



Ms. Ruth Washington

May 24, 1937 - January 1, 2022

Ms. Ruth Washington, 84, of Peoria, Illinois, passed away at 12:32 am on Saturday, January 1, 2022 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center. Ruth was born in Columbus, Mississippi on May 24, 1937 to Edward and Eddie (Reed) Johnson. She was raised by Andrew and Addie Washington.

Ruth worked at Bradley University as a cook at a sorority house for many years. She also was a seamstress. She loved cooking, crocheting and fishing. Ruth was a beautiful person with a smile that would light up a room. She said things just as she saw them, "like it TIS". Ruth loved everyone and was a wonderful grandmother and great grandmother. She was a faithful member of Star of Hope Full Gospel Church where she served in the Senior Choir.

Ruth leaves to cherish her most precious memories two sons, Andrew Ruben Washington, Sr. and Grant Crawford; four daughters, Regina Washington, Samella Shumate, Cassandra (Tommie) Shaffer and Cynthia Smith; four brothers, Billy (Betty) Johnson, Ralph Johnson, Alvin "Chuckie" Johnson and Carl Johnson all of Peoria, IL; five sisters, Shirley Farmer of Pulaski, IL, Jennette Hicks, Judy Thomas, Racine Johnson and Carolyn Washington all of Peoria, IL; a special niece, Lavonda Johnson; two special friends, Vera Cornish and Sally Deloney all of Peoria, IL; twenty-one grandchildren, thirty-nine great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. She is preceded in death by her

parents; the parents who raised her; two sons, Raymond Washington and Melvin Young and a great-granddaughter, Rei'Yelle Grayson.

Funeral services will be held at 10 am on Saturday, January 15, 2022 at Star of Hope Full Gospel Church with a visitation prior beginning at 9 am. Bishop Joseph Johnson will officiate. Ruth will be laid to rest at Lutheran Cemetery.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [SimonsMortuary.com](https://www.SimonsMortuary.com).

The service will be live streamed on Simons Mortuary's Website or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Simons-Mortuary-232095303487150> promptly AT THE TIME OF THE SERVICE.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, social distancing is encouraged to be consistent with recommendations from the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA), funeral home directors have been instructed and should follow CDC guidelines on gatherings, including those directly related to funerals, visitations, or graveside services.

*In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, we ask that everyone in attendance: wear a face mask and refrain from hugging, kissing and shaking hands (as hard as it is to see someone you care about and not touch them).

*It is our responsibility as a Funeral Directors, to do everything we can to advise families in order to honor our beloved Families and to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

Cemetery Details

Lutheran Cemetery

914 S Pleasant St
Peoria, IL 61604-5954

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 15. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Star of Hope Full Gospel Church
417 W. Romeo B. Garrett Avenue
Peoria, IL 61605

Celebration of Life

JAN 15. 10:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

Star of Hope Full Gospel Church
417 W. Romeo B. Garrett Avenue
Peoria, IL 61605

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Ruth Washington*



Simons Mortuary - January 21, 2022 at 05:29 PM



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Ruth Washington*



Simons Mortuary - January 14, 2022 at 12:48 PM

RF

May the Good Lord give you all peace that surpasses your understanding. (Proverbs 3:5:&6:) Family you all put your loved one to rest "BEAUTIFULLY" Royal home going! Praying for you all. Go in Peace she is safely home. Rena Webster-Horton & Family 🙏💜🥹

Rena Webster Horton & Family - January 15, 2022 at 01:54 PM



“ *Ms. Ruth Washington*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Ms. Ruth Washington*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *Prayers condolences hugs and love go out to the family. Ms. Ruth was wonderful person and shared her love with many people and children. She helped me with my youngest Alex and I am forever grateful. We love yall family praying for your peace, strength, and comfort.*



Camille Harris - January 17, 2022 at 01:29 PM



“ *TLC sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Ruth Washington*



TLC - January 15, 2022 at 04:15 AM



“ *Jennifer Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Ruth Washington*



Jennifer Williams - January 13, 2022 at 12:10 AM

AL

“ *Annette Lucy lit a candle in memory of Ms. Ruth Washington*



Annette Lucy - January 12, 2022 at 05:50 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ms. Ruth Washington.*



January 07, 2022 at 05:43 PM

RF

“ *Rena Webster-Horton & Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Ruth Washington*



Rena Webster-Horton & Family - January 06, 2022 at 10:32 PM

KM

“ To my Aunt Ruth, always so sweet to me such a beautiful soul. This hits my heart to know that her days on this earth have come to an end but God will welcome His daughter. To family you are in my prayers, mom Shirley, Carl Wayne, and all of the siblings she will for ever be in our hearts.

Love and Miss you all

Praying for you all

Pastor Kim Moore (Pat's daughter)

Federal Way, Washington

Kim Moore - January 05, 2022 at 11:26 PM

RF

“ Rena Webster-Horton & Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Ruth Washington



Rena Webster-Horton & Family - January 04, 2022 at 11:48 PM

TS

“ Meeting Ms. RUTH WASHINGTON. What a JOY, you welcome me with open arms. For that I think you. I remember when I ask your daughter to marry me. You set me down and said. Look Sandra is my baby and if you aren't going to treat her right, leave her here at home. At that moment the BOND between me and you begin with me choosing the right words to let know, that I will do my best not to let you or your daughter down. I'm not cut from that cloth of mistreating females. The chill in the room was lifted. I could feel the LOVE you gave and demand from those that you met along the way during your journey here on earth. For that I Love You and thank you for the transition from son in law to SON. MOM YOU WILL BE MISSED.

Tommie Shaffer - January 04, 2022 at 09:34 AM