

and Homegoing of

Ophelia Ann Greene Ruff

Sunrise July 12, 1926

Sunset September 26, 2011

<u>Service</u> Monday, October 3, 2011 - 11:00 a.m. **CONVENT AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH** 420 West 145th Street • New York, NY

<u>Obiluary</u>

A VIRTUOUS WOMAN IN HER OWN GENTLE WAY

Ophelia Ann Greene Ruff was born in Louisville, Georgia in Jefferson County. Her parents were Alex Jesse and Hattie Hall Greene, who belonged to St. Paul's Baptist Church. She was the youngest daughter of six children.

When her mother died tragically in 1932, Ophelia was only six years old. The family was separated and she was sent to live with her aunt, Elizabeth in Augusta. Unfortunately, Ophelia had to leave school when she was in the eleventh grade.

She moved to New York City in 1942, and was introduced by family members to Oliver Ruff, Jr. who also hailed from Jefferson County, Georgia. They were married on March 17th, 1948 in Manhattan and eventually moved to the Bronx. Four children came of their union: Harriet Anita, Patricia Ann, Lloyd Oliver and Bruce Anthony.

Ophelia became a member of Convent Avenue Baptist Church where she sang alto and tenor in the gospel choir.

She was devoted to her husband and children, and lived to serve them. Her favorite activities were keeping a happy and peaceful home. Also, she made a lot of friends. It was important to her that her children get a good education. And her dream came true.

Ophelia leaves to mourn: one brother, Alex Lee Greene; her four children, several grandchildren, nieces, nephews and grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, who had died on February 28th, 1995. Also, by brothers, Robert Edward Greene, Mary Greene Sharp, Otis Jesse Greene, Frances Greene Harris and William Greene.

She will be remembered for her light from within that shined to all who knew her.

<u>Order of Service</u>

Processional

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<u>Interment</u>

Calverton National Cemetery Calverton, New York



Psalm 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

<u>Acknowledgement</u>

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

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