



Mother Ruth Salome Roach

November 4, 1926 - April 20, 2017

Mother Ruth Salome Roach, 90, Harrisburg, entered eternal life on April 20, 2017, while on a Southern Caribbean Cruise. She was preceded in death by her parents, the late Elder Edward Alpheus Walden and Mother Rebecca Elonia Brown-Walden; her beloved husband of 68 years, John Burchelle Roach; 1 son, Andre Burchelle Roach; 3 sisters, Thelma Corinthia Walden-Smith, Clarice Brown Walden-Scott and Gloria Hilda Rebecca Walden-Hammonds.

A graduate of Swatara Township High School, Class of 1944, she then attended Lincoln Preparatory School, Philadelphia, and Elizabethtown College, Class of 1950, where she majored in early childhood education and excelled in religious studies. Her career path included Mary Sachs and Schleisner's Department Stores and the Pennsylvania Farm Show Defense Operations Center during WWII. Her civil service career began in 1959 at the former Middletown Olmsted Air Force Base; Indiantown Gap Military Reservation; Tech Librarian at the former Newark Aerospace Guidance and Metrology Center, Heath, OH; Mechanicsburg Navy Depot; a Procurement Specialist at the New Cumberland Army Depot where she received numerous awards and citations for performance and cost-savings initiatives and retired in 1986 after 27 years of service. She was also a state-licensed beautician having graduated at the top of her class from the former Ebony Beauty School, Harrisburg.

An accomplished and anointed pianist and organist, Mother Roach shared her

talent with many churches in the Harrisburg area as well as in Heath, OH, to include The Greater Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Monumental A.M.E. Church, Bethel A.M.E. Church, Harris A.M.E. Zion Church, Tabernacle Baptist Church, Trinity Church of God and Shiloh C.O.G.I.C., etc., serving faithfully for 77 years in churches as well as in the community. She truly loved praising and serving the Lord.

Mother Roach leaves to share her legacy of love, dedication and commitment 3 children, Erle Stanley Roach (Pearl) of Bronx, NY, Thelma Rebecca Roach-Serry (Henry) of Richmond, VA, and Dana Kevin Roach of Harrisburg; 5 grandchildren, Aprile Candace Serry-Brown (Greg), Armand Patrice Serry (Chantel), Irving Rose, Kyle Sterling Roach and Adrian Alexander Serry; 1 great-grandchild, Armand Patrice Serry Jr.; 1 brother, James Edward Walden (Mary) of Hampton, VA; in-laws, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Mother Roach's life will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 3rd, at Shiloh C.O.G.I.C., 5950 Derry Street, Harrisburg, with viewing 9:30-10:30 a.m. Interment will be at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery. Contributions may be made in memory of Mother Ruth S. Roach to the American Heart Association, 1019 Mumma Rd., Ste 100, Wormleysburg, PA 17043.

Cemetery Details

Indiantown Gap National

Indiantown Gap Road
Anville, PA 17003

Previous Events

Flower Delivery

MAY 3. 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM (ET)

Shiloh Church of God In Christ
5950 Derry Street
Harrisburg, PA

Viewing

MAY 3. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Shiloh Church of God In Christ
5950 Derry Street
Harrisburg, PA

Service

MAY 3. 10:30 AM (ET)

Shiloh Church of God In Christ
5950 Derry Street
Harrisburg, PA

Tribute Wall

DK

“ DKRoach lit a candle in memory of Mother Ruth Salome Roach



DKRoach - May 02, 2017 at 01:33 PM

CB

“ 'Mami Ruth', I never met you nor spoke with you, but for the past two years since meeting your daughter TRS, I have come to know you through her. I have prayed for you when the Lord laid it on my heart to do so quite a number of times. Like Abraham of old ' Mami Ruth breathed her last and died in a ripe old age, an old woman and satisfied with life; and she was gathered to her people" .Gen 25:8 . You will be missed but I trust God that someday in that land where there is no dying, no pain and no sorrow I hope to see you. Rest in peace in the bosom of Almighty God' good and faithful servant'.
CKB

Claudia kem- Bumbala - May 01, 2017 at 10:09 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mother Ruth Salome Roach.



May 01, 2017 at 04:08 PM



“ *Thoughts & Prayers was purchased for the family of Mother Ruth Salome Roach.*



May 01, 2017 at 10:16 AM



“ *Mom("Little Lady"),*

I shall miss you everyday...your kindness, sweet nature, generosity, love and prayers. No one can ever replace you! Thank you for everything!

Love always,

"Dana Kev"

K Roach - May 01, 2017 at 10:13 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mother Ruth Salome Roach.*



April 30, 2017 at 11:33 PM

WJ

“ *To the Family of Mother Ruth Salome Roach--*

On behalf of the Harrisburg and vicinity Association of Ministers Wives and Widows we sorrowfully acknowledge the passing of Mother Roach. She could be counted on to provide music at our services and for our Annual Prayer Breakfast. When I last spoke with her she was still playing piano for one of our local churches. Our hearts at this time are with you, her family, and friends of Mother Roach. God bless and keep you and in His own time bring peace and comfort as you recall the wonderful legacy of her life of service.

Lady Deborah Brown, President, Hbg MWMW

Dr. Iris H. Cooley, Chair, Benevolence Committee

William Cooley Jr. - April 30, 2017 at 10:19 PM

TR

“ MeMe,

We miss you, but we know it was time for you to go. Now you can see Pop, Aunie, Grandma and Pop Walden and your sisters. Continue to play heavenly beautiful music...

Rest Mom!

Peace&Love,

Becky

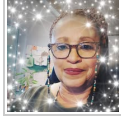
And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you. John 16:22

TRS - April 30, 2017 at 03:46 PM

CD

*To the Roach Family, especially my friend Thelma. My heart is heavy right now finding out that your mother has pass from labor to reward. That was my buddy. See always sent her love to me via you and me sending mines as well. I know she is playing and directing that heavenly choir. May God peace and blessing continue to be with your family now and always.
Love Caron Dumas*

Caron Dumas - May 09, 2017 at 06:41 AM



My thoughts and prayer to my cousins, Stan, Becky, and Kevin, who have suffered so much immediate loss in recent months. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Dearest Aunt Ruth, be at peace and in the eternal arms of those loved ones who have gone before.

*Trina E. Roach
Bad Arolsen, Germany*

Trina Roach - May 17, 2017 at 02:35 AM