

A portrait of Ruby M. Warren, a woman with short dark hair, smiling. The background is a soft-focus floral arrangement with pink roses and blue forget-me-nots.

In Loving Memory of

Ruby M. Warren

Sunrise: January 15, 1942

Sunset: March 2, 2022

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022

VIEWING: 10:AM - 11AM

SERVICE: 11AM

Cotton Funeral Service

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

Obituary

Ruby Mae Warren was born on January 15, 1942 in North Augusta, South Carolina to Brazella Irvin and Luther Tanksley. She was also known as “Rumae” and “Kitty Fish” by her southern family and friends. As a child, she spent a lot of time with her grandmother while her mother was out working. However, these two women were a source of inspiration to her industriousness. Ruby always mentioned how she helped her grandmother fetch water from the creek, gathered straw, collected coal for various household uses, and watched how cooking was done. After her grandmother died, she moved to Brooklyn to live with her mother.

While attending high school at Clara Barton in Brooklyn, she learned how to sew clothes, knit, crochet, and cook. After completing her high school education, she met James A. Warren who became her husband in 1966, New York City. They moved from Brooklyn to Harlem, NY while raising their daughter, Valerie and son, Joe. Ruby worked many jobs in order to support her family, even sometimes making clothes for her children.

She also studied the Bible with Jehovah’s Witnesses, for which she made a dedication and got baptized on July 11, 1969. She preached the words of Bible truths. Next, the family moved to Newark, New Jersey in 1971 for a better life. She found work as a clerk typist for the Department of Citizen Welfare Services where she worked diligently for 40 years. In the course of those years, she birthed and raised her second son, David. Her children were always her pride and joy.

She attended the Weequahic Congregation on Renner Avenue. There, she met a host of friends that lovingly embraced her and became a source of encouragement. She always enjoyed working with them out in field service, always eager to volunteer to prepare meals for the circuit overseers, their wives, and bethelites. To some, she is known for her fried chicken and potato salad but she knew how to make so much more. She found delight in doing so.

Although not immune to life’s hardships, she strived to keep a positive attitude, which was evident in her smiles and in her infectious laughter. You could hear her laugh before you entered the room. Her laughs made you laugh. Always positive and pure in heart. That’s because she constantly upheld her faith in Jehovah. Allowing herself to meditate on His qualities and applying them to her daily life. Always helpful, hospitable, and generously giving to others. She kept that going until her health began to decline. Even with health complications, she would always find the opportunities to smile and laugh.

She will be missed tremendously and is survived by her daughter, Valerie Renee, son, Joe Louis, son, David Octavius, sister-in-law, JoAnn, and a host of Aunts, nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Order of Service

Chairman - Bro. Ni Nunoo

Obituary - Bro. Bobby Brown


Memorial Talk - Bro. Aldridge Drayton, Sr.

Closing Song #139 - See Yourself When All Is New

Closing Prayer - Bro. Joseph Pemberton

Video Showing

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Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, NJ

A portrait of a woman with short, dark hair, wearing a light-colored top with a pink rose pinned to her shoulder. She is surrounded by a soft-focus background of pink and blue flowers. The text is overlaid on the lower half of the image.

Job 14: 14-15- If a man dies, can he live again? I will wait all the days of my compulsory services until my relief comes. 15 you will call, and I will answer you. You will long for the work of your hands.

Acknowledgement

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to all for your heartfelt cards, text and voice messages of condolences, encouragement, and support.

The Warren Family

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