



Ruth V. Brooks- Savage

February 27, 1921 - February 14, 2014

RUTH VIRGINIA BROOKS SAVAGE

Ruth Virginia Brooks Savage was born February 27, 1921, in Richmond, Virginia to the late James Howard Jr. and Elizabeth Leftridge Brooks. She was predeceased by her younger sister Ethel Brooks Jones.

Ruth 's younger years were spent living between New York City and Richmond, Virginia. Ruth was nurtured by her Richmond Grandparents , Virginia and Howard “DaddyB” Brooks and by her New York Grandmother, Ivy Leftridge. Ruth was graduated from the Julia Richmond High School in New York City. Her High School Year Book described Ruth as “charming, gentle and sweet.”

After graduation, Ruth began her college education at Hunter College in New York . Ruth received her bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Virginia State college in Petersburg, Virginia.

In 1943, Ruth married John Alfred Savage, Jr of Richmond , Virginia . To their union, three children were born: Joanne Elizabeth, and Kaye Estelle , and John “Jay” Alfred.III. She was preceded in death by her husband (1980) and her son (1999).

Ruth began her 25 years of teaching career at Benjamin Graves Middle School in Richmond, Virginia. She taught English and Business Education. Many of her students fondly remember learning how to diagram sentences, maintain ledgers, balance checkbooks.

After her retirement from teaching, Ruth managed the family business, coordinated volunteered services for NBC news network, was "First" assistant to the Boone Family's operation of their newspaper, The Richmond Free Press, and served as secretary to the Brookbury Community. Ruth was 85 years old when she finally fully retired..

"Mudder", as she was affectionately named by her grandchildren, had an extraordinary love of family and friends. She infused in her children and grandchildren discipline, a love for learning, and passion for reading.

Ruth and her best friend of 70 plus years, Catherine F. Gaines of Washington, DC, were avid travelers and adventurers. Together they explored forty states including Alaska and Hawaii, as well as countries on five continents. They white water rafted in Alaska, and at the age of 83, Ruth went hot air ballooning over Ottawa, Canada. Her favorite places in the world were at the beach or the porch of her home in Brookbury.

Ruth was a member of the First Baptist Church of Richmond, Virginia for over 50 years.

"Mudder" had an extraordinary love of family and friends. She immensely enjoyed her grandchildren: Shelli Miller, Jason Varnadore (Robin), Brooke Smith, Jennifer and Brian Jiggetts; her grandchildren Jonathon and Sierra Miller, Bray Winfree, Phoenix Varnadore, Tamara, Tiffany, Jazzmin, Tamiya, and Ryan. Later, Ruth became "Mudder" to Nicole and Boris Koodjoe, Reggi

Parker, Kenyatta Bragg, and "Putter Mudder" to Sophie, Nicolas and Parker. Ruth is remembered with love by her daughters, Joanne Parker of Baltimore, MD and Kaye Savage of Washington, DC; devoted sons-in-law, Larry C. Jiggetts and Donald G. Parker; daughter-in-law, Gloria Savage of Richmond, VA; nieces and nephews, cousins; lifetime friend, Catherine Gaines; and Regina Bruce, among Ruth's many other friends.

Previous Events

Wake

FEB **22**. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth V. Brooks- Savage*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Joanne, I will always remember Ms. Ruth's graciousness and sweet demeanor. My prayers are with you and your family. May God continue to bless, keep and comfort you.*



Love,

Henri Banks

Henri Banks - February 22, 2014 at 06:24 AM



“ *Joanne, I am very sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Jo Ann*

JoAnn Jones - February 21, 2014 at 02:12 PM



*Dear JoAnn,
You have our deepest sympathy on the passing of your mother. We know how much she will be missed by all those that loved her. May the many wonderful memories that you shared be a source of comfort and strength during these difficult days. You and your family are in our prayers.*

*Love,
Russell, Ernestine, Tina & Aaron(Christie)Jolivet*

Ernestine Jones Jolivet - February 21, 2014 at 05:33 PM

OD

“ *My heartfelt condolences to you in your loss, especially at this time.
Sincerely, Osborne B. Dixon, Jr.*

osborne dixon - February 21, 2014 at 11:54 AM

JU

“ *Judith, Amanda, Jeffrey, Joel, Joseph, Sydney, all of us purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Ruth V. Brooks- Savage.*



Judith, Amanda, Jeffrey, Joel, Joseph, Sydney, all of us -
February 20, 2014 at 11:45 AM

LF

“ *Our family would like to express condolences to your family. May you find comfort from Jehovah God's Word The Bible. He assures us at 1 Corinthians 15:26 that "the last enemy death will be brought to nothing". Our prayers are with your family.*

linn & family - February 19, 2014 at 03:28 PM

JA

“ *To the family,
I am deeply sorry for the loss of your dear loved one. Death can be hard to cope with but fortunately we can draw comfort from the scriptures. One particular scripture is found at Isaiah 25:8 which says in part, "He (God) will swallow up death forever". One day soon, God will not only get rid of death, but He will also resurrect our dead loved ones. May this promise bring you comfort and peace during this time of need (2 Corinthians 1:3,4).*

Jasmine - February 19, 2014 at 10:45 AM



“ 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 19, 2014 at 09:59 AM