

*A Service of Celebration And
Thanksgiving For The Life
of
Ruby Irene Canty-Rudolph*

Sunrise
May 8, 1914

Sunset
January 10, 2016



Celebration Service

Friday, January 15, 2016

Viewing and Visitation - 10:00 A.M.

Service - 11:00 A.M.

**PHILLIPS METROPOLITAN
CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

37 Morris Avenue
Newark, New Jersey 07103
Minister Marshall J. Jenifer, Pastor

Obituary

*"Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, but a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised.
Give her the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her at the gates."*

PROVERBS 31: 30-31

Ruby Canty Rudolph entered into eternal rest on January 10, 2016 at 7:00 PM. This is a well-deserved rest from a life well lived. She enjoyed her life; she especially enjoyed and loved her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren. A few years ago, Ruby expressed the loneliness that followed the loss of all of her siblings and close friends. She made it clear that she was ready to go when the Savior called her.

Ruby was the youngest of eleven children born May 8, 1914 in Pike County, Alabama, to the late G. Nelson and Violet-King Canty. She was the granddaughter of Nelson and Betsy-Sims Canty and the great granddaughter of the first known Canty Ancestor, Hannah Canty.

She spent her early years on her family's farm in Pike County, Alabama where she attended elementary school. Because there was no further educational opportunity available in her community, she continued junior high and high school in the Crenshaw County Public Schools, Luverne, Alabama. There she met and married her late husband, Eddie Rudolph, Sr. That marriage ended in divorce.

Later, as a young divorcee, she relocated to the capital city of Montgomery, Alabama where she raised and educated two sons alone. After her children were in school, she was anxious to gain new skills to improve her job opportunities. She continued her post-high school education by studying nursing and sewing and used these skills throughout her working life. It was during this period that Ruby began to pursue one of her late father's interests-- political activism. She became a community activist in the civil rights movement, organizing eligible voters to register to vote and assisting them with the complicated registration process. She kept a copy of the long, detailed voter registration form and a copy of her receipt from her poll tax payment that allowed her to vote for the first time in 1959. She was an active supporter of the Montgomery bus boycott and knew Rosa Parks well as they rode the same bus to work each day.

In 1961, Ruby relocated to New Jersey for better job opportunities for both her and her two sons. She had lived in Newark for more than 50 years.

Well read and knowledgeable about most current events, you would never know that she had no college background. She was a big collector of all types of history, especially black history and family history. She was the Canty family reunion founder and served as its chief advisor until her recent illness. She took pride in knowing some of her ancestral history. Her maternal genetic certification is from people living in what is now Cameroon, West Africa, and her paternal certification is from unspecified European lineage.

She always knew the importance of education. She inspired and supported the education of younger generations of her family as well as anyone who came into her presence. Always a hard worker, she held jobs as a housekeeper, waitress, hospital nursing assistant, childcare provider, and independent seamstress for an elite clientele. A very proud and always proper woman, her independence was extremely important to her. As she aged, she was reluctant to ask anyone for help; and except for the last few months, she lived her life independent of family and without personal assistance. She was an amazing woman.

She grew up in a highly religious family, and from a child, was active in Christian Methodist Episcopal (C.M.E.) churches wherever she lived. In her early years, she was baptized and worshiped with her family at the Macedonia Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Goshen, Alabama. In Montgomery, she was an active member of the First Christian Methodist Episcopal congregation, and at the time of her death, she was a devoted member of Phillips Metropolitan Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Newark, NJ where Minister Marshall J. Jenifer is Pastor. During her membership there, she served in a number of roles, including Sunday school teacher, Missionary, Stewardess, and President of the Alabama Club. Her soundness of mind allowed her to continue her many hobbies throughout her long life. These included playing the piano, crocheting, sewing, crossword puzzles, reading, and following politics on TV.

Her memory will be forever etched in the hearts of those she leaves to mourn her passing. Her eldest son, Eddie Rudolph, Jr. preceded her in death. She is survived by: one devoted son, Horace Rudolph, East Orange, NJ, who took great care of his mother before and during her illness; six grandchildren, Shabazz Abdullah Rudolph (Tammanika), Demetrius Rudolph, David Brown (Bonita), Eric Rudolph (Natalie), Sonja Rudolph-Lee (Greg) and Rodney Rudolph; fourteen great grandchildren, and three great, great grandchildren. Her role as a substitute mother to her many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews will be a huge loss to her extended family that loved and will miss her dearly. One special niece, Marietta Persadie of East Orange, who Ruby claimed as "the daughter I never had," contributed much to her care and well being for many years and was faithful to Ruby during her last days.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn

Prayer

Scriptures

Old Testament

New Testament

Musical selection

Poem

Read by: Shabazz Abdullah Rudolph

A letter From Heaven
(One of Ruby's Favorites)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Geraldine Moore

Eulogy

Minister Marshall J. Jenifer, Pastor

Musical Selection

Recessional

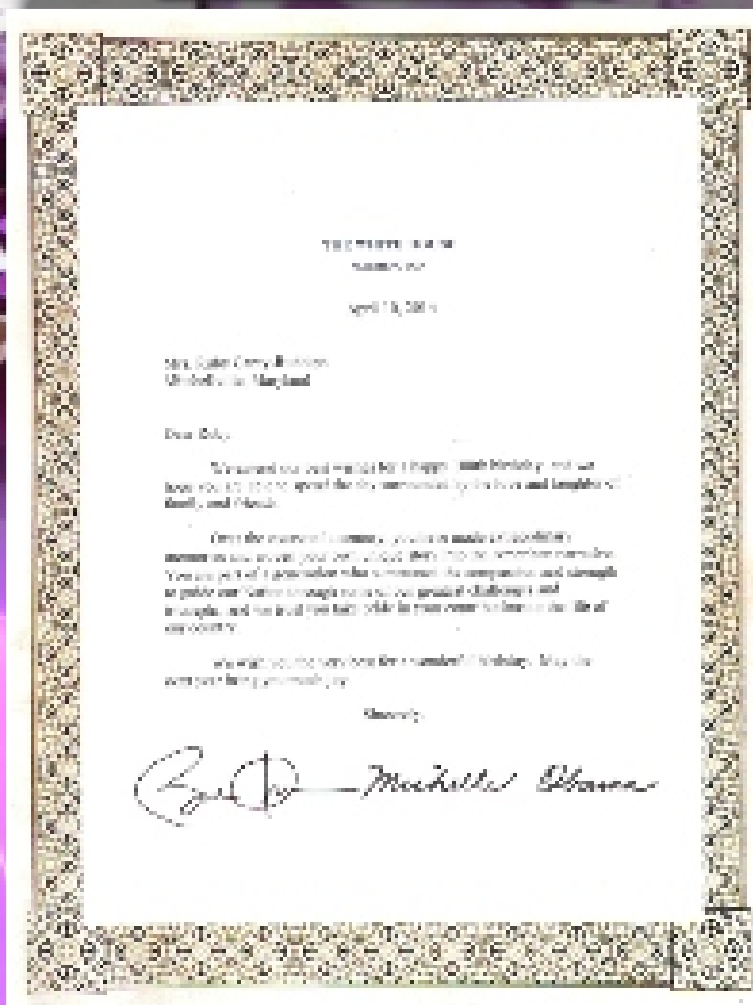
Interment

Fairmount Cemetery
Newark, New Jersey

Repast

Franklin-St. John United Methodist Church
Corner of Maple and Keer Avenue, Newark, NJ

Pallbearers
Grandsons and Great Grandsons



Prayer for Protection

*The light of God surrounds us
The love of God enfolds us
The power of God protects us
The presence of God watches over us
Wherever we are, God is!*

Acknowledgement

The family is grateful to everyone for the expressions of love shown during our loss. Your thoughts, prayers, and words of kindness have been a comfort and a source of strength to us. We will forever cherish the cards, flowers, and other acts of kindness.

The family of Ruby Canty-Rudolph

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