



Mrs. Ruthie Edwards

September 20, 1934 - February 17, 2024

Rutha (Ruthie) C. Edwards was born on the glorious day of September 20, 1934 in Andersonville, Georgia to the parents of Elder Lenster Lumpkin and Susie B. Fletcher (deceased). After the death of her natural mother, she was raised by her stepmother, Mrs. Lucille Lumpkin. She was the second eldest of eight children, and the oldest daughter.

As a child, Ruthie attended local elementary, middle schools and Commerce High School in Detroit, MI. Through the union of Richard Philips, her beautiful daughters Venetta and Laura were born. Later she was wed to Shadrack Edwards. Throughout her life, she enjoyed crocheting, puzzles and playing the mobile game Candy Crush. Ruthie can be remembered by her famous blankets and her famous peach cobbler! Ruthie would crochet blankets for new babies born from family and friends. Ruthie Edwards gave her life to the Lord many years ago and was an active and devoted member of the Little Rock Primitive Baptist Church where she was the Church Mother. She was employed as a presser at LBC Cleaners for many years. However, she worked at other cleaners during other periods of her life and retired from LBC Cleaners.

The trumpet sounded on February 17, 2024, and Ruthie C. Edwards went to be with the Lord. She was preceded in death by her parents; Elder Lenster Lumpkin, Susie B. Fletcher Lumpkin, and Lucille Lumpkin. Ruthie was also

preceded in death by some siblings; Elder Morris Lumpkin, Joshua Lumpkin, Mrs. Beatrice Thomas, Mrs. Pauline Ushery and one grandson Terrell Bridgeforth.

She leaves to mourn two daughters Venetta King and Laura Craighead; Nine grandchildren Michael Lumpkin, Stephanie Bridgeforth, Trasandra Long (Antonio), Lamikia Lumpkin, Olethia Craighead, Lyron Bridgeforth (Kenya), Earnell Craighead III (Kellece), Sabrina Bridgeforth, and Jerome Craighead (Danielle), all residing in Detroit, MI; 32 great-grandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren; three siblings: Elder Lorin Lumpkin (Cecelia) of Southfield, MI, Iline Thomas of Los Angeles, CA and Josephine Stewart of Philadelphia, PA, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Trinity Cemetery

5210 Mt. Elliott
Detroit, MI 48211

Previous Events

Visitation

Friday, Feb. **23**. 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 / Visitation

Saturday, Feb. **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church
5482 Roosevelt Street
Detroit, MI 48208

Celebration of Life

Saturday, Feb. **24**. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RS

“ *My sincere love and sympathy to the family of my friend Ruthie. Ruthie recruited me into Rubbermaid Party Plan in 1976 and it ushered me into a successful life of. Direct sales. Retiring in 2010. I am so sorry to have lose contact. I will always cherish our beautiful memories ,funny stories, world travel. Love and appreciation Roz Savage*

Roz Savage - October 27, 2025 at 01:31 PM

WN

“ *With Love, Phyllis, Rae, Tiger, Nibbie purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mrs. Ruthie Edwards.*



With Love, Phyllis, Rae, Tiger, Nibbie - February 23, 2024 at 12:32 PM

LL

“ *My Dearest Auntie. What can I say...You will ALWAYS be my HEART!! I will cherish the memories we made and you will NEVER be forgotten. You were definitely a soldier in the Army of the Lord. Because YOU raised me in church, now in my adult life, I understand how crucial and important it was for you to build that foundation. No one will be able to top your fried chicken & spaghetti!!! You ARE the BESST cook I've ever known :) Rest well auntie! God is well pleased with you. You will hear, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant..." (Matt 25:21).*

Linda Lloyd - February 23, 2024 at 07:41 AM

HS

“ Her Forte Salon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Ruthie Edwards.

Her Forte Salon - February 23, 2024 at 06:21 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ruthie Edwards.



February 23, 2024 at 06:21 AM

CM

“ Ms Ruthie aka SUNSHINE, I miss You so. You have taught me so much in my life, and it didnt go unnoticed. You were my matron of honor ,grandmother, mother, sister and most of all FRIEND. You and I were like Thelma and Louise, having a great time on the road running errands. I I remember picking you up for church , we were having such a great conversation we ended up by the bridge to Canada. You said we're going the wrong way and we both started laughing. We made it to church on time SUNSHINE ! I will hold our memories in my heart until we meet again. I love you Mrs.Ruthie Edwards.

Cheryl Miller-Lumpkin - February 21, 2024 at 08:10 PM

JF

“ Jennifer Johnson & Family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mrs. Ruthie Edwards.



Jennifer Johnson & Family - February 21, 2024 at 02:35 PM

EA

“ Elder Tim & Sister Tina Austin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Ruthie Edwards.

Elder Tim & Sister Tina Austin - February 21, 2024 at 08:22 AM

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“ Elder Tim & Sister Tina Austin purchased the *Emerald Garden Basket* for the family of Mrs. Ruthie Edwards.



Elder Tim & Sister Tina Austin - February 21, 2024 at 08:22 AM