

A Memorial Celebration
of the Life of



Ruth Elmer Fennell

Sunrise: January 15, 1939

Sunset: February 3, 2016

Service

Thursday, February 18, 2016 - 1:30 p.m.

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Obituary

A Time for Everything

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: A time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to pluck up that which has been planted...

Ruth Elmer Fennell departed this life on Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at Terence Cardinal Cooke Rehabilitation Center in New York City.

Ruth was born on January 15, 1939 in Goldsboro, North Carolina to the late James Vance and Maude Talmadge Fennell. She was the fourth of the five children born into the family.

Ruth was educated in the Goldsboro City public schools and graduated from Dillard High School in 1957. She was also a member of Antioch Baptist Church where she sang in the choir.

Not only did Ruth sing in her church choir, but she used her God given talent as she shared her amazing soprano voice throughout the community of Goldsboro and in other states in the country. Ruth participated in many talent searches and hunts and she won **FIRST PLACE IN EVERYONE OF THEM!** Of special note was the winning of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in Goldsboro, North Carolina, which eventually catapulted her to the Eighth District in St. Louis, Missouri.

In 1986, Ruth received letters of appreciation and congratulations from the Board of Education in New York. She was also cited as an Outstanding Family Assistant. Ruth earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology from the College of New Rochelle in 1990.

Ruth was predeceased by her father, James, her mother, Maude, two brothers, James Robert Fennell and Norwood Franklin Fennell, Sr., and one sister, Mary Ellen Fennell.

Left to cherish Ruth's memory are: her brother, Carl D. Fennell/Geneva; sisters-in-law, Barbara Fennell and Annie Fennell; two nieces, Samantha and Karen Fennell; four nephews, Norwood, Jr., Troy, Brett and Darius Fennell; eight great nephews; one great niece; and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

To God be the glory. Now Ruth is singing in His heavenly choir.

Order of Service

Mrs. Barbara Fennell, Presiding

The Gathering and Musical Prelude

Greeting.....Mr. Carl D. Fennell

The Prayer of ComfortMrs. Geneva P. Fennell

Recorded Musical Selection..... "Wind Beneath My Wings"

Reading of Scriptures..... Nieces and Nephews
Old Testament - Psalms 51:1-10
New Testament - 2 Timothy 4:6-8

Recorded Musical Selection....."Total Praise"

Obituary..... (Please read silently)

Expressions/Tributes (Please limit to 3 minutes)..... Friends/Neighbors
Former Co-Workes/Extended Family
Members of the Fennell Family

Recorded Musical Selection..... "God Has Smiled On Me"

Poem..... "I'm Free" (Author Unknown)..... Read by Geneva P. Fennell

Words of Reflection..... Mr. Carl D. Fennell

Recorded Musical Selection..... "It Is Well With My Soul"
(Sung by Wintley Phipps)

Closing Remarks and BenedictionCarl and Geneva Fennell

Final Disposition

*Oxford Hills Crematory
Chester, New York*

Special Thanks and Acknowledgements

The family of **Ruth Elmer Fennell** wishes to express our "heartfelt thanks" to **each and everyone of you** who have helped in ANY way, what-so-ever, to help Ruth and us, her family, during this past year. Your prayers were heard by God and appreciated by us. Your compassion has been felt; and we thank you.

To "Miss Mary," (Ruth's roommate at Terence Cardinal Cooke Rehabilitation Center) thank you for being there for Ruth and for the compassionate care that you gave to Ruth.

Lastly, I, Carl Fennell, extend my profound gratitude to **Barbara Fennell** for her steadfast help and unwavering diligence to see that Ruth always received the best medical care and services available. Barbara not only visited Ruth as often as she could, she also set up visits with the doctors and other medical professionals in charge of Ruth's care. Because of her own medical background, Barbara asked the "hard" questions and she did not stop asking until she got a satisfactory answer and/or action. Thank you for helping to make my visits easier because you guided me through this "medical maze" when we visited Ruth together at the Rehab Center and for being an angel to Ruth, here on earth.

To Samantha, thank you for all of your visits with your Aunt Ruth and for all the "little things" you did to make those visits with her *special*.

To my sons, Troy, Brett and Darius, and to my wife, Geneva: Thank you family for truly being the "wind beneath my wings" during this most difficult time in my life. I love you.

May God Bless and Keep You!
The Family of Ruth Elmer Fennell

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