



Ms. Zomo "Little Ruth" Donelson

January 15, 1929 - May 26, 2015

Ms. Zomo "Little Ruth" Mendozia Donelson, 86, of Decatur, IL; formerly of Peoria, IL passed away peacefully surrounded by her family at 8:08 am on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at her daughter's home.

Zomo, affectionately known as Ruth, was born on January 15, 1929 in Peoria to Ruth Haire-Owens. Ruth married Robert Donelson, Jr., and to that union two children were born, Ronald and Sandra.

Ruth retired from the State of Illinois working first at the State Hospital in Bartonville, IL and ending her 30 year career at the University of Illinois College of Medicine. Ruth also worked 13 years with William Faber law firm as a law clerk until retiring in 2014.

Ruth leaves to cherish her most precious memories her loving son, Ronald Donelson of Decatur and one loving daughter, Sandra Donelson of Peoria Heights; one brother, James Owens of Decatur; two granddaughters, Ronda (Graylin) Donelson-Guyton, who was a caregiver, of Peoria and Felicia Donelson of St. Louis, MO; five great grandchildren; one great-great grandson; other relatives and friends. She is preceded in death by her mother; and two brothers, Orville Owens and Herman Owens.

Ruth loved to spend time with her family, her church members, sewing, reading and solving crossword puzzles. She had a special bond with Patricia Page and family; Christine Owens and family and Fayth "Genie" Hill-Washington and family.

Ruth was a faithful member of St. Peter A. M. E. Church for over 25 years

where funeral services will be held at 11 am on Saturday, May 30, 2015 with a visitation one hour prior beginning at 10 am. Pastor Vivian Clarington will officiate. Ruth will be laid to rest at Graceland Cemetery. Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Family and friends will be received at Ronda's home. Online condolences may be made at simonsmortuary.com. The family would like to thank God for the time he gave us with our mom, grandmother, aunt, sister and cousin. We would also like to acknowledge and thank St. Peter A.M.E. Church; Pastor Vivian Clarington, St. Paul Baptist Church, Pastor Deveraux Hubbard, Simons Mortuary for your professionalism and friendship. To our many family and friends who have expressed their love through cards, phone calls, texts, emails and other acts of love...Your kindness will always be remembered.

Love,

The Donelson, Owens, Page and Guyton Family

Cemetery Details

Graceland Cemetery

2091 N. Oakland Ave.
Decatur, IL 62526
(217) 429-5439
<http://www.gracelandfairlawn.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Peter A.M.E. Church
515 S. Church St.
Decatur, IL 62522
(217) 423-5648
<http://www.stpeter4dist.com/>

Funeral Service

MAY 30. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Decatur, IL 62522
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Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Zomo "Little Ruth" Donelson*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



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January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *Such a "sweet" lady whom I dearly adored! I loved her beautiful smile and she always had encouraging words for everyone..... Sis Bev*

Dr. Beverly Johnson Thomas - June 12, 2015 at 10:16 AM



“ *Lil Ruth thanks so much for everything you done for us after grandma passed away. Your love and compassion helped ease the pain in such a tragic situation. I will be forever grateful for everything and love and miss you dearly.*

Keylee

Keylee Page - May 28, 2015 at 07:41 AM



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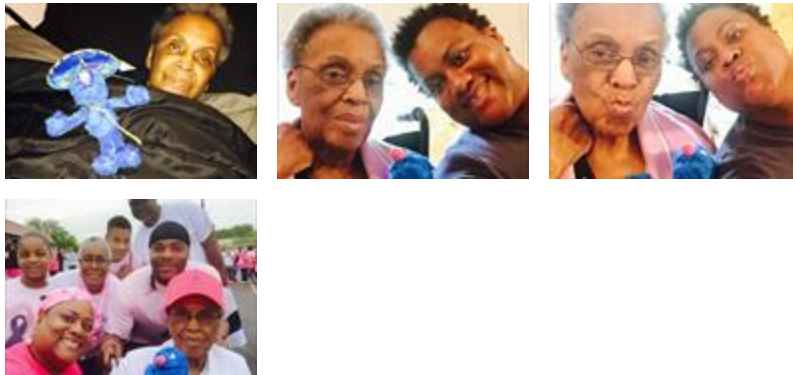
I grew up next door to mrs donelson snd she and her husband and my mother and father were good friends. Your family is in our prayers.

Pearly, terri and erwin bonds

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