



Ruth Trapp

July 16, 1927 - February 8, 2020

Ruth Brown Trapp, daughter of the late James Brown and Annie M. Brown was born July 16, 1927 in Pheba, Mississippi.

After completing high school, she relocated to Baltimore, Maryland where she attended a beauty college but decided this was not her passion. She then acquired a job with Bugle Laundry where she worked for over 35 years.

Ruth was the mother of three children, Marvin Cunningham, Sr., Percy Cunningham, Sr. and Edna Brown. In 1964 she married Joseph Trapp, this union lasted until his death in March 1999.

Ruth had a strong work ethic, she was a union steward on her job, loved to cook and she kept her house in pristine shape. During the holidays, she prepared food for family and neighbors. It was nothing to see 11 homemade sweet potato pies, coconut, egg custard, lemon meringue and cakes all baked from scratch and memory. She would have family members deliver them to neighbors, we will all miss those sweet potato pies!

A true homebody, who enjoyed talking on the telephone, she refused to step into the 21st century and upgrade to call waiting. Ruth's famous reply was "I can only talk to one person at a time". After retirement one of her favorite past times was frequenting the casino.

She had a keen sense of humor and was the queen of a clap back. Ruth made numerous friends wherever she went and will be sincerely missed by everyone who knew her.

What a blessing to Marvin and Edna to have their mother for 4 scores & 12 years = 92. Ruth saw many changes in her lifetime, she lived to see the first black president. What a joy that was for her to witness! Ruth was staunchly independent until early 2019, she was an early riser, even after retirement. Waking up every day at 5:00 A.M. to cook, clean or just watch television.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Trapp; son, Percy Cunningham, Sr.; and grandson, Antonio Averetti.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her son, Marvin Cunningham, Sr. (Betty), her daughter, Edna Brown and daughter-in-law, Janice Cunningham; seven grandsons, James Curtis, Willis "Junie" Parker, Kevin Evans (Ronnie), Duane Geiger, Percy Cunningham Jr., Tobias Cunningham and Marvin Cunningham Jr.; seven granddaughters, Gayle Harris (Courtney), Adn Spencer-Dodd (Dwight), Iranee Barnes, Jackie Averetti, Francine Henderson, Frenshay Cunningham and Tamia Cunningham; twenty-five great grandchildren, eighteen great-great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A very special thank you to her daughter-in-law, Janice Cunningham and Lillie Johnson for all of the love and care that they provided during her convalescence.

Cemetery Details

Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD

Previous Events

viewing

FEB 18. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
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Family Hour

FEB 18. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

FEB 19. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

FEB 19. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Trapp*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Was saddened by the passing of Aunt Ruth. She was the last surviving sibling, my Mother's sister. Rest in heaven, Auntie! O Washington*

Kathy Washington Murrell - February 20, 2020 at 10:24 PM



“ *Ms.Ruth will be deeply missed.Ms.Ruth was known for making the best sweet potato pies. Ms.Ruth was kind and gentle. She loved her children and grandchildren. I love you Ms.Ruth. Sending condolences to the family.*

Van Darden - February 19, 2020 at 09:12 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Ruth Trapp.*



February 17, 2020 at 09:35 PM

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“ *Ora L Taylor lit a candle in memory of Ruth Trapp*



Ora L Taylor - February 11, 2020 at 06:04 PM

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“ *To the Family of Ruth Trapp (Grandma) you'll have my deepest sympathy.*

*With Love
Roseate Maddox
1305 N Ellwood*

Roseate Maddox - February 10, 2020 at 01:41 PM

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My aunt Ruth was my favorite aunt. She loved to talk I enjoyed listening to her tell stories about her life with uncle Joe it was such a joy a true love story. My prayers are with you keep your head up and enjoy all your good memories she will always be with you as with me too.Helen from S.C.

Helen Shropshire - February 11, 2020 at 04:18 PM

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Aunt Ruth was a lady whom I came to love and respect . I have memories of her love shown toward me when she welcome me into her home while attending a design workshop held in Baltimore. She made sure I was warm, well fed and safe . I love her so much and will never forget my little angel . A lady of wisdom she will definitely be missed much love to the family at this time

Alfreda Pearson - February 16, 2020 at 10:56 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 - February 10, 2020 at 09:59 AM