



Mrs. Ruby Kate Cotton

September 19, 1939 - August 8, 2022

COTTON, Mrs. Ruby Kate - Age 82, passed away Monday, August 8, 2022, in Nashville, TN. Family hour 10:00 AM Saturday, August 20, 2022, from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM, Pastor George Wilkinson, officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the funeral home 10:00 AM Saturday. Mrs. Cotton will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed from 3:00 PM-6:00 PM. Friday. "A time to be born..." Mrs. Ruby Kate Cotton was born September 19, 1939, in Macon, Mississippi to the late Wallace and Katie (Windham) Porter. "A child..." Ruby's mother passed away when Ruby was just a toddler, and she and her brothers and sisters went to live with their grandparents, "Papa" and "Granny" Windham and Aunt Flora who helped raise her along with her father. She attended Macon public schools where she excelled in academics in her high school years. After high school, she attended Tugaloo College in Jackson, Mississippi. She later attended the University of Michigan attaining a Bachelor of Arts and Master's degree in Education. She was a teacher for the Flint Community School, teaching at Brownell and Durant Tuuri Mott elementary schools until retiring in 1996. "Love and Marriage..." Ruby married her high school sweetheart and the love of her life, Spence Cotton on May 12, 1957. To this union two sons were born, Spence Cotton, Jr., and Derek D Cotton. "Thoughts Reflection..." Ruby had an infectious spirit; was well rounded, never met a stranger, and full

of compassion. She was a loving wife, daughter, sister, mother, sister-in-law, grandmother, aunt, and friend. “To know her was to love her.” Ruby dearly loved and was devoted to her family and friends—especially her husband, sons, and grandsons. Education and knowledge were her passion. She would often say her babies deserve the best education we can provide them. Ruby loved staying abreast on politics with her niece and nephew Gloria and Merrick which was a product of her father’s involvement as president of the NAACP in Macon, MS. She loved to travel, visiting many states throughout the U.S., cruising to several countries, and even traveling to Paris France and London England. Her passion for traveling developed at an early age from the many train trips through her father’s employment with the US railroad. Ruby was a faithful member of Quinn Chapel, African Methodist Episcopal Church for over 50 years until her health declined. On August 8, 2022, Ruby went home to be with the Lord. She leaves in God’s loving care, son Derek (Lorri), Columbia, TN; 2 grandsons, Leland Yarborough-Cotton of Smyrna, DE and Derek Cotton II of Atlanta, GA; 2 step granddaughters, Meghan Carter of Murfreesboro, TN, and Morgan Carter of Columbia, TN; 1 sister, Delois Porter of Macon, MS, 2 brothers, John (Katherine) Porter of Chicago, IL Paul Porter of Macon, MS; 2 sisters in law, Mae Porter of Chicago, IL, Ida Porter ,of Jackson, MS; many nieces and nephews to cherish her memory, along with special friends. Ruby was preceded in death by her husband Spence Cotton; son, Spence Cotton Jr.; father, Wallace Porter; mother, Katie Porter; aunt, Flora Williams; 2 brothers, Fred Porter, Wallace (Pete) Porter; one sister, Geneva Porter, and loving Cotton brothers-in-law, Lee, Anderson, Grant Jr., Kellar and Merrick Sr.; and sisters-in-law, Agnes May, Rose Cotton, and Herron Winston. Special childhood friend/cousin-in-law, Curtis Cotton and Dorothy “Dot” Harris. The family would like to extend special thanks to devoted care givers in Flint, Heavenly Hope Home Care; devoted caregivers in Tennessee, Yulette “Cookie” Sparkman, Pearl Holt, Sheila Roper; Goldton Memory Care Facility, Spring Hill, TN; Williamson Medical Center, Franklin, TN; St. Thomas Ascension Neuro ICU, Nashville, TN; and Alive Hospice,

Nashville, TN. Our beloved, wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, aunt, and friend will forever be remembered in our hearts for her kind, loving, compassionate spirit and great example of family devotion and living life to its fullest. The family is asking in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG 19. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Family hour

AUG 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Ruby Kate Cotton*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - August 20, 2022 at 10:07 AM

DP

My sincere condolences on your loss. I'm here Derek if you need me.

Donald Porter - August 20, 2022 at 04:29 PM

CB

She was such a shining light. Our Condolences Chris & Collette Beck.

Christopher Beck - August 21, 2022 at 12:06 PM



“ *Mrs. Ruby Kate Cotton*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM

PM

“ *Condolences to Derrick and family. my greatest memory of aunt ruby is hugs and kisses and her style. A great Person of love.*



Paula porter moore - August 20, 2022 at 12:40 PM

DC

“ *Derek, your mother was truly special. Aunt Ruby will surely be missed. For some of us, such as my myself, she and Uncle Spence were at times the go to parents outside our immediate families. She provided so much love and joy by being around her. We shared so many great memories and will cherish those moments in her great memory. God Bless you and your family.*

Del and Denise

Del Cotton - August 20, 2022 at 11:20 AM

VW

“ *Velma Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ruby Kate Cotton*



Velma Williams - August 19, 2022 at 05:44 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ruby Kate Cotton.*



August 19, 2022 at 11:13 AM

CC

“ Aunt Ruby you will be missed. Your love for all of our family will never be forgotten. Derek, I am praying for you cousin. Love Cyn



Cynthia Cotton - August 19, 2022 at 09:38 AM

JB

“ Jessie Bradley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruby Kate Cotton



Jessie Bradley - August 17, 2022 at 05:30 PM

SD

“ My deepest Condolences to Derek Cotton and the Cotton Family, I will never forget Mrs. Cotton. She was one of the nicest, sweetest, soft spoken mother's at Quinn Chapel AME Church. Derek I'm sorry I missed your father's passing, you and your family are in my prayers.



Shaun E. Dulaney-Davis - August 16, 2022 at 08:58 AM

SP

“ Sheila Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruby Kate Cotton



Sheila Phillips - August 13, 2022 at 10:02 PM

VB

“ *My sincerest and deepest condolences to the Cotton family* 🙏



Vickie Broome - August 12, 2022 at 08:25 PM