



Mrs. Ruth Jeanette Swims

January 5, 1940 - May 3, 2022

SWIMS, Mrs. Ruth J. - Age 82, passed away Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at Ohio State University Hospital, Columbus, OH. Family hour 10:00 AM Monday, May 16, 2022 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Funeral Home, 10:00 AM Monday. Mrs. Swims will lie in state at Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home. There will be no public viewing. Ruth Jeanette Swims was born January 5, 1940, in Carrollton, Mississippi to Andrew Jackson and Elma Ruth Waters. Although she technically wasn't the youngest of her six siblings, she was affectionately known by her family as "Baby Sister." Ruth married George Swims in 1958 and soon after they moved North to Flint, Michigan for better opportunities. From this union, their daughters Terry, Johanna, Anetta and Margaret were born.

Ruth accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Lord and Savior at an early age. She loved the Lord and was a devoted member of Foss Avenue Baptist Church until she relocated to Westerville, Ohio.

Ruth worked tirelessly to create a loving home for her family. From homecooked meals and volunteering at school to making handmade Easter baskets and traveling across the state just to curl her grandbaby's hair for special occasions, Ruth was dedicated to her family. She nurtured unique

relationships with each of her children and grandchildren based on what she knew they needed. No two relationships were the same, but each of them was special.

While Ruth had her hands full caring for her family, she still found room in her heart to mother so many others. Her love knew no limits and she would often say she was the “mother of all mothers.” And she was. People gravitated toward Ruth. She was the perfect combination of classy and down to Earth. Everyone loved that they could be authentic with her and she would meet them where they were and love them for who they were.

Ruth loved cooking, crocheting beautiful blankets, gardening, putting together puzzles, coloring, shopping, traveling first-class with her family and being the life of the party at family celebrations. Ruth loved her family fiercely and sacrificed so much for their happiness and well-being. She was unapologetic about doing things her way, even down to her transition. Ruth was surrounded by her family until she took her last breath, just like she wanted.

Ruth would end every call or visit with children and grandchildren by saying, “I love you.” When they responded with “I love you more,” she would always rush to say, “Impossible!”

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, Andrew and Elma Waters; sisters, Laverne Clarke, Doris Evans and Carolyn Robinson; brother, Jack Waters; daughter, Johanna Massey; and grandson, Quintin Breyon LeFlore.

Ruth Jeanette Swims leaves to cherish her memory: daughters, Terry Swims of Flint, Michigan, Anetta (Keith) Speed of Westerville, Ohio, Margaret (Thurman) Taylor of Caledonia, Michigan; stepson, Michael Conerly of Frisco, Texas; son-in-law, Calvin Massey of Grand Blanc, Michigan; brother, Otis (Pat) Waters of Portland, Oregon; lola Payne Ward of Portland, Oregon;

grandchildren, Khadija Swims, Keionnie (Adrian) Owens, Ashley (Ryann) Lee, Kendra (Charles) Brown, Keith Speed, Alana Taylor, Paris Henderson, Alesha (Thomas) Hendricks, Tori Henderson, Alexandria Speed, Krystal Conerly, Mekeva Conerly, Travon Fountain, Tyeion Norton, Germani Jacobs and Geriyah Jacobs; great-grandchildren, Braxton Owens, Lyric Allums, Aubrey LeFlore, Zoe Henderson-Atkins, Kaiden Clark, Ayden Taylor, Alexander Owens, Cairo Brown and Thomas Hendricks III; and a host of special nieces, nephews and family friends.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Previous Events

Family hour

MAY 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Ruth Jeanette Swims*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - May 16, 2022 at 07:44 AM

DJ

Beautiful! ❤️ 🙏

Demetra Johnson - May 21, 2022 at 11:25 AM

KS

I love you grandma and I miss you dearly. There isn't a day that goes by that I don't think of you. I love you to the moon and back. I move you more...impossible! Love Desha

Khadija Swims - May 30, 2022 at 10:12 PM



“ *Mrs. Ruth Jeanette Swims*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM

KS

“ *Khadija Swims lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Jeanette Swims*



Khadija Swims - May 30, 2022 at 10:14 PM

BF

“ *Belk Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Jeanette Swims*



Belk Family - May 18, 2022 at 12:39 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ruth Jeanette Swims.*



May 15, 2022 at 10:57 PM

KP

“ *Kevyn Payne lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Jeanette Swims*



Kevyn Payne - May 15, 2022 at 09:24 PM

LS

“ *You will be missed Grandma Ruth. I will miss the talks that we had and the times we spent together. Rest in heaven sweet lady.*



Leah Ann Sherer - May 15, 2022 at 06:25 PM

AM

“ *Almeta Milow lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Jeanette Swims*



Almeta Milow - May 15, 2022 at 06:15 PM

LS

“ *I am so going to miss you grandma Ruth. I enjoyed the many conversations that we had and the times that we spent together. I drove down Delta Road the other day and remembered when you, Khadija, and I took that drive many years ago. It's truly going to be different without you and you will be missed.* 🙏❤️



Leah Ann Sherer - May 15, 2022 at 04:35 PM

BD

“ *Bernadette Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Jeanette Swims*



Bernadette Davis - May 15, 2022 at 10:18 AM

EW

“ *You were a class act! Thank you for all of the love and support. You will be greatly missed.* 💜💜💜💜💜

erica williams - May 14, 2022 at 11:39 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ruth Jeanette Swims.*



May 14, 2022 at 08:21 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ruth Jeanette Swims.*



May 14, 2022 at 07:21 AM



“ *I will be forever grateful for all you poured into me. Your arms were always open & you loved me like I was your own. I am going to miss you terribly and love you forever*



Pam - May 14, 2022 at 06:53 AM



“ *Derrek & Regina Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ruth Jeanette Swims*



Derrek & Regina Williams - May 14, 2022 at 01:07 AM



“ *Blessed Heart was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ruth Jeanette Swims.*



May 13, 2022 at 06:10 PM



“ *My deepest heartfelt condolences and prayers.*



Denise Dixon-Weatherspoon - May 12, 2022 at 05:15 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ruth Jeanette Swims.*



May 12, 2022 at 03:13 PM



“ *Sending condolences & prayers to the family in the loss of Mrs. Ruth Swims. She will be greatly missed. The Lord will give you strength, perseverance and love through this journey.*



The Reed Family - May 12, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ruth Jeanette Swims.*



May 12, 2022 at 10:20 AM



“ *Dorris Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Jeanette Swims*



Dorris Jones - May 11, 2022 at 10:50 PM



“ *Dorris JONES lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Jeanette Swims*



Dorris JONES - May 11, 2022 at 10:43 PM



“ *Dorris JONES lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Jeanette Swims*



Dorris JONES - May 11, 2022 at 10:28 PM

NO

“ NaRotha Ogden lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Jeanette Swims



NaRotha Ogden - May 11, 2022 at 06:25 PM

TF

“ For the Swims Family in the memories of Mrs. Ruth Swims.



The Reed Family - May 11, 2022 at 05:14 PM

TF

“ Sending condolences & prayers in the passing of Mrs. Ruth Swims. She will be greatly missed.

The Reed Family - May 11, 2022 at 05:11 PM

LH

“ Larry/Shirley Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Jeanette Swims



Larry/Shirley Henderson - May 11, 2022 at 03:11 PM

RF

“ Rene James And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Jeanette Swims



Rene James and Family - May 11, 2022 at 02:28 PM

DJ

“ Dorris JONES lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Jeanette Swims



Dorris JONES - May 11, 2022 at 01:00 PM

DJ

“ Dorris JONES sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ruth Jeanette Swims



Dorris JONES - May 11, 2022 at 01:00 PM

DJ

“ Dorris JONES lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Jeanette Swims



Dorris JONES - May 11, 2022 at 12:56 PM

CC

“ *Candice Clarke lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Jeanette Swims*



Candice Clarke - May 10, 2022 at 10:25 PM

DJ

“ *Dorris JONES lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Jeanette Swims*



Dorris JONES - May 10, 2022 at 09:30 PM

BB

“ *My sincere and heart felt condolences to the Swims family. I pray God give you all strength to get through this very difficult time. I love you Margaret sending hugs 🙏❤️🤗*



Bobbi Rogers Bradshaw - May 10, 2022 at 08:22 PM

BB

“ *My sincere condolences to the entire Swims family. I pray God give you strength during this very time. Margaret sending hugs 🙏❤️
🙏 Love you.*



Bobbi Rogers Bradshaw - May 10, 2022 at 08:11 PM

JK

“ *Jocelyn Knox lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Jeanette Swims*



Jocelyn Knox - May 10, 2022 at 01:11 PM

CM

“ *My condolences and prayers for the swims family* 🙏



Charda Morgan - May 09, 2022 at 10:09 PM

DW

“ *Our sincere condolences and prayers are with the Swims Family*



Derrek & Regina Williams - May 09, 2022 at 02:55 AM

MH

“ *Marilyn Hudson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Jeanette Swims*



marilyn hudson - May 08, 2022 at 11:18 AM

LR

“ *Lillian Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Jeanette Swims*



Lillian Robinson - May 08, 2022 at 07:36 AM

HM

“ *Helen McBride lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Jeanette Swims*



Helen McBride - May 08, 2022 at 06:13 AM

WR

“ *Wieneke Reid sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ruth Jeanette Swims*



Wieneke Reid - May 07, 2022 at 08:13 AM

RT

“ *The Swims family and my beloved sister Betty Dixon-Webster were friends for many many years. The entire family has my sincere condolences as these two old friends rejoice once again in Paradise.*

Romi Jean Thomas-Jones - May 07, 2022 at 06:06 AM

JD

“ *Janice Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Jeanette Swims*



Janice Davis - May 06, 2022 at 11:23 PM

KG

“ *Keta Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Jeanette Swims*



Keta Gibson - May 06, 2022 at 02:51 PM



“ *Kim Fowlkes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Jeanette Swims*



Kim Fowlkes - May 06, 2022 at 12:50 PM

SP

“ *Sandra Payne sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ruth Jeanette Swims*



Sandra Payne - May 06, 2022 at 10:23 AM

RS

“ *Rosalind Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ruth Jeanette Swims*



Rosalind Smith - May 06, 2022 at 12:54 AM

RS

“ *Raynetta Speed lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Jeanette Swims*



Raynetta Speed - May 05, 2022 at 03:42 PM