



## Mrs. Ruby Leonard

January 22, 1932 - July 24, 2020

In Loving Memory Of:

Ruby Leonard was born on January 22, 1932 in Massillon, Ohio to the late Daniel and Gertrude McCants. Ruby was born into a family of six brothers and two sisters. Her parents and siblings, William McCants, DC McCants, Louis McCants, Samuel McCants, Howard McCants, Bert McCants, Annie Clark and Mary Kilgore all preceded her in death.

Ruby's parents migrated to River Rouge, Michigan from Massillon, Ohio when she was five years old. She attended the school system in River Rouge, graduating from River Rouge High School.

Ruby was a God-fearing Christian, receiving Christ at an early age. She was a member of Union Second Baptist Church in River Rouge for years, dedicating herself as a member of the Willing Workers Club, Adult Excelsior Choir and Adult Usher Board. She loved the Lord, loved reading the Bible, loved to talk about how good God is and what God can do for you if you give him a chance. She would say, have faith, trust in the Lord, pray and always put God first and you will see how he'll make a way out of no way. Ruby in her later years joined New Hope Church in Wayne, Michigan.

Ruby met the love of her life, John Leonard who she affectionately called "Johnny," on a blind date. She loved to recall how after each date, he would drop her off at home, go purchase her a pint of vanilla ice cream, a Pepsi and bring it back to her. They quickly realized their love for each other and how their beliefs and values were so much alike. She and Johnny were bonded in

Holy Matrimony on October 7, 1950 and remained so for sixty-six- and one-half years until Johnny tiptoed up to Heaven in February, 2017. To this union, was born three sons, John Jr., who preceded her in death at the tender age of two, Daniel and Derek, three daughters, Denise, Karen and Sharon. She loved her Johnny and her children, instilling strong faith core values in them. Ruby started her career at J.L. Hudson's as a Payroll/Bookkeeper in the Accounting Department. She later accepted a position at Scott Paper Company as a Supervisor in Accounts Payable, retiring after 18 years. She enjoyed her career and enjoyed having her Johnny pick her up daily from work.

Ruby cherished her children and grandchildren, inheriting the nickname "Gege" from her grandson Larry. The nickname stuck with her and everyone started calling her "Gege", which she adored since her Johnny had affectionately been given the nickname "Dita" by the oldest son Daniel. Gege enjoyed baking cakes, sweet potato pies, lemon meringue pies and making homemade ice cream, always having what she referred to as, "her party". She also enjoyed cooking turkey and dressing in the heat of the summer for her "Johnny", with no air conditioning. She was known for her tea cakes and her delicious potato salad. She took special pride in cooking and baking for her Johnny, her children and grandchildren. She looked forward to the holidays when the entire family was together or on any given day. Gege enjoyed her trips to Las Vegas with her girls and going to the casinos in Detroit. MGM was her favorite casino along with the buffet. You say let's and she was ready to go to the casino on any day except Sunday. If it was not the casino; she was ready to go out to breakfast and/or to the mall. She enjoyed shopping, making sure she had the right matching big hat for her Church outfit.

Gege was the matriarch of the family, a role model and mother figure to many and beloved by all. Everyone was family to her, never meeting a stranger.

# Cemetery Details

## Westlawn Cemetery

31472 Michigan Ave  
Wayne, MI 48184

# Previous Events

## Family Hour

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

Kadesh Full Gospel Baptist Church  
20361 Plymouth Road  
Detroit, MI 48228

## Funeral Service

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

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Ruby Leonard*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Aunt Ruby was a great woman and a wonderful aunt. We will miss her dearly everyday delicious baking and guidance. Love, Butch and Debbie*

**Deb McCants** - August 04, 2020 at 02:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ruby Leonard.*



August 03, 2020 at 07:59 PM



“ *The Iota Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Ruby Leonard.*



**The Iota Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi** - August 03, 2020 at 07:25 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ruby Leonard.*



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August 03, 2020 at 01:59 PM



“ *Touching Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ruby Leonard.*



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August 03, 2020 at 11:34 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ruby Leonard.*



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August 03, 2020 at 08:36 AM



“ *Karen, it's hard to say goodbye to your mother. Remember that her love will always surround you. Keeping you and your family in my prayers.*

*Love, Rosalind Cox*

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**Rosalind Cox** - August 02, 2020 at 10:09 PM

LS

“ Love, Rosalind and Staci purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Ruby Leonard.



Love, Rosalind and Staci - August 02, 2020 at 10:04 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ruby Leonard.



August 02, 2020 at 08:39 PM

BL

“ Benita & Tonya Leonard purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Ruby Leonard.



Benita & Tonya Leonard - August 01, 2020 at 12:45 PM

EB

“ Eleanor Bracey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruby Leonard



Eleanor Bracey - July 30, 2020 at 08:24 AM

GF

“ *Geno Fewell & Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mrs. Ruby Leonard.*



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**Geno Fewell & Family** - July 29, 2020 at 08:47 AM