

*In Loving Memory of*  
*Ruth Naomi Odom*

*Sunrise*  
*February 14, 1927*

*Sunset*  
*November 8, 2021*



*Service*

*Thursday, November 18, 2021 • 10:00 a.m.*

**Whigham Funeral Home**  
580 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. • Newark, New Jersey

## *Reflection of Life*

**Ruth Naomi Odom**, known to many as “Sis” or “Ruthie”, was born on February 14, 1927, in Summerville, South Carolina to the late Thaddeus Tucker and Eloise Newton Tucker. Her sister Marie “Dot” Keys preceded her in death in 2006.

Ruth’s family moved to Newark when she an infant, where she was educated in the Newark school system, graduating from Arts High School in 1945. Upon graduation she worked at several jobs including ODB, for the US government during WWII, processing dependents benefits. In 1951 she began a 33 year career working at Western Electric, Kearny, as a assembler of telephone parts. She retired in 1984.

While Ruth was still working, she developed a love for travel. She and her group of friends traveled the world, vacationing in Hawaii, Aruba, Spain, Dominican Republic, to name a few. She was finally convinced in the mid 2000’s to go on a Carnival Cruise, which she absolutely loved. Her favorite and annual destination became Nassau, Bahamas. She was an avid Atlantic City and PA casino visitor. All she had to hear was a bus ride was heading there, she had her seat. 2019 was the last year she was able to go due to the ongoing pandemic.

If she wasn’t traveling, she was shopping, a pastime she greatly enjoyed. She didn’t hesitate to catch the bus to the various malls, getting in her ritual of walking exercise in the process. If there were great bargains to be had, she would find them.

Ruth was a resident of High Park Gardens Cooperative for 55 years. It is a family like community where neighbors know each other, socialize together and look out for one another. Her neighbors always saw her on the move, going somewhere most of the time walking. She had a caring spirit, and a kind, generous heart, always lending someone a helping hand, not letting her age be a factor. She enjoyed doing for others, always touting her independence and all she could do for herself. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, she lost that independence to move freely outside her home.

Ruth is going be missed by many including her High Park family of which there are many. She was a fixture there for so long, watching many come and go over the years.

Ruth leaves to cherish her memory her beloved niece Marsha Keys of Hillside, nephew Barry Keys and wife Barbara of Union, a special cousin Peggy Breitenbach, her goddaughter Krystal Perkins and a host of loving family and dear friends.



## *Order of Service*

**Musical Selection**

**Reading of Scriptures**

Old Testament

New Testament

**Prayer of Comfort**

**Musical Selection**

**Acknowledgements & Reflections**

**Remarks**

**Reading of Obituary**

**Musical Selection**

**Eulogy**

**Recessional**

***Interment***

*Fairmount Cemetery  
620 Central Avenue  
Newark, New Jersey*

## *The Fallen Limb*

*A limb has fallen from the family tree.  
I keep hearing a voice that says, "Grieve not for me."  
Remember the best times, the laughter, the song.  
The good life I lived while I was strong.  
Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.  
Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.  
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.  
Remembering all, how I was truly blessed.  
Continue traditions, no matter how small.  
Go on with your life, don't worry about falls  
I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin.  
Until the day comes we're together again.*

### *Acknowledgements*

*The family wishes to express their sincere thanks  
and appreciation for all acts of kindness and  
expressions of sympathy that was shown to them  
during this time of bereavement.*

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