



Mrs. Rutha Lee Bowman

September 26, 1938 - October 16, 2025

BOWMAN, Mrs. Rutha Lee, Age 87, passed away on October 16, 2025, at McLaren Hospital - Flint. Family hour 12:00 PM Saturday, October 25, 2025, at Bethel United Methodist Church, 1309 N. Ballenger Hwy., with funeral service commencing at 1:00 PM. Rev. Naylo Hopkins, Officiating. Family and friends will assemble at the church 12:00 PM Saturday. Mrs. Bowman will lie in state at Bethel United Methodist Church and may be viewed from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Friday.

Ms. Rutha Lee Bowman aka Ruthie was born September 26, 1938, in Ferriday, Louisiana to Marie (Melancon) Wilkerson and Lidell Thomas. She was raised in Ferriday and New Orleans by her Mother, Stepfathers (Wade Wilkerson and Charles Barnes Sr.), and her Nanan. She married Manual Bowman Sr. at a young age and moved to Flint, MI in 1955. She moved back to Louisiana a couple years later where two of her five children were born. Eventually, settling back in Flint, MI, three additional children were born to this union. Ruthie had seven children, seventeen grandchildren, forty-four great grandchildren, ten great great grandchildren, three expectant great great grandchildren, has been married, divorced, had lots of great family, adopted family and friends. She loved and was most proud of her family and leaves a tremendous legacy for all to continue to build upon.

Ms. Ruthie Bowman, a mother by nature, warm, loving and kind by choice.

She led with grace, strength and a bit of feistiness. She loved teaching, shopping, and crafting. She was a leader, a caregiver, and truly an inspiration offering the chance to change other people's lives permanently for the better. Ms. Bowman was a retired school teacher working 27 years with the Flint Community Schools. She touched the lives of so many people and leaves those memories as well as her loving and nurturing ways within each of those she touched. She worked numerous years as a Paraprofessional prior to becoming a certified classroom teacher; worked with the Mott Middle College researching and writing curriculum for their American Social History Project; operated Crossovers, a mentoring/tutoring program; and Granny's School, a summer enrichment program for youth. Always an advocate for cultural enrichment, Ms. Bowman was the mastermind and Director of We Believe People's Heritage Should Matter, Inc. (WBPHSM), her family's organization founded and inspired by her. It's all about business striving to share heritage, cultural experiences and spread awareness throughout the community and beyond. She introduced Kwanzaa to her family and its principles 33 years ago, hosted many community events and is instrumental in developing cultural programs throughout Genesee County.

Ms. Bowman was the recipient of many awards for her dedication and service. She was a self-motivator skilled in curriculum development, classroom management, communication, public speaking, cultural awareness, and had the ability to inspire, comfort, and build self-esteem. She holds numerous certifications in teaching, brain and child development and helping students learn.

Ruthie joined Bethel United Methodist Church in 1985 under Rev. Dr. Russel McReynolds. She was past Chair of Religion & Race Committee, past Chair of Family Committee, member of Communications Committee (particularly Black History and Kwanzaa events), and Sunday School Teacher. She loved her church home, when she couldn't attend in person, she always watched the

livestream.

Ms. Rutha Lee Bowman leaves to cherish her memories: three daughters, Gail Bowman-Cuba (Terry), Melita Bowman-Murphy and Carliss Bowman; one son, Darryl Bowman (Sonia); seventeen grandchildren, Corlonda Bowman-Williams, Tromondae Murphy Sr. (Trihasa), Damontae Scott, Desondra Bowman (Louis), Terrell Harris (Kari), Sharonda Harris (Desmond Sr.), Manual Bowman III, Ti'Lesha Bowman, Oscar Saenz, Roemon Murphy, Mondrae Murphy (Dajiana), Monroe Murphy III Esq. (Brittany), Kizwana Bowman-Gill, Laryail Pinson (Delon), Keighlis Jordan, Nathaniel Bowman, and JaVon Cuba; forty four great grandchildren, Dazjah, Acajah, Imani, Dakari, Serenity, Amiah, Madison, Ayden, Manual IV, Jaivonni, Mia, Zy'Anthony, Emma, Zoey, Lylah, Jordan, Sekai, Averi, Noah, Nylah, Destiny, NaSkyah, MyAziah, Alaysha, ZaMirr, Tromondae Jr., Nova, Shaniece, Amare', Aniya, Alijah, Marquinn, Aaliyah, Desmond Jr., Dallas, Xavier, Dillon, Israel, Dawsyn, Isis, Madisyn, Devin, Melaiya, and Mikeal; nine great-great-grandchildren, Jayce, Ava, Jayden, Melani, Amara, Zy'elle, Dondrae, Audrey, A'Miere and three expectant great great grandchildren; One brother – Charles Barnes Jr., CMSGT (USAF RET); two sisters, Nieco Johnson (George) and Carlita Fort; special family relatives and friends, daughter-in-law, Shielah Saenz-Bowman; former daughter-in-law, Bonnie Bowman; God-given daughter, Sonya White; family pet, Koda; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, adopted family, friends and her Bethel United Methodist Church family.

Ms. Bowman was preceded in death by her parents, Marie (Melancon) Wilkerson, Wade Wilkerson; Charles Barnes Sr.; maternal grandparents, Willie and Bertha (Picou) Melancon; maternal great-grandmother, Victoria Francois-Picou; son, Manual Bowman Jr.; newborn son, Daniel Bowman, newborn daughter, Shirley Bowman, Ex-husband, Manual Bowman Sr.; mother and father-in-law, Elizabeth (Hollins) and Champ Bowman; God-given

grandson, LaRhon Williams; and other relatives..

The family would like to express special thanks to McLaren Hospital Neuro ICU doctors and nurses; our family for being who they are; all who ran errands, came to sit, talk and pray with our Mother or brought food; Bethel United Church Family, Kingdom of Heaven Ministries Family, and Rev. Naylo Hopkins.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

OCT **24**. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Bethel United Methodist Church
1309 N Ballenger Hwy
Flint, MI 48501

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Family hour

OCT **25**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

OCT **25**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Flint, MI

Tribute Wall

RW

“ *Regina Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Rutha Lee Bowman*



Regina Williams - November 08, 2025 at 04:13 AM

SW

“ *In Loving Memory of Ruthie Bowman (Big Granny)*

I met you over 20 years ago, and from that very first moment, your smile was genuine, your voice soft, your frame small—but the words that came from your mouth were powerful. The wisdom and knowledge you shared with your family were both inspiring and unforgettable.

You wore many titles with grace—mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother—and you filled each role with love and strength. I will always cherish our special moments together and the heartfelt advice you gave me.

During the loss of my mother, your kindness meant the world to me. I'll never forget those many nights I cried myself to sleep, holding onto your comforting words: "Close your eyes and think about the fun times between you and your mom."

*Love and miss you always,
Sonya White*

Sonya White - October 31, 2025 at 11:31 PM

DS

“ *Deidre Spight-Woodson sent a virtual gift in memory of Rutha Bowman*



Deidre Spight-Woodson - October 30, 2025 at 11:22 PM

JS

“ *My condolences to the Bowman family.*



Julie Steffey - October 30, 2025 at 04:44 PM

DB

“ It’s been a week and a day and every dream I’ve had, I see you and I know it’s your way of reminding me that you’re still here, still guiding me in your quiet, gentle way.

You were soft spoken, yet you always had so much to say, so much to teach. Your love and patience alone healed me in countless ways growing up, and I truly believe I am who I am today because of you. I would think about the day my kids would get to meet you. How I wanted them to experience your unconditional love, your warmth, and to hear your wisdom. Even though they won’t have the chance, I’ll make sure they know all about you, the legacy you left us.

They say, “people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”

You had a way of making everyone feel seen, important, and understood. Your presence made every where you were feel like home.

You created something no one has seen. A family tie so unbreakable, so bonded, so real. Nobody family likes a W.B.P.H.S.M. family all because of you.

Thank you for everything Granny, for your strength, for being my safe place, my teacher, and my constant reminder of what real love looks like. Until next time Granny, I’ll miss you every single day.

Rest well, our Queen, your will has been done, and done beautifully.

#87Strong ❤️🖤💚



Dazjah Bowman - October 27, 2025 at 01:03 AM

BB

“ Thank you for everything; I will always remember our together great times, especially the love. Rest well; well done!! ‘87Strong



Bonnie Bowman - October 26, 2025 at 03:37 PM

SB

“ Mama, I was introduced to your family by your son. Through the years you provided me with love and guidance in so many ways. Your smile and faith were always enough to make my day. I’ve gone through many heartbreaks but have had more blessings in my life. You are one of those blessings and I thank GOD for you. Thank you for everything, must of all the man you raised, the man that became my husband and the love of my life. RIH
#JOBWELLDONE #87STRONG



SHIELAH BOWMAN - October 26, 2025 at 12:16 PM

AS

“ My sincerest condolences to the family. I'm so sorry for your loss. She was the sweetest, kindest and most forgiving person I knew.

Albert Stafford - October 25, 2025 at 04:22 PM

MO

“ *Marcella Oden lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rutha Lee Bowman*



Marcella Oden - October 25, 2025 at 10:29 AM

VC

“ *Verna Vanessa Cobb lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rutha Lee Bowman*



Verna Vanessa Cobb - October 24, 2025 at 10:20 PM

AM

“ *My condolences to the Bowman Family. A Loving matriarch for earth has gotten her wings to soar above and guide us.*



Alexis Murphy-Morris - October 24, 2025 at 02:55 PM

TD

“ *Tracy Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Rutha Lee Bowman*



Tracy Davis - October 24, 2025 at 02:04 PM

TD

“ *Light a candle in memory of Ruthie Lee Bowman BIG Granny will truly miss a on this earth.*



Tracy Davis - October 24, 2025 at 02:03 PM

LM

“ *MOM WAS A LIGHT!! FULL OF WISDOM. SGE WAS A PILLAR 🙏
🙏🙏🙏🙏. AND NOW AN ANGELIC ANCESTOR. WE LOVED
HER SO ❤️❤️❤️❤️*

Lela McGed-Harvey - October 24, 2025 at 12:52 PM

TS

“ *Praying for Mrs. Bowman family and friends.*



Trina Sanders - October 24, 2025 at 10:33 AM

PJ

“ *Pauline Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Rutha Lee Bowman*



Pauline Jones - October 24, 2025 at 09:08 AM

CB

“Granny your presence here on earth is truly missed. I am forever grateful for the knowledge and wisdom that you have given us. Rest well love you forever and always. ❤️



Corlanda Bowman-Williams - October 24, 2025 at 07:35 AM

GB

“Good Morning Beautiful People; as I scroll through Facebook and I see all the post and love from family and friends shows the impact that Mother made during her 87 years of life on this earth; I'm deeply touched. Mother; Granny; Big Granny; Ms. Bowman; you well deserve to add wings (Acajah said you were asked GOD could you DIY your wings 🦋🦋) to your crown Queen. . To know her was to LOVE her. She never met a stranger; soft spoken but mighty; when she walk into a room, her presence demanded respect without muttering a word. GOD places angels here on earth to guide and protect us; Mother was truly an angel; never quick to anger; never judged; was 100% family focused and LOVED the Lil People; she would always say they were and are our future; train and teach them... an awesome educator; crafter; shopper; Counselor; and friend. You have poured so much in us and I see it in your village.. I'm often asked; how can you forgive so easily; why are you always so positive; why are you so understanding; why do you look for good in every situation... WELL.. I get it from my Mama.... I thought you'd live forever.... you will be truly missed but you leave an AMAZING legacy to continue what you started. I know you are looking down on us from heaven. Your presence will remain on this earth... WBPHSM STRONG #87Strong

Gail Bowman - October 23, 2025 at 11:05 PM

MW

Wonderful tribute so we'll deserved for her a Queen!

Mr & Mrs Roderick Watkins - October 24, 2025 at 05:12 PM

ST

“ So very sorry about your Mom. Fly High
Ruthie 🦋



Sheila Thorn - October 23, 2025 at 08:28 PM

CS

“ Praying for the family at this sad time



Cheryl Short - October 23, 2025 at 06:28 PM

BC

“ Bobbie A. Curtis lit a candle in memory of
Mrs. Rutha Lee Bowman



Bobbie A. Curtis - October 23, 2025 at 04:32 PM

DF

“ Dewey Elementary School Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Rutha Lee Bowman.



Dewey Elementary School Family - October 23, 2025 at 04:26 PM

LB

“ Words can't totally express what Mrs Bowman ment to me and countless others in my time as a youth and adult life growing up in Beecher, you could always expect love, kindness a hug and that smile with words of wisdom she will truly be missed, servant well done, sending prayers to her beautiful children and the family 🧡🙏🌹



Laurice Bryant - October 23, 2025 at 03:43 PM

SB

“ Sonia D Breed lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rutha Lee Bowman



Sonia D Breed - October 23, 2025 at 03:42 PM

MW

“ Mr & Mrs Roderick Watkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rutha Lee Bowman



Mr & Mrs Roderick Watkins - October 23, 2025 at 03:01 PM

NC

“ My favorite and my 4th grade teacher at King elementary school. I loved me some Mrs.Bowman. I will always remember you❤️

Natasha Thornton (Edmonds) - October 23, 2025 at 01:17 PM

TC

“ Mrs. Bowman was one of the first Black teachers I had. I will always remember her nice kind words and her passion she had for us students. I was honored to run into her a few years ago to tell her that I am a teacher and the love i felt for her I get it from my students. God bless the real teachers who taught with love!

Tyquan Cobbin - October 23, 2025 at 12:27 PM

SW

Love and blessed to have known and been a part of her family.

Sandra Melancon Webster - October 24, 2025 at 01:42 AM

SE

“ Sceletia Evans lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rutha Lee Bowman



Sceletia Evans - October 23, 2025 at 10:50 AM

LP

“ Louvenia Penigar lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rutha Lee Bowman



Louvenia Penigar - October 23, 2025 at 10:23 AM

AN

“ *Adrienne Nance lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rutha Lee Bowman*



Adrienne Nance - October 23, 2025 at 10:05 AM

AO

“ *Arnenia Odum lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rutha Lee Bowman*



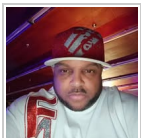
Arnenia Odum - October 23, 2025 at 09:48 AM

CH

“ *One of the sweetest Queens I've had the pleasure of knowing 💖 Prayers and condolences to the Bowman family 🙏💖*



Christine Hawthorne - October 23, 2025 at 09:33 AM



“ *Deepest condolences and sympathy for the family during this difficult time. Just remember God is still able.*

Aaron Watkins Fasho - October 23, 2025 at 02:33 AM

CB

“ *RIP Ruthie Lee. You'll Always Be In Our Hearts.*



Cheryl Barber - October 22, 2025 at 11:52 PM

CB

“ *Cheryl Barber lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rutha Lee Bowman*



Cheryl Barber - October 22, 2025 at 11:45 PM

GJ

“ *Rest in Heaven From Gary and Marcia Jackson* 🙏

Gary, Marcia Jackson - October 22, 2025 at 10:36 PM

CR

“ *Cynthia Reed lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rutha Lee Bowman*



Cynthia Reed - October 22, 2025 at 09:52 PM

RB

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy in your loss... may Ms Ruthie rest in peace... love
Rich Brotemarkle



Rich Brotemarkle - October 22, 2025 at 09:02 PM

AT

“ Arlandis Tucker lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Rutha Lee Bowman



Arlandis Tucker - October 22, 2025 at 07:47 PM

DD

“ My deepest heartfelt condolences and prayers
to the family of mother Bowman. I know during
this time we feel as if there's no sympathy deep
enough, no words are caring enough to take
away our sorrow at this moment. Please know
that you are and will continue to be in my
thoughts and prayers.



Denise Dixon-Weatherspoon - October 22, 2025 at 05:53 PM

MD

“ Mr.Stanley Dulaney lit a candle in memory of
Mrs. Rutha Lee Bowman



Mr.Stanley Dulaney - October 22, 2025 at 05:24 PM

SH

“ *Sharonda, Desmond Sr., and Debra Harris purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Rutha Lee Bowman.*



Sharonda, Desmond Sr., and Debra Harris - October 22, 2025 at 05:15 PM

TL

“ *Saddened to hear about the passing of a family friend and elementary school teacher! 🙏 for Gail and the Family 🙏❤️*

Tera Ladd - October 22, 2025 at 04:52 PM

LB

“ *Mrs Bowman was truly a beautiful person inside & out. She was the one teacher I remember as a child who always smiled at me & made my days educational & filled with care. Prayers to all who knew & loved her 🙏🙏🙏❤️*

Lolita Boyce - October 22, 2025 at 04:38 PM

GS

“ *Condolence Bowman Family*



Gloria Shavers - October 22, 2025 at 01:56 PM

FH

“ From Bradley and Lucinda Houston purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mrs. Rutha Lee Bowman.



From Bradley and Lucinda Houston - October 22, 2025 at 12:47 PM

FH

“ From Bradley and Lucinda Houston planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Rutha Lee Bowman.

From Bradley and Lucinda Houston - October 22, 2025 at 12:47 PM

LA

“ Absent in the body but present with Lord, this one hurts so bad but I know you'll forever be with us. I love you so much granny and to say you are missed already is an understatement. Noah and Nylah miss you so much, the days have been so different without your physical presence. WBPHSM always and forever. Forever in our hearts.

Laryail - October 22, 2025 at 12:00 PM

JS

“ Jacqueline Scott lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rutha Lee Bowman



Jacqueline Scott - October 22, 2025 at 11:24 AM

LR

“ Praying for your village. I pray God gives you all the peace and understanding.

Linda Rawls-Gill - October 22, 2025 at 11:15 AM

CM

“ My *SINCERE CONDOLENCES* to the Bowman Family. 🙏🙏🙏

Cynthia Marvin & Family



Cynthia Marvin - October 22, 2025 at 09:31 AM

AJ

“ Alma Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rutha Lee Bowman



Alma Johnson - October 22, 2025 at 06:51 AM

QB

“ Mrs. Bowman was my 3rd grade teacher at King. She was an amazing woman and teacher. She will be truly missed. My condolences to the entire Bowman family. It was a blessing to have known her.

Quana Bray - October 22, 2025 at 02:28 AM

CN

“ Charles N. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Rutha Lee Bowman.



Charles N. - October 22, 2025 at 12:59 AM

DG

“ Dannetta G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Ruthie Bowman.

Dannetta G. - October 21, 2025 at 11:12 PM

B"

“ My sweet and enduring person of faith, Auntie Ruthie, has finally touched the sky. Her newly acquired wings are spread wide, engulfing her brother, her children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends, as a sign that she will be with us always.

Auntie Ruthie, you knew what others would come to know and that is that you were and will always continue to be my favorite of all times. I will miss you dearly. It is an understatement of endearing love for you. You were love to me, and I see your star shining. That is what I will look to daily.

Now, you are where HE needs you most so, go, go shine, shine, shine.

Love your niece, Butter "Bud". 

Butter "Bud" - October 21, 2025 at 11:05 PM

WM

“ *Such beautiful moments and memories that will remain in my heart forever. I'm sending my deepest condolences to my cousins. Love you all. Faye, Shirley, and Darlinda .*



Wanda Mays - October 21, 2025 at 10:37 PM

JS

“ *Javaris Burks Sr lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rutha Lee Bowman*



Javaris Burks Sr - October 21, 2025 at 09:53 PM

BC

“ *So many of my Dewey Elementary School family will agree when I say that Mrs. Bowman was truly loved and appreciated. She was knowledgeable, of course, but her kindness and nurturing felt so warm and inviting. We loved and respected her and will never forget her presence or the imprint on our lives. Rest well!!! 🙏 Bobbie Curtis and the Dewey Family*

Bobbie A. Curtis - October 21, 2025 at 09:20 PM




BS

“ *My Deepest Condolences And Prayers Are With The Bowman Family*



Barbara Smith - October 21, 2025 at 08:15 PM

AH

“ *A special light now flickers in heaven. Mrs. Ruthie Bowman's light  now brightens the sun , Sky & Moon  for me. To the Family, may our memories & bond together continue on.*

Adell R. Harris-Eldridge - October 21, 2025 at 06:33 PM

AH

“ *Adell R. Harris-Eldridge lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rutha Lee Bowman*



Adell R. Harris-Eldridge - October 21, 2025 at 06:23 PM

BD

“ *To Gail, Melita and the entire family. A beautiful woman of God. A beautiful soul, Absent from the body, present with the Lord. To the family, my prayers are with y'all. May God continue to pour out His bless of strength. Much Love, Ms. B. Deloach.*

Betty Deloach - October 21, 2025 at 05:37 PM

GG

“ *My first year of teaching was at MLK School in 1980. Ruthie Bowman was one of my mentors. She was so welcoming and supportive. I am grateful for all she poured into me as a novice in education. Praying for her family.*

Gwendolyn Walker Gaines - October 21, 2025 at 10:38 AM

SJ

“ *Shirley Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rutha Lee Bowman*



Shirley Jones - October 21, 2025 at 10:16 AM

KH

“ *One of my favorite teachers from King school!! Mrs. Bowman had such an impact on my life growing up, such a delight and beautiful woman. May you rest in paradise.*

Kimberly Harper - October 21, 2025 at 06:56 AM

BP

“ *Mrs Bowman was our lunch room mother years ago RIH my condolences to the family*



Brock Poplar - October 21, 2025 at 06:07 AM

FN

“ *Felicia Reeves Nunn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rutha Lee Bowman*



Felicia Reeves Nunn - October 21, 2025 at 02:18 AM

MB

“ *Mary Brooks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rutha Lee Bowman*



Mary Brooks - October 20, 2025 at 08:57 PM

BF

“ *Sending prayers of Gods comfort and strength to my entire Bowman families. My heart was saddened when I read that she has flown on to Glory. Decades of blessed years with her at M. L. King Ele. So many chapters in her book of educating our children, to be productive in life. The teaching of our Heritage, for them to pass on to their children for generations to come. Our Queen with the big heart, has flown on to recieved her Golden Crown. Hold close in your hearts, all the Love & family Values, she shared & left with you all. Thank you for leaving such an impression on my two children, and so many more. Until we see you again! Rest In Heavenly Peace Ruthie!💜*



Brenda Poindexter & Family - October 20, 2025 at 07:43 PM

TN

“ *Tanya Neely sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Rutha Lee Bowman*



Tanya Neely - October 20, 2025 at 07:28 PM

DE

“ *Activate Church Pensacola, FL. is praying for the entire family. Gail, you are loved and held up in our fervent prayers. Pastor Antoine & Lady Deria*



Deria - October 20, 2025 at 07:27 PM

KF

“ *Sincere sympathies to the entire family.*



Kim Fowlkes - October 20, 2025 at 06:50 PM

CF

“ *My sincere condolences to Melita and her family. She was such a kind and caring lady and wonderful teacher that left a lasting impression on me as her student teacher. You are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May she rest in peace in a better place.*

Carri Farah

Carri Farah - October 20, 2025 at 11:57 AM

ET

“ My sincere condolences to the family and friends. May the angels welcome her to paradise. 🙏



Ernelle Taylor - October 20, 2025 at 06:15 AM

DI

“ Rest well Ms. Bowman. Your work here is well done. You were truly a blessing to anyone that had the honor of crossing your path. Your are going to be missed.
Praying for the Bowman family

Donna Isom - October 20, 2025 at 03:15 AM

RA

“ Rosia Anderson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Rutha Lee Bowman



Rosia Anderson - October 20, 2025 at 12:40 AM

BF

“ Praying for the family may God comfort you all

Birtie Forster - October 19, 2025 at 07:20 PM

DB

“ *Donielle Brown-Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rutha Lee Bowman*



Donielle Brown-Patterson - October 19, 2025 at 08:00 AM

CS

“ *Ms. Bowman was a very loving individual. I never had her as a teacher at King however, the impact she had on some of my family members were unmatched. Corlonda and Tromondae and the family my deepest condolences.*



Chrishonda (Chrissy) Starks - October 19, 2025 at 01:37 AM

RF

“ *Regina Fizer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rutha Lee Bowman*



Regina Fizer - October 19, 2025 at 01:29 AM

RF

“ *Rice,Croom Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rutha Lee Bowman*



Rice,Croom Family - October 18, 2025 at 10:43 PM

NC

“ *To The Bowman Family*

*Our most sincere condolences and Prayers
With Love*

*The National Federation of The Blind MI
Flint Genesee Chapter*



NFVMI Flint Genesee Chapter - October 18, 2025 at 10:16 PM

SC

“ *Sharon Cotton lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Rutha Lee Bowman*



Sharon Cotton - October 18, 2025 at 09:15 PM

BJ

“ *Bernadette Woods Jackson lit a candle in
memory of Mrs. Rutha Lee Bowman*



Bernadette Woods Jackson - October 18, 2025 at 06:57 PM



“ *A true Angel, always walked the walk of the talk she talked, trough
love and respect.*

Lila Crouse-Lipscomb - October 18, 2025 at 04:53 PM

DB

“ *Debra Bridges lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rutha Lee Bowman*



Debra Bridges - October 18, 2025 at 03:53 PM

SP

“ *Sheryl Payton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Rutha Lee Bowman*



Sheryl Payton - October 18, 2025 at 03:21 PM

CR

“ *Eternal Sunshine....
To the entire Bowman families all near and far.
Thank you for sharing this angel with I and my daughter the years we were presently around also sharing through social media it always brought back how I missed out on the love she shared with us.
The peace of God covers as the words of men cannot. ♡♡*



Carolyn Randolph - October 18, 2025 at 12:18 PM

BA

“ Legacy. Mrs. Ruthie Bowman I truly going miss her but memories are forever



Barbara Applewhite - October 18, 2025 at 12:12 PM

L-

“ Linda Miller -Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rutha Lee Bowman



Linda Miller -Wilkerson - October 18, 2025 at 12:09 PM



“ Marjorie Chapman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Rutha Lee Bowman



Marjorie Chapman - October 18, 2025 at 11:55 AM

RC

“ Ms. Bowman was my third and fourth grade teacher at King Elementary School and was one of the kindest, most effective teachers I've ever had. I always felt seen, understood, celebrated and lovingly chastised in her class. I will never forget the impact she had in my formal education years! Rest well Ms. Bowman!

Rahsheem J Covington - October 18, 2025 at 10:02 AM

ET

“ *May the angels welcome her to Paradise.
Condolences and prayers for the family. ❤️ 🙏*



Ernelle Taylor - October 18, 2025 at 09:00 AM

SJ

“ *Shirley Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Rutha Lee Bowman*



Shirley Jones - October 18, 2025 at 08:21 AM

SJ

“ *To the BOWMAN FAM':
It was DEF a sad day Thursday, but Heaven is
REJOICING! NEVER have I EVR met a more
beautiful, soft spoken, gentle, kind-hearted
person on this side of heaven. So glad I was
BLESSED to have crossed paths w/her.
Bowman FAM' KNO' that IM PRAY'n w/for U! *Ditto to what Darryl &
Carolyn said.*



Sharon Jackson - October 18, 2025 at 08:16 AM

AJ

“ *Alma Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rutha Lee Bowman*



Alma Johnson - October 18, 2025 at 07:58 AM

VS

“ *Valerie Southall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rutha Lee Bowman*



Valerie Southall - October 18, 2025 at 07:56 AM

LM

“ *Lanita Murray Marion lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rutha Lee Bowman*



Lanita Murray Marion - October 18, 2025 at 07:20 AM

YC

“ *Yolonda D Cross lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rutha Lee Bowman*



Yolonda D Cross - October 18, 2025 at 01:08 AM

AJ

“ *Abby Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rutha Lee Bowman*



Abby Johnson - October 17, 2025 at 05:40 PM

R.

“ *If the word legend applies to any human, it must be applied to this soul, Ruthie Bowman, one of the greatest educators of our time. I'm thankful to God that I had the honor to team teach with her at M.L.King Elementary in which I learned so much not just about teaching children, but life itself. Rest You Legend Job Well Done. rf*

R.Furlow - October 17, 2025 at 05:28 PM

DC

“ *Mrs. Bowman was truly a Ray of Sunshine, she always found the best in everything. Her earthly presence will be missed by us, but her spirit will continue to live within us both. Sending up a prayer for strength and guidance to Carliss and The Bowman Family. Thanks for sharing your Mom with us. Darryl Stone & Carolyn Brock (Poochie).*



Darryl Carolyn - October 17, 2025 at 04:18 PM