



Mrs. Catherine Ruffin

July 22, 1946 - April 10, 2026

RUFFIN, Mrs. Catherine - Age 79, passed away Friday, April 10, 2026 at McLaren - Flint. Family Hour 11:00 AM Saturday, April 18, 2026, at Faith Temple C.O.G.I.C., 5802 Fleming Road, Flint, MI. with funeral service commencing at 12:00 PM. Pastor Eric Lewis, officiating. Interment River Rest Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing, Rd. Flint, MI. Family and friends will assemble at the Funeral Home, 11:00 AM Saturday. Mrs. Ruffin will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and will be viewed from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Friday.

Catherine Ruffin was born in Abbeville, MS, on July 22, 1946, to the late Ceasar and Lonnie Smith. She peacefully departed this life, leaving behind a legacy of faith and love. At an early age, Catherine accepted Christ and developed a deep and abiding faith that remained central throughout her life. She was a faithful member of Greater Friendship Azusa Ministries Church of God in Christ and later continued her spiritual journey as a loyal member of Faith Temple Church of God in Christ.

In 1967, Catherine was united in holy matrimony to Alfonzo Ruffin. Their union was blessed with 25 years of love, laughter, four children, and shared life experiences that created a strong foundation of cherished memories.

Catherine was the last of twelve siblings: MC Smith, Lena B. Smith, James Earl Smith, Bobbie Jean Miller, Ceasar "Rodie" Smith Jr., Bessie Ree Buford,

Sims “Bogue” Smith, Seabon Smith, Joe Mack Smith, Maggie Ann Davison, and Jimmy Smith, all of whom preceded her in their heavenly homecoming. As the final link to her immediate family, she carried with her love, memories, and legacy of those who went before her, holding close the bonds that defined her family’s strength and unity. She loved life and enjoyed her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Catherine Ruffin leaves to cherish her memories: 4 children, Creig, Mechalle, Renee, and Boh (Millicent) Ruffin; 11 grandchildren: Kaprecia, Kashai, Khaliah, Jasah, Caleb, Caron, Tihirah, Asad, Gyasi, Zuri, and Jahmire; 11 great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, family, and special friends. Catherine leaves in God’s care her sister-in-law, Emma Jean Smith of Flint, MI.

Above all, Catherine loved the Lord. Her life was a reflection of her devotion, and she found joy in reading and living by God’s word. She will be remembered for her kind spirit and the love she poured into those around her.

The family would like to express special thanks to the nursing staff of McLaren Flint Hospital, Karmanos Cancer Institute at McLaren Flint, Lawrence E. Moon’s Funeral Home, and Pastor Lewis and his wife Patricia Lewis at Faith Temple Church of God in Christ.

In lieu of sending flowers, the family would ask that you consider donating to the following charities

<https://www.hom.org/donate/>

<https://donate.themmrf.org/mmrf-general-giving/donate>

<https://www.karmanos.org/karmanos-foundation/donate-to-karmanos-foundation>

The family would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the many acts of

kindness, love, and support shown to us during this time of bereavement. Your prayers, comforting words, phone calls, visits, and other expressions of sympathy have been a source of strength and comfort.

Cemetery Details

River Rest Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Previous Events

Public Viewing

APR 17. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Inc., Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
Flint, MI 48505
(810) 789-6666
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com
<https://lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

Family hour

APR 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

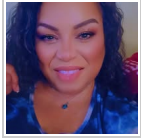
Faith Temple C.O.G.I.C.
5802 Fleming Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Funeral Service

APR 18. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Stephanie Abrams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Ruffin



Stephanie Abrams - May 02 at 01:15 PM

LR

“ I have known Cathy for a long time we used to work at Meijer. I can't believe that you are gone 💔😭 and I am going to miss you so much. Rest in peace 🙏



Loudean Ricks - April 22 at 02:37 PM

KH

“ Karla Hollins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Ruffin



Karla Hollins - April 19 at 08:31 PM

TM

“ Theresa Mae Miller lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Ruffin



Theresa Mae Miller - April 19 at 08:28 PM

TA

“ *Tanija lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Ruffin*



tanija - April 18 at 02:14 PM

LB

“ *LaQuanda S Byas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Ruffin*



LaQuanda S Byas - April 18 at 11:21 AM

JR

“ *We send pur deepest condolences to the entire Ruffin family. Boh and Millicent, you and sons are in our prayers and thoughts. With love,*



The Rowe Family (Judy, Joe, Joe and Jon)

Judith Anita Rowe - April 17 at 08:54 PM

CR

“ *Carol Roshy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Catherine Ruffin.*

Carol Roshy - April 17 at 06:28 PM

CB

“ Christine Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Ruffin



Christine Brown - April 17 at 11:10 AM

CR

“ To the Ruffin families all ear and far, by blood , or by spirit. The Randolph and Witcher families send their deepest sentiments during this time. We know the peace of God covers as the words of men cannot. 🙏



Carolyn Randolph-Witcher - April 17 at 03:11 AM



“ My condolences to the family & dear friends of Catherine Ruffin.



Ivan Wilson - April 16 at 11:19 PM

IW

“ My condolences to the family & dear friends of Catherine Ruffin.



Ivan Wilson - April 16 at 11:15 PM

GM

“ *Cat you were always extremely beautiful inside and out. I have known you for 52 years and I have never ever seen you mad or funny acting you were always the same when I saw you classy and elegant. You were a good example of how a beautiful woman should carry themselves. I will definitely miss you. Love you.*



Gwen, Mckay-Barton - April 16 at 10:38 AM

DJ

“ *Dorothy Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Ruffin*



Dorothy Jones - April 16 at 12:19 AM

DL

“ *Deacon Donnie & Mo. Sharyn Langston lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Ruffin*



Deacon Donnie & Mo. Sharyn Langston - April 15 at 09:46 PM

WJ

“ *Willie McKay Jr. lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Ruffin*



Willie McKay Jr. - April 15 at 07:22 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Catherine Ruffin.



April 15 at 11:44 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Catherine Ruffin.

April 15 at 11:44 AM



“ Marilyn Sams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Ruffin



Marilyn Sams - April 14 at 10:21 PM



“ Shirlene Clark lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Ruffin



Shirlene Clark - April 14 at 05:15 PM



“ *Sending my prayers to the Ruffin family may the Lord continue to lean in your direction not only on this day but the days ahead.*
Leslie George -Story

Leslie -Story - April 14 at 05:05 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Ruffin Family for their loss. We wish you comfort and peace during this difficult time..God Bless* 🙏🌹🙏



Jimola Wilson - April 14 at 02:40 PM



“ *Bobbie Walker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Ruffin*



Bobbie Walker - April 14 at 12:42 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Catherine Ruffin.*



April 14 at 11:05 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Catherine Ruffin.

April 14 at 11:05 AM



“ Sister Felicia Nunn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Ruffin



Sister Felicia Nunn - April 14 at 09:52 AM



“ Eva Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Ruffin



Eva Davis - April 14 at 05:33 AM



“ Janice Holbrook lit a candle in memory of Catherine Ruffin



Janice Holbrook - April 13 at 07:48 PM

FR

“ *Sending my love, condolences, and prayers to my cousins. Thinking of you all in this time of sorrow.* ”



Francine - April 13 at 04:15 PM

PG

“ *Pam Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Ruffin* ”



Pam Gibson - April 13 at 02:09 PM

PG

“ *My heart was broken when I heard that my sister had passed our families go way way back to Spencer st. Days sending love and prayers to the family 🤔🤔* ”

Pam Gibson - April 13 at 02:08 PM

KR

“ *My prayers are with the entire family, so many memories with them. That was another place like home growing up in that neighborhood, Ms. Ruffin was so loving to us. All of Craig's, friend's. Even after we crashed her Trans Am, our senior year. My love and prayers to Craig, Michelle, Na Na and Bo.* ”

Keith Ross - April 13 at 12:30 PM

DA

“ Sincere condolences to The Family Of Cathy Ruffin, Our Dear Friend From Working with at Meijers #29 and our Brunch Luncheon. We Will miss you Dearly. Take your rest Our Friend and Sister 🥺❤️🙏



Doris Allen - April 13 at 12:26 PM

CB

My deepest condolences to Cathy Ruffin Family, we work together at Meijer on center rd. since 1973 she was the most beautiful person I have ever met ,she was very nice and she love the Lord she will be very missed RIP my friend

Cheryl Brock - April 13 at 01:20 PM