



## Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal

October 17, 1929 - February 24, 2022

RUMPH VASSAL, Mrs. Jeffalone - Age 92, passed away Thursday, February 24, 2022 at her residence. Family hour 10:00 AM Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at Bethel United Methodist Church, 1309 N. Ballenger Hwy., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM, Pastor James Cagmon, officiating, Rev. Brian Willingham, Eulogist. Interment Sunset Hills Association, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Church, 10:00 AM Tuesday. Mrs. Rumph Vassal will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12:00 PM-6:00 PM Monday. Jeffalone, affectionately referred to by her children & grandchildren as "Red", J.B., Granny, Big Granny, Mama, & Mommy, was the first daughter born of seven children to of Mr. Lindsey & Mrs. Teretha (Brown) Brantley in Eupora, Mississippi. In addition to being born in Eupora, she began her Christian journey at the Liberty United Methodist Church in her hometown. She completed her high school education at Mary Homes, in West Point, Mississippi. While matriculating at Alcorn State University in Alcorn, Mississippi, completing her studies with a Bachelor of Arts in English and Home Economics, Jeffalone Brantley met her beloved Jefferson A. Rumph. After college, the two moved to Tuscaloosa, Alabama where they were united in holy matrimony and joined the First Community Independent Methodist Church under the pastoral leadership at that time her father-in-law, the late Reverend C.J.L. Rumph, Sr. Jeffalone & Jefferson set goals and aspirations for each of their children: Renetha, Roesha, Reid, Damita Jo, Jama, Lord, and

Connie to instill their Spiritual morals and values. Mrs. Jeffalone B. Rumph moved to Flint, Michigan from Tuscaloosa, Alabama. In 1964, she and her husband, Jefferson A. Rumph, joined Bethel Methodist Church under the pastoral leadership at that time of Reverend Donald Morris. She was a committed alto to the Senior Choir under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Van Zandt and Mrs. Hattye Guyton, the choir accompanist. She worked faithfully throughout the years in numerous capacities at Bethel United Methodist Church serving under various pastoral leadership ending with Reverend James Cogman and participating in the following: Bethel's United Methodist Women; a dedicated member of the Gospel Choir, the Bethel Mass Choir, and working as the Church Lay Leader. During this three-year membership tenure serving as Church Lay Leader, Jeffalone served on various committees: Worship, Missions, Family Ministries, Trustees, Pastor Parish Committees, and the Council on Ministries. Currently, she served as the District's United Methodist Women's Spiritual Growth Coordinator, and past Social Actions Coordinator, for the local unit, she served as the Social Action Coordinator. One of her most enjoyable times were spent with the Bethel Youth Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Nina Ray Scott. Taking her Easter breaks and summer vacations, she served as a chaperone, traveling to several southern states, such as Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, Tennessee, Arkansas, and Ohio. Another trip during the summer of 1973 was to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, when the Black Methodist for Church Renewal was attempting to elect our first Black bishop in the Detroit Conference: Bishop Edsel Ammons. Mrs. Jeffalone B. Rumph-Vassal was a community activist along with Mrs. Derenda Collins. The two co-founded the Flint African American Quilters Guild. Her professional career expanded over 33 years of services in education across the states of Alabama, Mississippi and ending in Michigan, retiring from the Flint Community Schools. Mrs. Jeffalone B. Rumph-Vassal worked tirelessly as a mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, and cousin. She loved to travel, she went on adventures with her husband, her children, and she especially loved visiting

her beloved Alcorn State University. She further enjoyed attending National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. national conferences. Jeffalone used her travels to visit relatives, spoiling her grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; She enjoyed her 92 years of life. After the death of the beloved Jefferson in 1995, Jeffalone, years later would experience companionship and entered in holy matrimony to the late James Vassal. Preceding her in going home, her beloved Jefferson; her husband James; two God given children, Damita Jo Bradley & Reid Turner; grandson, Trent Tooson; her parents; siblings, Excell Brantley, James Brantley, & Mattie Clyde Parker; nephew, Charles Brantley; nieces, Angie Parker, Pama Philips and Victoria Draine.

Cherishing her memories are Renetha, Olangia Roesha (Aubrey), Jama (Arthur, Jr.), Lord (Madeline), and Constantia. Her grandchildren, Shelitria (Jeramis), Gibbon "Joe" (Denisha), Stephanie (Randy), Brett, Arthur, III (Safiya), Ashton (Daniel), Ken, Cameron, Chania, and Channa, Yasmine and Breanna Michelle; numerous great-grands; siblings, Delma Draine, Bernard Brantley, and Sylvia Brantley; god-children Catherine, Charlotte, Jacklan (Willie), Barbara (Terrence), Georgene, Fred, Jerry, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Hills Association

G-4413 Flushing Rd.  
Flint, MI

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

MAR 7. 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

MAR 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel United Methodist Church  
1309 N. Ballenger Hwy.  
Flint, MI

## Service

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MAR 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel United Methodist Church  
1309 N. Ballenger Hwy.  
Flint, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *My prayers and condolences to the Family.*



Mary Kidd - March 16, 2022 at 02:58 PM



“ *Connie Washington (Consuello) lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal*



Connie Washington (Consuello) - March 16, 2022 at 01:06 AM



“ *So sad to hear of her passing. She was my Home Economics teacher at Zimmerman. She taught me to sew which I carried on in my later years. She was my favorite* ❤️

Ann Pilara - March 13, 2022 at 06:19 PM

BH

“ *Brenda Harper lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal*



**Brenda Harper** - March 10, 2022 at 02:09 AM

BG

“ *Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassel was my neighbor. She had the most beautiful flower garden. She shared with me that it was her husbands passion and she regretted that she wasn't able to keep it up as he did. But she had more flowers and shrubs than anyone in the neighborhood.!*

*She loved her family and always had grandchildren or great grandchildren visiting. She was so friendly, active and vibrant. I couldn't believe her age! She invited me to her guild's quilt show at the Fljnt Public Library. She made beautiful quilts! She lived a wonderful and blessed life and I know her spirit is soaring with as much joy as she gave to others.*

**Brenda Glasschild** - March 09, 2022 at 07:04 AM

SF

“ *Sandra Epps And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal*



**Sandra Epps and Family** - March 07, 2022 at 10:13 PM

AS

“ Ms. Rumph was a great woman and an awesome teacher. I remember her caring beyond her job. She was very inspirational in my life as a young girl. I will always remember her for her wisdom and her no-nonsense personality. She was a very talent person and an awesome educator. She will be greatly missed.

Alma J Sykes - March 07, 2022 at 05:52 PM

LG

“ LaDonna Gamble lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal



LaDonna Gamble - March 07, 2022 at 03:09 PM



“ 31 files added to the album Life Tributes



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - March 07, 2022 at 01:36 PM

SB

“ *Spencer And Dorothea Bandy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal*



Spencer and Dorothea Bandy - March 07, 2022 at 01:08 PM

LM

“ *God speed my friend. Awesome educator from the Kennedy Center where I first met her.*



Lynda (Cobb) Marshall - March 07, 2022 at 12:50 PM

KM

“ *Kellie Manning, Alcorn State Alumni*



kellie Manning - March 07, 2022 at 11:05 AM

CT

“ *CHERYL AND ARLENE TAYLOR purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal.*



CHERYL AND ARLENE TAYLOR - March 07, 2022 at 09:27 AM

JW

“ *Jerri Winfrey-Carter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal*



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**Jerri Winfrey-Carter** - March 07, 2022 at 12:23 AM

AC

“ *To Mrs Jeffalone Rumph Vassal family, she is gone from our sight but never our memories-Gone from our touch, but never our hearts. With Deepest Sympathy.*

*Alice Campbell*

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**Alice Campbell** - March 06, 2022 at 10:23 PM

DM

“ *David & Versie Munerlyn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal*



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**David & Versie Munerlyn** - March 06, 2022 at 05:57 PM

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“ *:annie -mae -scott./aka/:ayishah-elbey. lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal*



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**:annie -mae -scott./aka/:ayishah-elbey.** - March 06, 2022 at 06:34 AM



“ *Alphonzo & Jewell Bowe extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Jeffalone. Love you Renetha , Roshea & Jama <3! Keep your hands in Gods hand!*

**Jewell Bowe** - March 05, 2022 at 08:40 PM



“ *Alcorn State University Flint/Saginaw Alumni Chapter  
Sarah Hunter-Tucker, President*



**Sarah Hunter-Tucker** - March 05, 2022 at 07:20 PM



“ *Condolences from Alcorn State University Alumni Chapter of Detroit.*



**Juanita Bell** - March 05, 2022 at 05:01 PM



“ *Sincere condolences.*

*Jeff alone was such an elegant lady and leader of the Quilters. I was honored to have gotten to know her.*

*Gloria Coles*

**gloria Coles** - March 05, 2022 at 01:51 PM



“ 10 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home** - March 05, 2022 at 10:44 AM



“ *Teresa Claxton Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal*



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**Teresa Claxton Williams** - March 05, 2022 at 10:17 AM



“ *Teresa Claxton Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal*



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**Teresa Claxton Williams** - March 05, 2022 at 10:17 AM



“ 8 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home** - March 04, 2022 at 05:56 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal.



March 04, 2022 at 11:55 AM



“ *Donna Bowe Williams* lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal



**Donna Bowe Williams** - March 04, 2022 at 08:20 AM

EB

“ *Ervine Byrd lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal*



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**Ervine Byrd** - March 03, 2022 at 09:05 PM

RC

“ *Milas And Ruthie Caudle  
Lit A Candle In Memory Of Mrs. Jeffalone  
Rumph Vassal.* 🕊️



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**Ruthie Caudle** - March 03, 2022 at 07:37 PM

RC

“ *Milas And Ruthie Caudle  
Lit A Candle In Memory Of Mrs Jeffalone Rump Vassal.* 🕊️

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**Ruthie Caudle** - March 03, 2022 at 07:24 PM

BS

“ *Miss Jeffalone's picture could be printed beside the the word  
"giving" in the dictionary.  
She was a selfless giver, who gave before being asked.  
Because she so comically shared her wealth of wisdom and life  
experiences, the impact  
she had on my life will always be a cherished blessing.  
Love, comfort and blessings to the family of Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph  
Vassal  
Barbara Smith*

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**Barbara Smith** - March 03, 2022 at 05:12 PM

AB

“ Althea J Barbee lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal



Althea J Barbee - March 03, 2022 at 01:10 PM

KH

“ Ken And Mable Hitts lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal



Ken and Mable Hitts - March 02, 2022 at 09:44 PM

MW

“ My sincere sympathy to the Rumph Vassal family. Weeping may endure for a night but with the Lord's help, you will get through this trying time.



Mamie Wiggins - March 02, 2022 at 09:42 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal.



March 02, 2022 at 03:00 PM

HM

“ Aunt Jeffalone was a beautiful woman in every sense of the word and left an impression on everyone she met. She was full of grace and compassion and loved everyone. My condolences to the family. We love you Auntie!



Henry and Yazzie Mills - March 02, 2022 at 10:25 AM

TF

“ The May Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal



The May Family - March 01, 2022 at 09:53 PM



“ Tonia Walker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal



Tonia Walker - March 01, 2022 at 05:55 PM

DG

“ My condolences to the family. May God comfort you, strengthen you, and give you peace.



Daryl Greer - March 01, 2022 at 04:52 PM

MR

“ Condolences to our cousins the Rumph family..  
Charles & Gwendora Robinson family...Diane!  
Saginaw Michigan



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**Marie Robinson** - March 01, 2022 at 04:19 PM

LG

“ Linda R Gilleylen lit a candle in memory of  
Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal



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**Linda r Gilleylen** - March 01, 2022 at 03:00 PM

AH

“ Amethyst Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal



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**Amethyst Harris** - March 01, 2022 at 11:18 AM

DM

“ Dolorise (Dee Dee) Moman sent a virtual gift in  
memory of Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal



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**Dolorise (Dee Dee) Moman** - March 01, 2022 at 09:57 AM

RF

“ *Rosia Anderson & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal*



**Rosia Anderson & Family** - March 01, 2022 at 03:31 AM

DM

“ *Duwanda Moman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal*



**Duwanda Moman** - February 28, 2022 at 11:36 PM

RS

“ *You have our sincerest condolences. May God continue to strengthen you all during the loss of your loved one. Lifting you in prayer. Love always.*  
*Danny, Regina Steele and Family*



**Regina Steele** - February 28, 2022 at 07:37 PM

TF

“ *The MvGhee Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal*



**The MvGhee Family** - February 28, 2022 at 07:24 PM

AS

“ *Angie Suddeth lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal*



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**Angie Suddeth** - February 28, 2022 at 06:04 PM

RB

“ *Richard And Judy Buckley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal*



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**Richard and Judy Buckley** - February 28, 2022 at 04:54 PM

DB

“ *Debra Bridges lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal*



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**Debra Bridges** - February 28, 2022 at 06:44 AM

DJ

“ *D. Nancine Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal*



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**D. Nancine Jackson** - February 28, 2022 at 12:55 AM

DW

“ *Deborah Winchester-Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal*



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**Deborah Winchester-Jones** - February 27, 2022 at 07:24 PM



“ *Teresa Claxton Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal*



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**Teresa Claxton Williams** - February 27, 2022 at 06:10 PM



“ *Jeffalone Rumph- Vassal the definition of a ‘Virtuous Woman’. All who knew her could not say a negative thing about her. She loved all and treated them the same. Prayers to the family. I loved her and will miss her words of wisdom. 🥹❤️*

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**Brenda Greene** - February 27, 2022 at 04:57 PM

CW

“ I extend my sincere condolences and prayers of comfort to the entire Rumph -Vassal family, Bethel United Methodist Church family, The Quilting Club, and her many friends. May you find peace, comfort, and all the love you need in the days to come. Cherish all the beautiful memories of your Mom. She was a inspiration to me and alot of people. For our earthly house has dissolved, but we have a building of God. A house not made with hands, but eternal in the heavens. Rest on in Jesus' arms, Mrs.Rumph-Vassal.



Love,  
Mr. Curtis & Valerie Williams

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**Curtis & Valerie Williams** - February 27, 2022 at 03:35 PM

BS

“ Brenda Harper Stith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal



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**Brenda Harper Stith** - February 27, 2022 at 09:40 AM

CN

“ Liz joins me in extending condolences to the family of Mrs Rumph-Vassal on the passing. She was a faithful and dedicated member of Bethel who took time out of her busy schedule to mentor new members of the church family. She will be greatly missed. Your labor is now done. Rest in perpetual peace until we all meet on that great getting up morning.

*Charles and Elizabeth Newton*

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**Charles Newton** - February 27, 2022 at 09:38 AM

AL

“ To Jama and family, May you think on all the wonderful memories you shared with your dear Mother, as you temper your way through this loss. God bless you all.



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**Angela Lenear** - February 27, 2022 at 07:51 AM

JB

*Thank you for your prayers*

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**Jama baltrip** - March 02, 2022 at 10:19 AM

PL

“ Phyllis Brown Leslie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal



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**Phyllis Brown Leslie** - February 26, 2022 at 11:17 PM



“ *Condolences* 🙏🙏🙏



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**Charline Bodiford** - February 26, 2022 at 08:59 PM



“ *Veronica I. Nickens lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal*



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**Veronica I. Nickens** - February 26, 2022 at 08:35 PM



“ *My condolences, love and prayers to the family. Auntie you have done your job, so take your rest.*  
🙏🙏

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**Alfreda Adams-Cobb** - February 26, 2022 at 07:48 PM



“ *I was sad when I heard of her passing. Never will forget her leadership an help myself an other young ladies before there were any womens groups for young girls there was xinos. Praying for the girls. Love Jackiw Lark-Porter*



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**Jacqueline Porter** - February 26, 2022 at 06:25 PM

DS

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Rumph. Please accept and prayers and condolences.



Deidre Spight-Woodson - February 26, 2022 at 05:14 PM

WB

“ Such A Beautiful Spirit... You've earned your wings, too soar above the clouds.. May you have continued rest in love.. Sincere condolences too the family.. Mrs. Rump-was once my neighbor.. 🕊️  
❤️

Willie Bivins - February 26, 2022 at 04:32 PM

VS

“ Valerie Southall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal



Valerie Southall - February 26, 2022 at 03:09 PM

SL

“ Shirley Luckaado-McReynolds lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal



Shirley Luckaado-McReynolds - February 26, 2022 at 02:16 PM



“ *To the Rump Family you are in my thoughts & prayers during this time of bereavement.*

*Marcia Hedrick-Teer*



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**Marcia Teer** - February 26, 2022 at 10:58 AM



“ *Marcia Teer sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal*



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**Marcia Teer** - February 26, 2022 at 10:56 AM



“ *Helen McBride lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal*



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**Helen McBride** - February 26, 2022 at 10:28 AM



“ *Wishing you peace and healing as you say goodbye to someone who was, and always will be very special to you and greatly miss by all. Mrs jeffalone was such a beautiful lady. With Deepest Sympathy  
Helen McBride*

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**Helen McBride** - February 26, 2022 at 10:27 AM

BO

“ Me Rhump I will always remember because she had a voice and attitude that forced you to wake up and listen to what she was saying. She was keeper of old southern ways and saying. Always kind and welcoming to my family.((Johnson Family). Well lived life, rest I love and peace Ms Rhump 🙏🌹

Bernita ONeal - February 26, 2022 at 07:56 AM

AR

“ Anita Riley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal



Anita Riley - February 26, 2022 at 07:29 AM

JR

“ Family, God knows. But joy comes in trouble morning.

JoSephine Rumph - February 26, 2022 at 12:58 AM

HM

“ Helen McBride lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal



Helen McBride - February 25, 2022 at 11:27 PM

DF

“ *Deotis & Sarah Hunter-Tucker & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal*



Deotis & Sarah Hunter-Tucker & Family - February 25, 2022 at 10:35 PM

ZM

“ *I will miss my Cousin Jeffalone. She was the kindest person I ever met. We always had so much fun when our families got together. She taught me so many things about life. So sorry for our loss.*

Zakiyah McGee - February 25, 2022 at 10:29 PM

BW

“ *Prayers and love being sent to the family.*



Brenda R Williams - February 25, 2022 at 10:14 PM

TN

“ *Tanya Neely sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal*



Tanya Neely - February 25, 2022 at 09:09 PM

TN

“ Tanya Neely sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal



Tanya Neely - February 25, 2022 at 09:09 PM

BF

“ Praying that God will comfort each and every one ,



Birtie Forster - February 25, 2022 at 08:21 PM

EB

“ Eddie & Linda Booth lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal



Eddie & Linda Booth - February 25, 2022 at 07:48 PM

VD

“ Connie I am sorry for your loss. Praying for you and your family.

Villia Davidson - February 25, 2022 at 05:12 PM

DA

“ Sorry for your loss. Send Prayer 🙏 to you and your family we love ❤️ you from Bobby and Darlene Kris Ray Family

Darlene - February 25, 2022 at 03:47 PM

JM

“ Jeannie Mayberry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal



Jeannie Mayberry - February 25, 2022 at 02:31 PM

JP

“ June Perkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal



June Perkins - February 25, 2022 at 01:45 PM

OD

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



O Roesha Rumph, daughter - February 25, 2022 at 12:57 PM

JB

“ James And Lisa Blakley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal



James and Lisa Blakley - February 25, 2022 at 12:40 PM

OP

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Olangia Rumph Pearson - February 25, 2022 at 12:28 PM

LG

“ Linda R Gilleylen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal



Linda r Gilleylen - February 25, 2022 at 09:02 AM

JF

“ Janice Womack & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jeffalone Rumph Vassal



Janice Womack & Family - February 24, 2022 at 10:55 PM

GM

My thoughts & prayers are with you all. She was a trooper ❤️

Gregg morris - February 26, 2022 at 11:20 AM

SH

Praying for your family 🙏🙏🙏 Mr and Mitchell (Shenill) Snell

shenill - March 01, 2022 at 08:04 PM