



Juanita Ratliff

February 15, 1926 - January 28, 2023

JUANITA RATLIFF

FEBRUARY 15, 1926 – JANUARY 23, 2023

Mother Juanita (Myers) Ratliff was born February 15, 1926 to the late Ceola and Mae Myers in Chesterfield, South Carolina. She departed this life in her home on January 28, 2023.

At a young age Juanita joined Sweet Home Church of Chesterfield, South Carolina and dedicated her life following the Word of God. On August 19, 1944, she united in marriage with the late Deacon James Thomas Ratliff. From this union they raised 12 children; 10 girls and 2 boys. In 1954, the family relocated to New Haven, Connecticut. A faithful and virtuous woman, Juanita became a member of Faith Missionary Baptist Church of West Haven, Inc. in 1954, where she served as a Deaconess and Sunday School member. She devoted many of her talents to many church auxiliaries, which include the Senior Choir, Voices of Faith, Mother Board, Flower Club, and Missionary Society. She also faithfully attended weekly prayer meetings and bible study. On any given day or moment, Juanita could be found humming any one of her favorite hymns. Juanita's devotion and diligence to serving the church did not falter until her health began to decline. However, her dedication lives in the legacy she created for her descendants. Her loyalty as a daughter, sister, wife, mother, and grandmother is reflected in the love her family shares.

Juanita was employed by Rubber Craft and Bradley Coats in West Haven,

Connecticut and worked at Echlin Manufacturing Company in Branford, Connecticut until she retired in 1989. She believed children should know the Lord and raised her children and grandchildren to follow in her footsteps. This Matriarch of the Ratliff Family has raised Ministers, Deacons, Trustees, and a host of musically talented vocalists and instrumentalists. She taught her children and countless others what it meant to learn and apply the Word of God to their daily lives and made sure they were involved in all church activities. Juanita loved the Lord and wanted her children to have their own personal relationships with God. In her spare time, she enjoyed reading the bible, singing hymns, caring for her grand and great-grandchildren and keeping her house tidy. She was known for her southern cooking which her family enjoyed tremendously.

Juanita leaves to cherish her memory her sister: Cora Williams, daughters: Reverend Margaret Glover, Elder Mae Jordan, Deacon Nina Williams, Cheryl Thompson (Tony), Denise LaBoone, Vera Ratliff, Geraldine Sonia (Jerome), Patricia McCall (David) and Sylvia Hagans, and sons: James Ratliff and Jesse Ratliff (Yolanda). She also leaves twenty-four devoted and loyal grandchildren: Roosevelt Downing (Woodrina), Kevin Downing, Gregory Downing, Michael Downing, Joseph Downing, Tracy Aklin (Matthew), David Glover, Keith Jordan (Nancy), Gary Jordan (Tima), Eric Jordan, Rashida Nyob, Antwan Dolphin (Danny), Charlie Keen, Andrea Keen-Daniels (Lloyd), Kenneth Reddick, Minister Tynema Highsmith (Eric), David Pringle (Stacy), Latrese Pringle, Lamar Weaver, Tyrese Weaver, Jawan Hagans, Jordan Ratliff, Devante Ratliff and Jaden Ratliff; thirty-seven great-grandchildren and ten great-great-grandchildren. She also leaves a host of nieces, nephews and extended family members and friends. She was predeceased by her loving husband of 47 years: James Ratliff, daughter: Margie Downing; brothers: Joe Myers and J.B. Myers, sister: Claudia Pue; grandson: James Ratliff; and great-grandsons: Danny Dolphin III and Marquis Knight.

There were many passages of the Bible that Juanita knew and loved, but her favorite scriptures were 1 Psalms, 23 Psalms, and Matthew 6:9-13. While she

gave those who knew her many words of wisdom, she is remembered for singing her favorite songs “Look Where He Brought Me From” and “I Found the Lord One Day”.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

769 Ella T Grasso Blvd
New Haven, CT 06519
(203) 624-5505

Previous Events

Calling Hours

FEB 4. 8:00 AM (ET)

Faith Baptist Church
39 Emma St.
West Haven, CT

Funeral Service

FEB 4. 9:00 AM (ET)

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39 Emma St.
West Haven, CT

Tribute Wall



“ *Juanita Ratliff*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *James Clayton lit a candle in memory of Juanita Ratliff*



James Clayton - September 13, 2023 at 02:59 PM



“ *Condolences to the family and friends.*



Marion Edwards - February 24, 2023 at 10:58 AM



“ *Davene Clark lit a candle in memory of Juanita Ratliff*



Davene Clark - February 18, 2023 at 10:13 AM

MC

“ *I have fond memories with the Ratliff family .Mrs. Ratliff was a kind person and very gracious.*



Margaret Lowery Cuthbertson - February 06, 2023 at 10:30 AM

OS

“ *Praying for you in the passing of your dear loved one.*



Overseer Thurston Little Jr - Ruby SC - February 04, 2023 at 09:21 PM

CB

“ *Beautiful memories as a child attending the same church. She was a beautiful woman inside and out. May she rest in peace.*



Char Brown - February 04, 2023 at 08:43 PM

MA

“ To the Family of Mrs. *quanita Ratliff*,
Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers
In your darkest moments ,
Her Children arise up, and called; her
blessed;
her husband also, and he praiseth her.
Many daughters have done virtuously , but thou excellest them all.
Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but
A woman that feareth the lord , she shall be
Praised,
Proverb 31:28-30



Mrs. Beverly Aklin - February 04, 2023 at 04:40 PM

RO

“ Sending my condolences to the family 🙏



Roni - February 03, 2023 at 02:48 PM

CD

“ Our condolences and prayers to the *Ratliiff* family. We are praying for you *Jesse* we love you and your family *Sandy(Ma) Daniels*
Gloria (Nana) Daniels

Cassandra (Sandy) Daniels - February 03, 2023 at 06:13 AM

EL

To the Ratliff Family, I found out this morning that Juanita had taken her wings. My heart is very heavy because I would have been there with you on this day. I am sending my condolences, love and prayers to each of you. I will be in touch.
Emma (Taylor) Lewis

Emma (Taylor) Lewis - February 04, 2023 at 10:18 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Juanita Ratliff.*



February 02, 2023 at 11:53 PM



“ *My prayers 🙏 and condolences to the family on the passing of your beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother during this difficult time. May God comfort and strengthen you!*

Henry Green - February 02, 2023 at 04:18 PM



“ *Shirley Joyner lit a candle in memory of Juanita Ratliff*



Shirley Joyner - February 02, 2023 at 10:30 AM



“ *Prayers and Love To THE RATLIFF FAMILY MY CONDOLENCES*

Kelvan Fitzpatrick - February 02, 2023 at 05:05 AM



I Pray that God comfort and you rest in peace that surpasses your understanding.

Sandra Shackleford - February 02, 2023 at 11:50 PM

JJ

“ Jordan, Laura, yusef, middiree, Roberta & James purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Juanita Ratliff.



Jordan, Laura, yusef, middiree, Roberta & James - February 01, 2023 at 08:35 PM

SB

“ My Condolences to the Ratliff Family may God give you Comfort, Healing and strength to get thru this hard time 🙏🙏
I bring you Greetings from Sweet Hope Baptist Church.. Pastor Lee Parker Jr.



Stephanie Bush - February 01, 2023 at 05:03 PM

TC

“ Teresa Clark lit a candle in memory of Juanita Ratliff



Teresa Clark - February 01, 2023 at 03:59 PM

JC

“ James Clayton lit a candle in memory of Juanita Rarliff



James Clayton - February 01, 2023 at 03:07 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Juanita Ratliff.*



February 01, 2023 at 02:51 PM



“ *Rochelle Rollor lit a candle in memory of Juanita Rarliff*



Rochelle Rollor - February 01, 2023 at 02:29 PM