In Loving Memory of



**Sunrise** *May 29, 1937*  Sunset February 17, 2011

Friday, February 25, 2011 - 12:00 Noon

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE 1025 Bergen Street • Newark, NJ

Rev. James Johnson, Officiating

Ob<u>ituary</u>

**Ruth Virginia McLeod** was born in St Georges, Bermuda on May 29, 1937. She was the beloved daughter of Ismay Steede and Noel Anderson.

Ruth's adventurous spirit led her out of Bermuda and to the United States in the summer of 1965. Due to her dynamic personality, she quickly adapted to her new surroundings and started to create a new life here.

In 1973, Ruth was hired by the Newark Board of Education where she worked as a Food Service Worker for twenty-five years. Her no-nonsense personality was well known throughout the many schools where she worked. Her dedication and hard work was on display for all to see throughout her entire career.

Because of her strong personality, Ruth was known to speak her mind. She often told you what you needed to hear but not always what you wanted to hear. As a result of this unique quality, she was loved and well respected by many.

Ruth loved life and with Victor her late husband of thirty-five years, they enjoyed many fun-filled and adventurous vacations together. Ruth also enjoyed spending time with friends and family. She was an avid Bingo player and enjoyed her occasional trips to Atlantic City.

Ruth fought a courageous battle with cancer and on February 17, 2011 she entered into eternal rest.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband Victor, siblings; Reggie, Calvin, John and Rosie, brother-in-law Robert McLeod, sisters-inlaw, Jean Summerville, Katherine McLeod, Fannie Mae McLeod and Mae McLeod.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her children, Loretta and Tyrone, wife, Marcela; grandchildren, Anson and wife, Adina, Cadell, and Terrell; great-grandchildren, Anson and Alexander; her mother, Ismay; her siblings, Leslie, Alvin, Clifton, Phillip, Quillard, Dorothy, and Francine; brothers-in-law, John McLeod, wife, Patricia McLeod, Albert McLeod, Charles McLeod, Hurbert McLeod, wife, Shirley; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many friends.

<u>Order of Service</u>

Processional
Musical Prelude
Solo Nasser Howard
Scripture Readings: Old Testament Dorothy Penniston New Testament Monica McCleod
Prayer of Comfort Francine Trott
Obituary Brenda McLeod
Solo Jamal Howard
Eulogy Reverend James Johnson

Viewing

Recessional

## **Cremation**

Rosedale Crematory Orange, New Jersey

Friends are invited to join the family for the repast at 27 Drakes Lane ● Irvington, New Jersey Reunited Again

Mom, we are not gathered together in a gloom filled room, We are gathered together to celebrate you We are happily sharing wonderful memories of you Because we know that's what you would want us to

> You've taken the journey someday we all must take We are comforted in knowing You are now reunited with Dad We will truly miss you... but sadly, we are letting you go.

## She is Gone

You can shed tears that she is gone or you can smile because she has lived.

You can close your eyes and pray that she'll come back or you can open your eyes and see all she's left.
Your heart can be empty because you can't see her or you can be full of the love you shared.
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday. You can remember her and only that she's gone or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back or you can do what she'd want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

~Anon

## Acknowledgement

The family extends their most sincere appreciation for the kind words of comfort and loving expressions shown. Whatever the deed, prayer or thoughts we want you to know that we give all thanks from the bottom of our hearts.

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