

In Loving Memory of

Ruth McClain

Sunrise
April 23, 1931

Sunset
June 29, 2016



Wednesday, July 6, 2016- 7:00 p.m.

PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH

34 Hudson Street
Newark, New Jersey
Rev. Glenn B. Wilson, Pastor
Rev. James Moore, Officiating

Obituary

Ruth Greene McClain, fondly known as “**Baby Ruth**” was born on April 23rd 1931 to the late Rufus and Rutha Greene in Newark, NJ.

Baby Ruth was educated in New York school system and graduated from Commerce High School in 1949.

Baby Ruth was united in holy matrimony to the late Milton McClain Sr. on July 20th 1950. From this marriage, they produced six children. They were married for 59 years until his death in July of 2009.

Baby Ruth accepted Christ at an early age and joined the Pilgrim Baptist Church in Newark, NJ where she was a lifetime member. She served on the Nurse’s Unit until she became ill.

Baby Ruth was employed by Dell Corporation as a Group Leader and then went on to work for Emiliani (Nexus Corporation) for ten years until retirement. She was a successful entrepreneur throughout her life and continued throughout her retirement. This included being an approved day care provider, fundraiser, family financial advisor, comedienne, hairdresser and seamstress. She was always willing and able to help others. Baby Ruth’s favorite pastime was her very humorous jokes, and round table storytelling which included the daily antics of Shana, Shonda, Sean (Muff) and Roc (the dog). Ruth was a great source of strength and support to all of her family, both immediate and extended. She was an icon of the family, whose presence and laughter will be dearly missed.

Baby Ruth leaves to cherish her memory: her children, Rufus (Janet) McClain, of Kings Mountain, NC, Elcina (Sissie) Nelson of Easton, PA, Johnny McClain of Newark, NJ, and Ruthie (John) McClain-Bligen of Irvington, NJ; seventeen grandchildren, twenty-seven great grandchildren, and one great grandchild; her siblings, Annie Adele Johnson of East Orange, NJ, Lucille Wells of Maplewood, NJ, Mary (Robert) Kidd of Richmond, VA and William Morris (Yvonne) Green of Orange, NJ; one aunt, Lucille Hardy of North Carolina; a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. She is preceded in death by her husband, Milton Sr. (2009), two sons, Milton Jr. (1992) and Oscar (2008); one grandchild, Sheila Nelson (2009); two sisters, Roxie Sherrod (2011) and Inez Daniels (2012); and one brother, Rufus Greene (1978).

Lovingly submitted by the family.

Order of Service

Hymn of Consolidation.....Joshua Nelson

PrayerRev. Reginald Thomas
Pastor of Greater Harvest Baptist Church

Hymn of Comfort

Reading of Scriptures

Old Testament & New TestamentMin. Mitchell Johnson

Prayer of ComfortRev. Rexx Edwards

SoloJoshua Nelson

AcknowledgementsChurch Clerk

Reading of the Obituary..... Keya McClain (Granddaughter)

Reading of the ResolutionsChurch Clerk

Reflections from the FamilyRenee Harris (Great Granddaughter)

Selection

Eulogy Pastor James Moore
Second Baptist Church • Roselle, NJ

BenedictionPastor James Moore

Interment

Thursday, July 7, 2016
NJ Veterans Cemetery
Wrightstown, New Jersey

Repat Immediately following service

I've Changed My Address

*I've changed my address to Heaven
I've crossed the Great Divide.*

*I know there's no sorrow or crying,
Because I've reached the other side.*

I am so happy to be here, for the Lord Himself I see.

*I've changed my address to Heaven,
That's the place where you'll find me.*

*I've changed my address to Heaven,
I bid this world goodbye.*

I now live forever with Jesus in my new home in the sky.

*I have no burdens or heartaches
and from tears I am now free.*

*I've changed my address to Heaven,
That's the place to find me.*

*I've changed my address to Heaven,
I'm safe forevermore. For the Lord built a mansion
and my name is on the door.*

*You can find us walking together,
for where He is, I'll always be.*

*I've changed my address to Heaven,
That's the place you'll find me.*

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

The family of Ruth McClain 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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