



Ms. Ruby Lee Ashman

February 5, 1919 - January 10, 2014

Ruby Lee Ashman was born on February 5, 1919, in Barham, Louisiana to Joseph and Rosie Love. Ruby departed her life on January 10, 2014. She was the third of five children, three sisters and one brother: Velma, Earline, Jewell and Simmy. Sister Ashman moved to Detroit, Michigan in 1927 at the age of 8 years old. She attended and graduated from Detroit Public Schools. She married William S. Dennis and from that union they had three children; one daughter Rosemarie Harmon, and two sons, William M. Dennis and Melvin C. Dennis. In later years, she married Clyde "Edward" Ashman.

Sister Ashman accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age. She was baptized by Reverend Goodman and was an active member of Davison Missionary Baptist Church for 86 years. At the church, she was a member of the Senior and Chorale Choir. Sister Ashman received honors on October 27, 2013 for being one of the longest standing members at Davison Missionary Baptist Church.

Ruby worked tirelessly at Arnold Nursing Home until her retirement. To stay active after retirement, she worked with the Woman's Home League department of the Salvation Army while also volunteering for the Wayne County Juvenile Detention Facility and New Center Mental Health Community until she was 90 years old.

Ruby was affectionately known to all as simply, Granny. She was a fashionista and never stepped outside without her pocketbook, her heels and her jewelry neatly in place. She was very outspoken and opinionated. Ruby was quick to give a compliment, but she never held her tongue if you were out of order. "Granny" was joyful and a pleasure to be around. She had the most distinct laugh and you couldn't help but laugh alongside her whenever she found something amusing. She was a very generous woman who was personified by the saying "It takes a village to raise a child" as she helped to nurture not just her own family, but anyone she saw fit.

Previous Events

Visitation

Friday, Jan. **17**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Family Hour

Saturday, Jan. **18**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Davison Avenue Missionary Baptist Church
39 E. Dakota
Detroit, MI 48203

Funeral Service

Saturday, Jan. **18**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Ruby Lee Ashman*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Cathy Woods lit a candle in memory of Ms. Ruby Lee Ashman*



Cathy woods - September 06, 2019 at 11:47 PM



“ *Ms. Ashman,*

Was truly a kind, generous, sensitive, and loving person. She was also very funny. When she laughed, the world laughed too. She treated me like a daughter. Ms. Ruby loved me and I loved her. She was a blessing to all who knew her. I was truly blessed to have known her. Ms. Ashman will truly be missed.

Jacqueline McNeal

Ms. Jacqueline McNeal - January 16, 2014 at 07:04 PM



“ Donna Sprauve lit a candle in memory of Ms. Ruby Lee Ashman



Donna Sprauve - January 16, 2014 at 03:29 PM



Grandma I will miss you so.....Now I have two Angels looking over me ..I was always at your house when I was a little girl.. so many memories, and fun times we shared together.To you my dear Gran .. I love you always and forever

Donna Sprauve - January 16, 2014 at 03:37 PM

CL

hello,donna this is cathy mrs.catherine granddaughter, she was my granny too we use to spend every thursday together before she stop driving.my grannies were my everything i will miss her dearly...i dont have any one to make lemon cake for an yes her laugh wow the funniest ... i will always love you my dearest ms.ruby.

cathy woods aka lilcathy - August 17, 2014 at 08:15 PM

DH

“ Ms. Ashman was a joy whenever I came to work! She was pleasant, warm, and fun to be around. Many times we even got to see some dance moves. She will truly be missed.

Darnella HoltZ - January 14, 2014 at 10:03 AM