



## Mrs. Gladys House Ruben

October 3, 1923 - July 28, 2014

On October 10, 1923 Gladys Stuart House and Walter Walker House Sr. were blessed with their second child, Gladys Loraine House. Gladys' older brother was Walter W. House Jr. and later a younger sister, Claudia was born. They resided in Detroit, Michigan which was a thriving, vibrant city at that time. Gladys was always an exceptional student, and she was double promoted twice and graduated from Northern High School at 16. As an intelligent black woman she faced many challenges dealing with a country where the rights of women, minorities and other "outcasts" were constantly being tested. These experiences contributed to Gladys being active with community organizations and to her beloved sorority, Delta Sigma Theta. She was a Girl Scout leader and worked with several other women's groups. Gladys graduated from Wayne State University and she pursued a career in Medical Technology and worked at Herman Keifer Hospital for several years.

With the war going on, Gladys fell in love with William or (Bill) Ruben and they were married September 7, 1946. Gladys and Bill were married 59 years. They produced three children, Diane, William-Brian and Paul, who preceded her in death in 1999. Gladys was a wonderful, caring mother. She put the love of her family and their well being ahead of herself many times and when Paul came down at twenty-three with multiple sclerosis, the whole family assisted with his care. The years before Paul's illness, the family had many cherished memories going camping around Michigan and Canada. Her son Brian says

those were the happiest moments he remembers, and he's now an avid fisherman and lover of outside sports. In Gladys' later years, after Bill's death in 2005, she moved up to Northern Michigan to a tiny town called Mecosta with her daughter, grandson and son-in-law. She resided there until her passing, July 28, 2014.

Gladys had many talents, she was a master Bridge player, and she won many trophies and awards playing duplicate bridge. Her lifelong friends were in a club called the "Pipers" and they literally played Bridge and socialized over a lifespan of forty years, until most of them had trouble getting to the meetings.

She returned to school and obtained her Master's degree in Education and became a teacher. Gladys taught math in the Detroit Public School System for fifteen years, before she retired to take care of her youngest son, Paul.

Gladys was a visionary with an intelligence that helped her strategies when playing cards, teaching middle school and high school math that few people could match. Gladys dealt with the realities of life, she wanted to live her life on certain high levels. She was always seeking solutions to many problems. Gladys is survived by her daughter, Diane Walker-Hall; son, William Brian Ruben; son-in-law, Cordell G. Hall; granddaughters, Corenthia Smith and Summer Wright Davis; grandsons, Brian Walker and Clifton Walker; and Paul Sahura Hall; daughters-in-law, Angie Walker, Jarenda Foster-Walker; grandchildren, Micah, Makeiah Walker, William Walker, Grabriel Smith; a sister, Claudia House Morcom; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family and good friends.

Sweet memories of Gladys Ruben will truly be cherished in our hearts, she was a loving mother, sister, grandmother, aunt, and friend.

# Cemetery Details

## Elmwood Cemetery

1200 Elmwood Ave.  
Detroit, MI 48207

# Previous Events

## Visitation

Sunday, Aug. **3**. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
Detroit, MI 48227  
(313) 838-9770  
info@pyefuneralhome.com

## Family Hour

Monday, Aug. **4**. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
Detroit, MI 48227  
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## Funeral Service

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Monday, Aug. 4. 12:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Gladys House Ruben*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Julia Schultz sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gladys House Ruben*



Julia Schultz - January 22, 2016 at 06:10 PM



“ *Julia Schultz lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys House Ruben*



Julia Schultz - January 22, 2016 at 06:08 PM



“ *I hope you feel better soon and I know what it's like to lose someone so important to you!*

Julia Schultz - January 22, 2016 at 06:06 PM