



Mrs. Ruby Watford

August 13, 1937 - June 29, 2015

Ruby Watford

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“To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven;

A time to be born, and a time to die;

A time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;”...

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

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Ruby was born Friday, August 13, 1937, in Morristown, Tennessee, daughter of the late Alfred Etter and the late Clara Hale Etter,

Upon her high school graduation in Tennessee, Ruby matriculated to Livingstone College, Salisbury, North Carolina, where she earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree. She taught in the Harrisburg School District for over twenty years. Devoted to her profession and her students, Ruby was a loving teacher, disciplinarian and mentor who treated her students as her own children-- when Mrs. Watford spoke her students listened and learned. She was a surrogate mother to many, many children truly caring and concerned with their needs. Foremost, Ruby was a dedicated wife and mother. Her three sons, Craig, Derrick and Jeff, were the “apples-of-her-eye.” However, they knew Mom’s deep and constant love was also coupled with loving discipline. With such a bubbly, fun-loving personality, everyone gravitated towards Ruby; she made friends easily and was loved by all who knew her. She, in turn,

loved everyone unconditionally no matter who they were. Leisurely, Ruby loved going to casinos and playing cards with her many friends as a member of the "Just Us" Social Club.

In her youth, while still in Tennessee, Ruby accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and was united in Christian fellowship with The Hasson Street Baptist Church.

At seventy-seven years of age, on Monday, June 29, 2015, at her home in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, God, in His Infinite Wisdom and Divine Love, called Ruby into Life Eternal. She leaves to cherish special memories and emulate her loving legacy: three sons, Craig Watford of Harrisburg, Derrick Watford of Abington, Pennsylvania, and Jeffrey Watford of Harrisburg; a brother, Anthony Etter of Rogersville, Tennessee; five grandchildren, Brandon, Colin and Kalee Watford, all of Harrisburg, Donovan and Douglas Watford, both of Abington; ex-husband, Thomas B. Watford of Harrisburg; sisters-in-law, Phyllis Botz and husband Charles of Ashland, Kentucky, Eleanor Craig and her husband Arthur of Pennsauken, New Jersey; brother-in-law, Irven Watford and his wife Diane of Sicklerville, New Jersey; other relatives and many friends.

Submitted in Love and Sorrow, The Family

Mrs. Watford's life will be celebrated at 11 a.m., Thursday, July 9th, at Wallace Funeral Directors, 106 Agnes Street, Harrisburg, PA 17104. Viewing/visitation from 10 to 11 a.m.

Tribute Wall

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“*Mrs. Ruby was a very close friend of my mother who went to Livingstone College with her; she was a maid of honor in my mother's wedding so many years ago. When growing up we took vacation trips to Pennsylvania that I always cherish. Our families enjoyed vacation times together.*

Mrs. Ruby was always to be counted on for a good laugh and lighthearted banter to soften any environment. Her presence in life brought joy and smiling and reflection that life can be good and is to be enjoyed. Her memory shall live among us to remind us to keep smiling, no matter what.

I'd like to think she knew the true secret to what can make anyone smile. If you are not sure of the answer...think of Mrs. Ruby and somehow the answer will reach your heart and soul and you too will join the band of those who continually smile no matter the dimensions a part in ones life.

Missed but not forgotten.

God speed.

- Jeneen Roscoe

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“ The memories I have of Ruby will live forever and I pray that you the family will cherish them also. They will help bring inner peace, and make your loved one seem still very close to you. I met Ruby at Livingstone College in Salisbury, NC in 1956 where we were roommates with Roberta Waters. We bonded and remained friends until now. She was a person to love, for that is what she gave. Always positive and joyful. The last time we met was at Hershey Park where she came when I was on a bus tour .I know words cannot take away the pain, but nothing we surrender to God is lost. The journey will be slow, be patient. Rely on God's hand to mend your broken heart Love, Earle Lyons Barker Smith.

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“ Ruby was a bright light and spirit. She infected positivity and joy onto the lives of those she touched. I feel privileged and blessed to say that I knew her well. I will always treasure the memories of time spent with her and I will carry within me the kindness and love that she's shown to me over the years. My deepest condolences to the Watford Family.

Love,
Michelle Carrasquillo

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