

In Loving Memory of
Ruth Gregory

Sunrise
March 19, 1932

Sunset
November 23, 2015



Monday, November 30, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE
130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey

Anita Bethea, Organist

Obituary

Ruth Gregory left this world on November 23, 2015 at home in Union, New Jersey after a long but courageous battle with illness.

Ruth Autry was born on March 19, 1932 in Monroe, North Carolina, the daughter of Ida Mae Autry and Walter Glade.

She migrated North and spent her formative years in Montclair, New Jersey. She graduated from Montclair High School in 1950.

She entered the workforce with RCA, where she worked in their factory in Harrison, for twenty-four years on the afternoon shift. After retiring from RCA in 1976, she headed to Deluxe Check Printing Company in West Caldwell where she put in another twenty years, retiring in 1997.

Ruth met and married the love of her life, Roland L. Gregory, Sr. in 1958 and settled in East Orange. They shared every moment of their lives together for fifty-seven wonderful years. The pair were blessed with two children, Roland Jr. “Butch” and Ronald. The door to their home on Greenwood Avenue was always open to friends, family and the kids on the block.

“Big Ruth” had a big personality. She is described by her family as kind, wise, tough, opinionated, strong-willed, sometimes misunderstood, but with a kind heart of gold. She was dedicated to her family and loyal to her dear friends. She rarely cried, but she laughed out loud with no shame. She lived her life...her way.

Ruth Gregory will continue to live in the hearts and thoughts of her husband, Roland L. Gregory, Sr.; her children, Roland Jr. and Ronald; her daughters-in-law, Tami and Jackie; her beloved grandson, Cameron and all of her family and dear friends who loved her dearly.

Order of Service

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn..... *“Blessed Assurance”*

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 23.....Rev. Ronald Tuff

New Testament - I Corinthians 15:51-58..Rev. Lencie Marchan

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. H. Grady James III

Pastor-First Bethel Baptist Church • Irvington, New Jersey

Musical Selection

Condolences.....Sharon James

Words of Comfort.....Ronald Gregory (Son)

Obituary.....April Gregory

Musical Selection..... *“Amazing Grace”*

Eulogy.....Rev. H. Grady James III

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Recessional

Committal and Interment.....Rosedale Cemetery

Orange, 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

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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