



Ruth Eugenia Howell

August 23, 1926 - May 19, 2025

Ruth Eugenia Wilkes Howell - "God made a wonderful Mother, a mother who never grows old. He made her smile of the sunshine and molded her heart of pure gold. In her eyes, he placed bright shining stars in her. In her cheeks, fair roses you see. God made a wonderful Mother and He gave her to me."

--Pat O'Reilly

Ruth Eugenia Wilkes Howell, lovingly known to her friends and family as "Ruthie", left this world a beloved Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, Sister, and Aunt at the age of 98. She was the daughter of Mable Herbert Wilkes and Roger S. Wilkes and was the 5th of 8 children. Ruth was born on August 23, 1926, in Catonsville, Maryland and peacefully transitioned into eternal life on May 19, 2025. Six of her siblings preceded her in death. They were Emma Wilkes, Anna Woodland, Charles Wilkes, Edgar Wilkes, Merton Wilkes, and Cornelia Wilkes, as well as her husband, James E. Howell. Roger S. Wilkes is her only surviving sibling.

Ruth received her early education in Catonsville Public Schools. The Wilkes family moved to Baltimore City where she continued her education. Ruth attended and graduated from Frederick Douglas High School in 1943 and also business school after high school. She worked for many years at the Social Security Administration in a supervisory role at a job she really loved.

Ruth was a selfless person who truly loved all of her family with all her heart and soul. She was an avid reader and saw the world through books. Earlier in her life, Ruth was an aspiring writer. She had a sharp eye and appreciation for art, a family tradition, and a deep love for motion pictures, which she passed on to her children. Because of the deep love she had for her family, she sacrificed for their well-being. Ruth had a great appreciation of Baltimore and its history. She was an accomplished seamstress and loved to knit.

Ruth was a very giving person and we all cherish the memories we have of her.

She leaves to mourn her only living sibling, Roger S. Wilkes, Jr.; three children, sons-Harold L. Curry, Jr. (Winnie) of San Antonio, Texas; James E. Howell, Jr. (Brenda of Dallas, Texas; and her loving and devoted daughter and caretaker, Patrice Jackson (Bernard Jackson, Sr. Deceased) of Baltimore, MD; seven grandchildren, Bernard Jackson, Jr., Melissa Jackson, Nicholas C.B. Curry, Elliott G. Howell (Jessica), Max Z. Curry, Lacey D. Howell, and Victor A. Howell; and two great-grandchildren, Jamison G. Howell and Elise N. Howell. Ruth has an extended family of nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

2130 Woodlawn Drive
Baltimore, MD 21207

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAY 30. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - East
1101 E. North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202

Wake

MAY 31. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

MAY 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Bishop Dr. Eric Tate Martin, D.Min purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Ruth Eugenia Howell.



Bishop Dr. Eric Tate Martin, D.Min - May 29, 2025 at 10:14 AM

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“ Bishop Dr. Eric Tate Martin, D.Min planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruth Eugenia Howell.

Bishop Dr. Eric Tate Martin, D.Min - May 29, 2025 at 10:14 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Ruth Eugenia Howell.



May 28, 2025 at 12:06 PM

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“ *The Family* purchased the *Joyful Memory* for the family of Ruth Eugenia Howell.



The Family - May 26, 2025 at 06:27 PM

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“ *The Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruth Eugenia Howell.*

The Family - May 26, 2025 at 06:27 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 - May 21, 2025 at 02:22 PM