



## Ruby Glover

December 6, 1929 - October 20, 2007

RUBY INEZ JACKSON GLOVER: Affectionately known as “The Godmother of Jazz,” was born on December 6th, 1929. She was the eldest daughter of the late Inez Regina Edwards and the late William Jackson. She departed this life unexpectedly on October 20th, 2007. Ruby was raised in East Baltimore on Madison Street for most of her early life into her teens. Her musical years began with her mother “Miss Inez, the singing barmaid” who took her to work with her, sat her on the bar and let her sing to the patrons. She spent her early years listening and learning from local jazz musicians giving her the foundation of musical dedication and discipline she continued to impart to her students today. She attended Baltimore City Public Schools and graduated from Dunbar High School in 1947. She was married to her high school sweetheart James W. Glover, Jr. (1947-1959) which ended in divorce. Out of this union are three daughters, Carla, Ira, and Toni. In 1951, Ruby joined her first band (which was a big band), “Doug’s Blue Notes.” This was the beginning of an awesome legacy. Ruby was an innovator, activist, a philanthropist, and was blessed with the ability to sing, perform, and captivate audiences. She was an integral part of the musical family in Maryland and was world renown. In 1962, she married James H. Perkins, ending in divorce. Out of this union are two sons, Dana and Aaron. In 1972, she married Lonnie Penny and inherited two lovely step-daughters, Deneen and Allison, this union ended in divorce. Ruby made the decision to further her education and attended Antioch University (currently Sojourner Douglass College) and

graduated with a BA degree in Business Administration. From her rendition of Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz (at the age of eight) to her memorable performances at Baltimore's Hippodrome Theatre and Lyric Opera House, Ruby Glover was the consummate professional and performer no matter the venue or audience size. She performed with such notable jazz artists as: Ethel Ennis, Art Blakey, Sonny Stitt, Keter Betts, Doug Carne, Charles Covington, Cyrus Chestnut, Mickey Fields, Shirley Fields, Jimmy Wells, Claude Bailey, Freddie Thaxton, Jimmy McGriff, Hank Crawford, and Freddie Hubbard, just to name a few. She performed in numerous bands and ensembles, such as, Cornell Muldrow and the Bim-Bam-Boo Trio, The Fuzzy Kane Trio, The Ruby Glover Jazz Trio, and The Ladies of Jazz—featuring Brenda Alford, Karen Braithwaite-Yarn, Lady Rebecca and herself. She credited Billie Holiday, Sarah Vaughn, and Ella Fitzgerald as her primary musical influence. She has recorded on the Columbia Records and the Elysium2 Records labels. In addition to her experiences in the music field, Ruby Glover was a professor of Jazz History and Appreciation at Sojourner-Douglass College in Baltimore, Maryland, Vocal instructor and professor of Jazz Studies at Towson State University in Towson, Maryland, and mentor to many up and coming jazz performers: Dontae Winslow, Lafayette Gilchrist, Michael Austin, Pearlle Homicile, Sarah Jones, Lorretta Reddy, Brenda Alford, Lady Rebecca, Lea Gilmore, Sheila Ford, Sandi Clay, plus hundreds of others. She was instrumental in establishing the Mayor's Billie Holiday Vocal Competition designed to memorialize the unique singing style of Billie Holiday and to identify, encourage and support emerging new talent seeking a career in music through funding, exposure, and recognition. Ruby Glover is featured in the Smithsonian Museum Jazz exhibit, the Reginald Lewis African American Museum, and the African American Fundamentals of Jazz History. She is founder of Jazz Sweets, Inc., an organization dedicated to assisting the growth of local musical talent, As well as share the history of jazz. She contributed to a host of jazz-based projects. Her professional engagements included travels to England, and Kingston Jamaica. Ruby Glover is survived

by a sister, Peggy Cevis (Darlington, Md.), daughters: Carla Logan, Ira Glover, and Toni Glover, step-daughters: Pastor Deneen Penny and Allison Penny, sons: Dana Perkins, and Aaron Perkins, grandchildren: Edward Canty, Jr., Melissa Logan, Jeaneen Logan, Ariel Perkins-Fenwick, Zachary Perkins, Bryan Jones, Andrew Perkins, Dalyn Perkins, Jalisa Perkins and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family members and devoted friends.

# Tribute Wall



“ *i imagine you are still one of the little birds on my shoulder. RIP God Mother*

Nia Redmond - February 22 at 02:01 AM



“ *Ruby Glover*

March 25, 2023 at 10:25 AM



“ *Ruby Glover*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Hello ! Glover's ! May I send my condolences to you all, family & friends. When we loss a dear love one it breaks the circle of life for all. Ms. Glover was 78 years old, the bible has something to say about long age, Ps.90:10, " Some person will live to be 70 years old and others because of speical mightiness 80 years. Imagine what life will be like when we will not die any more," HAPPINESS "every where we go.It has almost been 4 months since Ms. Ruby wonderfull smile of music has been heard. Our heavenly father knows how you all are feeling and care as 1 Peter 5:7 say.I am looking forward to the resurrection of the dead in the near furure. May all the precious and cherished memories of Ms. Ruby support you all in life journey ahead.##imported-begin##Lillian Crosby##imported-end##*

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“ Dearest Toni, Dana, Aaron & family members: As mothers, we loved, prayed and cried as we tried to do the best that we could to raise you all. This journey lead us to lasting friendship. God first blessed with us with each other, now He has provided us all with the continuing angel that we all need. Though Ruby is no longer with us physically, be assured that you, as we, are all loved and looked upon by one of the most heavenly angles that He created. We love you. Much love and God's blessings in during your healing process. Call if you need us. Mamma J(Aunt Jeri) and family##imported-begin##Jeri Manning, Derrick, Traci & Je'Nor##imported-end##

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“ I was blessed to meet Ms. Ruby at Sojourner-Douglass College, and I thank God for the privilege. She was not only an instructor, she was a great encourager to everyone she taught. She blessed my life during my time at the school. My prayers are with the family during their time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Mary M. Thomas##imported-end##

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“ Ms. Ruby I will forever remember the lessons you taught me and the wonderful world of Jazz you exposed me to. I can rest easy knowing that the Lord finally has an angel to sing his praises.##imported-begin##Jovan A. Crocker##imported-end##

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“ Ruby was an awesome person and professor. I really admired her. I learned a lot from her. My prayers are with you and may GOD Bless. May you have many memories of Ruby.##imported-begin##Jackie Blair##imported-end##

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“ God bless you and your family. Just remember all the love she has shown to all of us that love her. I would never forget the love she show me as one of her students.##imported-begin##Henrietta Jupiter & Family##imported-end##

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“ May fond memories of your love one help relieve the pain of your loss.##imported-begin##Patricia Rodman##imported-end##

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“ God's Many Blessings to the Glover Family. I love you all. Peanut##imported-begin##Yolanda Parker##imported-end##

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“ I met Ms/Mrs Glover when I worked at the Classique Night Club, and had the honor and pleasure to hear her sing. The beauty of her spirit will always be with me. I feel blessed to have been in her presence on more than one occasion. I don't think I will ever meet anyone such as her, again in my life time. Love, blessing and prayers to her family. She will be missed by many who love and respect great jazz artist and in the local jazz community. May GOD send forth HIS angels to help and comfort you at this time. (Ric' from South Carolina)###imported-begin###Rigshannah Griffin###imported-end###

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“ Toni, My deepest condolences go out to you and your family. I only got to meet your mom on a few occassions but those meeting were a wonderful experience. We all hope to have the zest for life that Miss Ruby did. I'm sure she will be truly missed by all who crossed her path. I know she is in Gods hands another angel to add to his Heavenly choir. May God bless and keep you all. Robin Rhodes Siani Hospital###imported-begin###Robin Rhodes###imported-end###

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“ I can only offer my prayers to the family. A mothers love is eternal. She will always be with you. God has called his songbird home. Del. Hattie Harrison shares in your lost. She will be missed.###imported-begin###Skip Harrison###imported-end###

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“ TO IRA GLOVER AND FAMILY MY PRAYERS AND BLESINGS ARE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY DURING THIS TIME OF BEREAVEMENT. GOD BLESS YOU ALWAYS.##imported-begin##HOPE NICHOLS##imported-end##

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“ Iris and family, We just want you to let you know that our hearts and prays are with you, for the loss of your Mother. But always remember God never forsakes us in our time of need. May God be with you. Lainey & The Sims Family##imported-begin##Elaine Pierre##imported-end##

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“ To the family of Mrs Glover, i offer my sincere sympathy. She was truly a talented lady that we all loved, and I hope that you all receive the comfort that you need from our loving heavenly father. One day, the bible promises, there will be no more sickness or death, becasue 1st Cor 15:26 reminds us that this enemy death will be brought to nothing." One day if we are obedient children of God, we will be reunited with our loved ones in the ressurection. The Apostle Paul put much faith in this promises so he could write; "And I have hope towards God that there is going to be a ressurection. In harmony Daniel 12,2 promises: "There will be many of those asleep in the ground of dust who will wake up." What a wonderful blessing the ressurection will proove to be, and I hope this promise brings comfort to your hearts, and help you to cope with the passing of Mrs Glover.##imported-begin##R Johnson##imported-end##

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“ We were in Dunbar High School together and I remember her singing with its JAZZ BAND at that time. I enjoyed both the tribute given her as well as the "Going Home Services". She is now singing with GOD's Heavenly Angels. Peace and Love Grace Y. Jones##imported-begin##Grace Y. Jones##imported-end##

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“ I wish to extend my deepest sympathy to the family of Ms. Ruby Glover. She was truly a beautiful woman inside and outside! She made Jazz Appreciation at SDC a wonderful experience. Her beautiful smile will truly be missed. Peace & Blessings, Barbara Dixon SDC Class of 2003##imported-begin##Barbara Dixon##imported-end##

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“ Please accept my condolences for the loss of Ms. Glover. My husband, Joe and I have received much comfort from the Bible through the deaths of our loved ones. (Romans 15:4) I hope to share some of this comfort with you. Even though our first parents Adam and Eve left us the sad legacy of sin and death (Romans 5:12), there is the wonderful hope of our dead loved ones returning to life in paradise with no more death, sickness, sorrow or pain. (Revelation 21:3-5; 2 Peter 3:13; Psalm 37:29) We remember with affection such gifted and talented ones as Ms. Glover. More importantly is her generosity in enriching the lives of others. Such ones are precious in Almighty God's eyes. Acts 24:15 declares: "There is going to be a resurrection." May you receive much comfort and strength from this wonderful hope of the Bible.##imported-begin##Sharon Hill##imported-end##

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“ to the family of ms ruby glover she was a sweet person you cannot put in words of how she really was she help me get were i am to day at johns hopkins hospital 37 years strong i will always have her close to me god has a jazz singer with her wings a true angel###imported-begin##shirley gladden###imported-end##

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“ My emotions are truly mixed. On the one hand I am saddened of the suddenness of Ruby's passing yet I rejoice because up to the final minutes of her life she was doing what she loved to do, perform. On the other hand I am celebrating her life and legacy that so many have been and will continue to be touched by. In Ruby was the true spirit of the trail blazer. She set out to be just that, a trail blazer and since she achieved her goal there is nothing to really be sad about nor is there anything to regret with respect to her passing. To my family, Clara, Ira Toni, Dana, and Aaron, who I love very much, death is no strange to us and from the very first member of this family to pass on, that I can remember, my granddaddy and Ruby's uncle, Howard Edwards, to the present our family has survived. And this too shall pass. With all my love, I remain, humble. Your Cousin, Gregory L. Fields Stockton, California###imported-begin##Gregory L Fields###imported-end##

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“ We want to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy to my extended family and friends of the late Ruby Glover. Please remember, this world is not our home, we're just passing by. Her seat will be empty here on earth with us, but in heaven her seat has been filled. Let us continue to keep her spirit and love for life and music deep in our hearts and minds. She is away from her earthly body but not in spirit. May God continue to bless and keep you during this difficult time. Mrs. Glover is a long time friend of my mother, my son and I. I am a former student at Sojourner Douglass. The friendship and times we spent together shopping and dining out will be sorely missed. Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal. Be Blessed in the Lord.##imported-begin##Min. Vernetta A. Owens##imported-end##

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