



Ruth Elizabeth Wood Alston

August 29, 1914 - November 6, 2008

Sister Ruth Wood Alston was born in Louisa County on August 29, 1914. She was the eldest of three children born to the late Maggie Allen Royster and Robert Royster, Sr. At an early age, she accepted Christ into her life. Ruth married John Wood who preceded her in death and from their union one son, David Lee Wood was born. Later she married Richard A. Alston and from their union, seven children were born. In 1962, she moved to Washington, DC, where she worked several jobs before taking a position with the United States Capital House of Representatives where she retired in 1982. She enjoyed singing in her early years and was a great cook, especially known for her homemade rolls. She loved children and after retirement, she babysat and provided day care. She also enjoyed many friends with whom she traveled with and played bingo. Sister Teresa Floyd was one of her devoted friends. Ruth moved back to Richmond in 1995 and joined Holy Rosary Catholic Church. Preceding her in death was her husband, Richard Alston; daughter, Rose Marie Hall; brother, Robert Royster; sister, Louise Royster Wright; sons, David Lee Wood, Raymond Alston and grandson; Levi Hill. Ruth died peacefully at home on November 6, 2008. Her daughter Joyce Alston, son Gerard Alston, granddaughter, Valerie Hall and devoted caregiver Esther Bailey were at her side. Ruth leaves to cherish her loving memories to three daughters, Ruth Cokes Giles (Thornton), Joyce Alston of Largo, Maryland, Theresa Alston of Washington, DC; two sons, Richard Alston of Riverdale, Maryland and Gerard Alston (Bertha) of Largo, Maryland; two

nieces, DeLise Royster of Onley, Maryland and Madeline Royster of Richmond, Va.; two nephews, Gregory Royster of Berwyn, Maryland and Howard Royster of Richmond, Va., 25 grandchildren, 35 great grandchildren, 6 great-great grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Elizabeth Wood Alston*

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“ *I am so sorry that you lost your dear one in death. May you be comforted by the hope of the resurrection. Notice God's promise concerning this found in the bible at Isaiah 26:19. It says, "Your dead ones will live. A corpse of mine-they will rise up. "Awake and cry out joyfully, you residents in the dust." So one day our dead loved ones will come to life again, because they will hear the voice of Jesus calling them out of the memorial tombs. John 5:28,29. May the hope of the resurrection be a comfort to you in the days ahead.##imported-begin##R Johnson##imported-end##*

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“ *Please accept my condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. Acts 24:15 lovingly declares "there is going to be a resurrection". Also, 1 Corinthians 15:26 lovingly reveals that our enemy death will be destroyed. May you receive much comfort and strength from family, friends and the wonderful hope found in the Bible.##imported-begin##Sharon Hill##imported-end##*

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“ To the family of Ms. Alston, Please accept my sincere sympathy. It truly is unfortunate that we must experience the sorrow associated with the loss of one we love. May you find comfort and strength from the "God of all comfort" (2 Corinthians 1:3,4) who promises at Isaiah 66:13, "Like a man whom his own mother keeps comforting, so I myself shall keep comforting you people."##imported-begin##Gwen Winston##imported-end##

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