dozier Gorhman Ruffin, 87, passed away on June 28, 2020. She was born on December 29, 1932 to the late Nathaniel Hawthorne Dozier and Pearl Gorham Stith of Washington, North Carolina. Pearl Gorham later met and married Rev. Eddie T. Stith which adjoined the blending of siblings, Eddie T. Stith (Doretha), deceased, Anna Stith Smother (Rev. James Smothers), and Hattie Stith Adams (Robert), deceased. Mary Frances received her education from the Washington Colored High School and shortly after graduating met and married the late Kelly Lee Ruffin, Sr. on July 3, 1948

The union produced 10 biological children and adopted daughter: Linda P. (deceased), Bobby (deceased), Wayne (deceased), Darian (deceased), Marvin (Timolin), Cornelius (Jackie), Kelley (Diane), Donald (Alice), Ronald (Wanda), Linda (Santiago), and Frances (Larry). Mary Frances was employed at the Jewish Families Health Center until her retirement as a Home Health Nurse in Baltimore, Maryland but her true passion was owning "Francesca Finds", an antique vintage shop in Washington, North Carolina.

Mary Frances, lovingly known as "Nana" or "Mother" to many was a gift from God. She was a delight to many and a joy to all who come to know her for her zest, nurturing spirit, and her love of family. She accepted Christ later in life, becoming a member of Concord Baptist Church where she remained active until her death.

Mary Frances loved being with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She was blessed to have spent so many years spoiling her 15 grandchildren: Kuwania, Shericka, Marvin, Jr., Anthony (Little Neal), Daryl, Anthony, Ashley, Damon, Larrell, Jamyle, Sierra, Jasmine, Keldon, Javele, Trinette, Irving and Ronald, Jr. (deceased). She was equally blessed to have had the opportunity to spend precious moments with her 26 great grandchildren that she equally adored.

Mary Frances had a host of bonus relatives that she loved dearly including Bernard Graddy, (deceased) Iris Ruffin, and sister-in-law, Mildred Gardner. She also had the occasion to spend the last few years with a group of special friends from the Arlington Estate Co-op as well as her Concord Baptist Church Family.

# Previous Events

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JUL 6. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary F. Ruffin*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Christine Hines lit a candle in memory of Mary F. Ruffin*



**Christine Hines** - July 09, 2020 at 03:19 PM



“ *Aunt Mary Francis you're such a beautiful, caring and loving individual. I remember you always saying you want to hear me sing. And when I did you said, never stop singing and that my voice blessed you so. I wish I could be there today, because I would sing a song for you. Rest now.... no more pain, stresses or worries. I love you. Gertrude Gardner Minor*

**Trudy Minor** - July 07, 2020 at 11:33 AM



“ *God bless you each, in loving memory of your Precious and Strong Mom, Grandmom and more, and Blessed Woman of God in Jesus Christ! So grateful for the times of opportunity to share rides with her to special classes to grow more in the Lord and His Word, as she enjoyed, Praise The Lord indeed! Amen!!!*  
*David Smith*

**David Smith** - July 06, 2020 at 09:04 AM

EB

“ Ernest Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary F. Ruffin



Ernest Brown - July 04, 2020 at 11:15 PM

HR

“ Hinton Roberson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary F. Ruffin



Hinton Roberson - July 03, 2020 at 10:11 PM

HR

“ Hinton Roberson lit a candle in memory of Mary F. Ruffin



Hinton Roberson - July 03, 2020 at 10:10 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary F. Ruffin.



July 03, 2020 at 02:53 PM

MC

“ *Mattie Christopher lit a candle in memory of Mary F. Ruffin*



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**Mattie Christopher** - July 02, 2020 at 09:40 PM

TP

“ *Terry Peele lit a candle in memory of Mary F. Ruffin*



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**Terry Peele** - July 02, 2020 at 08:47 AM

DS

“ *Dale Peele Sneed lit a candle in memory of Mary F. Ruffin*



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**Dale Peele Sneed** - July 01, 2020 at 08:52 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.*

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**March Funeral Homes** - July 01, 2020 at 10:22 AM

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*We the family members of Mrs. Mary Frances Ruffin were appreciative of the outstanding service received during our mothers passing. Respectively submitted,  
The Ruffin Family*

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**Linda Morales** - July 07, 2020 at 06:50 PM