



Ruth Nelson

April 6, 1967 - March 12, 2023

RUTH MARIE NELSON was born on April 6, 1967 in New Haven, CT. She was the last of 3 children born to Moses Nelson and Mildred Joann Nelson both of whom are originally from Kingstree, SC. As a young couple in the early 1960's towards the end of "The Great Migration," the Nelsons immigrated to Connecticut along with many other African-Americans from the rural south. They quickly found jobs, reunited with family, and began their journey to achieve "The American Dream." Their first child, Michael, was born in 1964 followed by Yovanda (1965) and Ruth (1967).

Ruth attended New Haven Public Schools (NHPS) throughout her school career and graduated from Wilbur Cross High School in 1984. Prior to graduating, Ruth gave birth to her son, James Hunter, Jr., who was the first of 8 children - Leana Nelson, Jennifer Nelson, Louis Nelson, Tracia Nelson, Tyler Nelson, Justin Nelson, and Kayla Green; all of New Haven, CT.

Ruth was also a beloved grandmother to 15 grandchildren, most of whom she helped care for and loved unconditionally. She also raised her 2 nieces, LaShonda Thomas and Jaynine Nelson, as well as her only nephew, Moses Nelson. All of the Nelson kids were raised together. After high school, Ruth worked for NHPS's Head Start Program for several years doing what she loved most. Her passion was caring for and nurturing young children which she had done with both her own kids as well as her older sister's kids. In 1994, Ruth extended her academic achievement with a certificate in Business Administration from Branford Hall Institute in Branford, CT. Upon graduating, Ruth worked with a temp agency, Office Team, where she worked with various local companies until landing a long term assignment at the Beaver Express (now BeavEx Inc.), a courier service in North Haven, CT. That long term assignment turned into a 10+ year tenure with the company.

In 2006, Ruth left BeavEx Inc. after a medical diagnosis of Sarcoidosis, but still continued her motherly duties as a caregiver to grandchildren, her aging mother, and anyone else who needed a place to stay or guidance through life. Ruth enjoyed spending time with family, friends, playing bingo, cheering for her beloved Dallas Cowboys, and cooking. Her favorite pastime was her

routine 5 AM cup of coffee with her mother up until September 2020 when she passed.

Ruth struggled with medical issues for the next 2 years. With her diagnosis weighing down on her, on March 12, 2023, Ruth Marie Nelson concluded her work here on earth and was reunited in heaven with her grandchild, Deandre Nelson, her mother, grandparents, Lilian and Leland Patrick, her very dear friend, Monica Hayward, and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Ruth's father, siblings, children, grandchildren, nieces, nephew, other family, and friends are all left to cherish her memory

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Calling Hour

MAR **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

The New Trinity Temple Church of God in Christ
285 Dixwell Ave
New Haven, CT

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

MA

“ I sent my love and my donuts. I will always love you. We were childhood friends. May you rest in peace you truly are Miss always in my heart. I love you. Rest up in heaven.

marina - April 16, 2024 at 11:39 PM

MA

“ marina lit a candle in memory of Ruth Nelson



marina - April 16, 2024 at 11:35 PM



“ Ruth Nelson

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM

CO

“ Deepest sympathy

Cordelia - March 25, 2023 at 08:17 PM

CG

“ To the family of Ruth Nelson may God give you the strength and comfort that you need in this difficult time. 🙏 RIP RUTHIE



Cheryl Grimes LeShore, Atlanta Georgia, - March 24, 2023 at 11:50 AM

MA

I will always love you. You was a real good friend since we was childhood grow up together you will always be truly Miss always be in my heart. I love you Ruthie regained another angel. May you rest in peace I said, my love and my condolence to the family.

marina - April 16, 2024 at 11:31 PM

CA

“ *My condolences and prayers to Michael, Renee and the family. We go back to Ashmun St projects brick babies. Ruthie you will truly be missed who I'm gonna bless now with giving of stuff. I remember when you got your job and I blessed you you couldn't stop thanking me & God for sending you your blessings. Take your rest Ruthie we'll see you again. Earth had no sorrow heaven can't heal. 🙏*



Cynthia A - March 23, 2023 at 10:10 PM

LJ

“ *Hey Family, I am so sorry to hear of Ruthie's Passing. Me, Ruthie, Renee and Mom were avid bingo players. Loved every minute. She will forever be in my heart.*

*Humbly submitted,
Lillian Johnson
AKA xmas
Houston, TX*

Lillian Johnson - March 23, 2023 at 10:11 AM

TH

“ *Ruth nelson it was a blessing to know u growing up u will be missed and rest in peace 🙏 with are God Allah and to the nelson family i send my love and blessings to you all Ruth rest in heavenly peace 🙏 until i get home i will see you All again tommy Hammond.*

Tommy Hammond - March 23, 2023 at 06:40 AM

HC

“ We are praying for you and the family our deepest condolences may God be with you at this time of loss Herbert and Connie Carolina

Herbert and Connie Carolina - March 22, 2023 at 06:56 PM

EN

To Justin and family we send our condolences so sorry to hear about the lost of your mother may God be with you quenshetta grand parents

Eartha Nicholson - March 23, 2023 at 07:10 PM

CD

“ My sincere condolences and prayers to the Nelson family. She was the angel here on earth and now she's the angel watching over her family, Miss Sandy from Elm Haven, Headstart.

Cassandra (Sandy) Daniels - March 22, 2023 at 06:24 PM

EM

“ My Dear friend and Sister I have known you for over 40 years. I'm going to miss you my sister, my friend. I love you always I'm a see you later.

Elaine Mayes - March 22, 2023 at 01:30 PM

RH

“ So sorry to hear of Ruthie passing away, we had some great times together at the headstart program. Our prayers and condolences to Michael, Renee and the family. May God give you peace that surpasses all understanding. Michael & Ruby Harper

Riby Harper - March 22, 2023 at 12:09 PM