



Ruth Pearl Edmonds

April 26, 1935 - May 4, 2005

Ruth Pearl Edmonds was born Rubie Pearl Shank on April 26, 1935 in Thompson, GA. She was the eldest of eight children born to the late Lannie and Lillian Shank. Elizabeth Daughtery preceded her in death. Ruth received a rural education in Thompson, GA. She loved God and accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior and Lord at an early age. She was baptized and became a member of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Thompson, GA. The Shank family relocated to Social Circle, GA, where she gave birth to her son, Robert Shanks, whom she loved unconditionally. Ruth remained in Georgia when the Shank family migrated north. In 1954, Ruth moved to Baltimore, MD to reunite with her family. Ruth became a devoted member at First Mount Olive Freewill Baptist Church located at that time on Bond Street. Ruth served God there for thirty years. Ruth was active in various ministries including the Usher Board, Senior Choir, Hospitality Committee, Nurses Aid, and the Jolly-Maker Club. On September 23, 1973, Ruth married the late Jessie Edmonds, Jr. and officially changed her name to Ruth. She and Jessie raised Dwayne Daughtery as their second son. Ruth was a stylish dresser who always kept her hair beautifully groomed and she could also wear some hats! Those who knew her will remember her smile and her willingness to give a helping hand to anyone in need. Ruth was the neighborhood watch person; she knew everyone that walked through the block. She could tell you when you left and if you were wearing different clothes when you returned. Children were her joy and she loved them unconditionally. Anytime she saw one of them, she would say,

“Come here baby. Are they treating mama’s baby right? All the neighborhood kids knew Miss Ruth and her switch. If they acted ugly, all she had to say was, “Alright now, where is my switch?” You should have seen their little heads snap around with a new attitude. Ruth would open up her heart and her home to infants and would care for that child up to sixteen years old, taking them everywhere, especially church. The last flower that she raised was Master Bradley Hall. Could she cook? She got it from her Mama! Anything that walked, flew or swam, she could put in a pot and leave you licking your fingers. As for pies and cakes, she would make four or five at a time. She rejoiced to feed you and see you enjoy what she prepared. Through her devoted service to the church, she was blessed to wear a crown: The First Mother of The Church of Jesus of Nazareth Freewill Baptist Church (Bishop Marilyn E. Bostic, Pastor and Founder), she was actively involved in the church’s development. During this period she spoke at various gatherings at her church and throughout the city. Ruth will always be remembered for her love of God, her church family and her block. She departed this life on May 2005 at 11:09 p.m. She leaves to cherish her memory: son, Robert Shanks; the son she raised, Dwayne Daughtry; mother, Lillian Shanks; three sisters, Juanita Littlejohn of Philadelphia, PA; Claudy May Lott of Brooklyn, NT, Christine Shank of Baltimore, MD; daughter-in-law, Adrienne Shanks; two granddaughters, Robin and Renee Shanks; one great-grandson, Ronald Mills Jr.; two godsons, Gerry McCall, Jerry Edmonds; one main goddaughter, Cherly Hankins; and a host of other goddaughters, too many to name; five sisters-in-law, Irene James-Jackson of NC, Lula Edmonds, Barbara Shank, Teresa Shanks, Carmelita Shanks of Baltimore, MD; a special God-sent friend, Deacon John Williams; and her heart, Bradley Hall; a host of nieces, nephews, cousin and friends.

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“ *Ruth Pearl Edmonds*

March 25, 2023 at 10:25 AM



“ *Ruth Pearl Edmonds*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy during your time of sorrow but knows that the God of comfort is with you all during this time of tribulation. (2Corinthian 1:3-4) Due to the many unforeseen occurrences that brings tragedy to our lives Jehovah God promises one day soon Death will be no more (Rev 21:3-4) and his son have been given the authority to bring all those in the memorial tombs back to life. John 5:28-29 What a wonderful prospect for our future.##imported-begin##Carter##imported-end##*

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“ *Please accept my condolences for your loss. Mrs. Edmonds seems to have been a very remarkable woman. I am sure that she was greatly love by her family and all who knew her. I know that she is sorely missed. Death is the enemy that we never get used to. But the Bible gives us hope for a resurrection at John 5:28-29 where Jesus promises that, "the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out". This scripture has brought comfort to many. I hope that this will comfort you as well##imported-begin##Senita Swann##imported-end##*

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“ Please accept my condolences for your loss. 1 Corinthians 15:26 informs us - "...death is to be brought to nothing." ("to be destroyed" footnote) The prospect of no more death, which takes our loved ones from us is a beautiful hope. But, what about our loved ones that have already died? Acts 24:15 says ... "there is going to be a resurrection". May you receive much comfort and hope from these divinely inspired promises.##imported-begin##Sharon Hill##imported-end##

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“ Hello Family & Friends , I am so sorry to hear of your loss and I am offering my condolences. The scriptures can be of great comfort to us all. I am reminded of the scripture at John 5:28,29 where Jesus says "Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out." It is my hope that you will be comforted by this scripture.##imported-begin##Sophia Briscoe##imported-end##

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“ Dear Aunt Ruth Pearl You will be greatly miss, but I know you are feeling better. Love Darric Jr. and India##imported-begin##Darric Jr & India##imported-end##

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“ The Agape Free Will Baptist Church family extends our deepest sympathy to the Edmonds family. May our Lord continue to keep and bless you. Pastor, Agape Free Will Baptist Church##imported-begin##Elder Thomas G. Savage, Sr.##imported-end##

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“ God Bless and keep you in his care. Thank you for sharing your mother with us. She will truly be missed.##imported-begin##mary hall & family##imported-end##

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“ Im the minister of music at Jesus Of Nazerath (Bishop Bostic's church). I want to send my love to the family in this special time. Eventhough our dear mother is going on i want you to know that to be absent from the body is to be present with the lord. So if there is anything I can do please let me know.##imported-begin##Bro. Brent Brown##imported-end##

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“ My prayer and blessings are with you and your family during your time of need. If there is anything that my family can do for you please call on us at 410-342-0380##imported-begin##Theresa Hall##imported-end##

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“ I send my condolences to the family. The Bible also offers a hope at Revelation 21:3,4. It describes a time where there will be no more death or sickness here on this earth! May you be comforted by this hope and by the God of tender mercies, Jehovah God.##imported-begin##Kendra A.##imported-end##

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“ *May God bless this family and our prayers are with you*##imported-begin##*Arthur Williams*##imported-end##

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