

In Loving Memory of



Sadie Ruth Ball

Sunrise
November 5, 1933

Sunset
November 10, 2014

Service

Wednesday, November 19, 2014 - 10:00 a.m.

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Rev. Dr. J.G. McCann, Sr., Officiating

John Stanley, Organist

Obituary

Sadie Ruth Grate Ball was born on November 5, 1933 in Waverly Mills, SC to the late James and Everly Grate. She was the third of thirteen siblings.

She departed this life five days after her birthday on November 10, 2014.

Sadie spent her early years in Waverly Mills, SC. Her parents relocated to New York City in the early 40's. Sadie attended school P.S. 89 and Junior High 136. She was the first black woman offered a college scholarship for tennis.

She met the dashing Marine Sargent Robert Ball, Jr. and married in 1955, their union produced four children, Gregory, Loraine (deceased), Raymond and Tyrone.

Sadie was a dedicated and committed wife and mother. She worked hard to be a quality homemaker and nurturing mother and wife. Her energy was focused on raising her four children to become successful in a challenging world.

Sadie was affectionately known as "Sassy" by her sons. She was tough as nails, loving and endearing. She blended those two qualities perfectly.

After thirteen years of unwavering dedicated service as a wife, mother and homemaker, she turned her sights to the City of New York, Department of Social Services. She touched hundreds of lives throughout her years of service. She not only helped the people she was employed to help, but also her fellow employees. Never tiring, she always had time for her family and friends.

After retirement, Sadie was the loving caregiver, mentor and nurturer for members of her family that became ill. She was always there for her sisters, Dot and Yvette, her brother, Kenneth and her loving daughter, Loraine, who preceded her in death.

"When we are born we are God's greatest gift to mankind, before we die we are the greatest gift to God. As we go through life as my mother did, she gave of herself not only to her immediate family but to those around her."

Sadie gave a loving touch to many. She leaves to honor and cherish her memory: her husband, Robert Ball, Jr.; three sons, Gregory, Raymond and Tyrone; daughter, Loraine (deceased); three grandsons, Tyrone, Duane and James; three granddaughters, Janay, Janel and Loraine; six great grands; sister, Mary; brother, Glenn; daughter-in-law, Barbara; brother-in-law, Steven Ball; sister-in-law, Kim Ball; nieces, Barbara, Charday, Alia and Paloma Hellen; nephew, Anthony; sisters-in-law, Elenor Lowe, Barbara Ball and Barbara Lowe; brother-in-law, Anthony Lowe; and relatives down south.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

George Washington Memorial Park
Paramus, 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!*

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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