

In Loving Memory of
Ruth Isabella Ratcliff

Sunrise
October 16, 1936

Sunset
May 11, 2011

Monday, May 16, 2011 - 10:00 a.m.

WESTMINSTER BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

644 McDonald Street
Brooklyn, New York

Obituary

Ruth Isabella Ratcliff was born on October 16, 1936 to both the late Ella Jane and Luther Ratcliff in Bennettsville, South Carolina.

She was a graduate of East Side High School in Bennettsville, South Carolina.

As a child Ruth, joined Zion A.M.E. Church in Bennettsville. When “LiL” (as she was always affectionately known) moved to New York, she joined Browns Memorial Baptist Church.

Ruth was employed with the Board of Education for over thirty years.

Ruth was considered a mom to all. She was a dedicated sister to her late twin, Isadora, whom she cared for to the end. She enjoyed cooking, traveling, shopping and taking care of others. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

She leaves to mourn: her loving sister, Mary Bethea; one brother-in-law, John C. Bethea; two nieces, Carol Campbell and Sandra McCray; one nephew, Harris White; two grand nephews, Jermaine Bethea and John Campbell; one grand niece, Stephanie Campbell; one great grand niece, Jasmine Bethea; and a host of cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection Solo

Scripture

Prayer

Selection Solo

Remarks Belinda Benjamin

Obituary

Eulogy

Committal

Recessional

Interment
Rosehill Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey



I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call*

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.

Tasks left undone must stay that way,

I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,

Then fill it up with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,

Oh, yes these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,

I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much.

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,

Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me,

God wanted me now, He set me free!

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Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their deep appreciation
and sincere thanks for your kindness during a time of sorrow.



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