



Ms. Ruby Virginia Bowser

January 28, 1933 - May 24, 2023

I fought the good fight, I finished the race, I kept the faith.

2 Timothy 4:7

On May 24, 2023, God called his angel, Ruby W. Bowser, from labor to reward.

Ruby was born on January 28, 1933, in Alexandria, Virginia, to the late William and Ella J. Lewis. She was the youngest of nine children born to this union.

Ruby was educated in the Alexandria City Public Schools and she graduated from Parker-Gray High School in 1950.

In the early 1950's, Ruby married Alfred Ward and moved to Morgan City, Louisiana. To this union were born seven children, Barbara, Dale, Alvin, David, Melvin, Patricia and Karen Ward. In 1964, Ruby returned to Alexandria with her children.

Family was everything to Ruby. As a stay-at-home mom, she not only raised her

own children, but she also took care of her great nieces and nephews. She was always ready and eager to provide her family with whatever they needed. In the mid-1960's, Ruby reconnected with her dear friend, Thomas J. Bowser, and as a result of their reconnection, in 1968, the two became one in marriage. To this union were born Gayle and Gladys Bowser.

In her early career life, Ruby was employed by the Alexandria Chapter of the National Urban League. While working with the National Urban League, Ruby was instrumental in helping the organization to achieve its mission, "to enable and empower African Americans and others in underserved communities to achieve their highest human potential and secure economic reliance, parity, power and civil rights."

Ruby's career expanded when she took a position with the federal government at The United States Patent and Trademark Office where she received numerous honors and outstanding awards. Years later, she transferred to the United States Library of Congress. Overall, her employment service with the federal government totaled over thirty years before her retirement.

Ruby's faith in Christ Jesus was the foundation of her life. Her faith journey began when she accepted Christ as her personal Savior, was baptized by Rev.

Nathaniel

Hargrave and united with Ebenezer Baptist Church, Alexandria, Virginia in the late

1940's. Ruby transferred her membership to Meade Memorial Episcopal Church,

Alexandria, Virginia, in 1969, after marrying Thomas J. Bowser. She was a member of the Altar Guild Committee and participated in the Saturday Outreach

Feeding Program.

In 2008, Ruby returned to her home church, Ebenezer Baptist Church, under the

pastorate of Reverend Dr. Duane T. Kay.

In 2011, Ruby united with The First Baptist Church, Inc. of North Brentwood, Maryland, where Dr. Kay currently serves as Senior Pastor. She was a faithful member of "First Baptist", where she enjoyed attending Bible classes every Saturday, and participating in the annual "Missions Blitz"; which she loved dearly,

until her health began to decline.

Ruby was a devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great grandmother, who enjoyed traveling with her children and grandchildren. She loved spending time with her family, during regular family visits and holidays. These visits always gave her much joy. Ruby was considered the family griot, who always made sure that the family history was well preserved.

She loved assembling jigsaw puzzles as well as working on crossword puzzles, and

she was a sports fanatic. She imparted the love of football and basketball to

her

children. In addition, she loved watching Western movies with her children and grandchildren who would also engage in watching the movies alongside her.

She is predeceased by three children, Melvin, Gayle and David; and grandson,
Darrell Ward.

Ruby leaves to cherish her loving and precious memories: her children, Barbara Ward, Dale Ward (Debra), Alvin Ward, Patricia Ward, Karen Ward, and Gladys Green (Andre); her daughter-in-law, Sarah Ward; fourteen grandchildren; seventeen great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Ruby will always be remembered as a sweet, kind and humble person. and a true friend to all who knew her. She will indeed be missed by ALL.

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN 13. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Harvest Assembly Baptist Church
8008 Fordson Rd.
Alexandria, VA 22306

Funeral

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Live Streaming Service Link:

<https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/7647594430>

JUN 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Interment

JUN 13 (ET)

Bethel Cemetery
Wilkes Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Tribute Wall



“ *Phillip Bell Sr. and Winona Morrissette-Johnson Funeral Service, P.A. created a Webcast in memory of Ms. Ruby Virginia Bowser*



Phillip Bell Sr. and Winona Morrissette- - June 08, 2023 at 05:59 PM

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“ *I worked with Ruby for many years. She was one of the most caring and sweet individuals I have ever known! I know that she is resting peacefully in Heaven!*

Stevie Withers and family

Stevie Withers - June 15, 2023 at 06:28 AM

CG

“ *I remember as a kid ...being great niece of Aunt Ruby, staying with her one summer the entire stay she would always hug and squeeze on me with so much love and affection. That stuck with me forever. Love you forever Auntie.*

Carlita Gibson - June 14, 2023 at 09:22 AM

DG

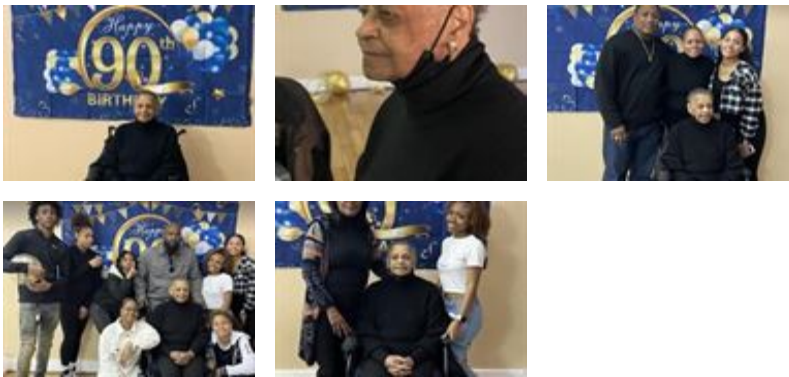
“ Our hearts ❤️ are sad however we know GOD is still in Charge and HE NEVER LET US FALL. I pray we continue the work of God through the Great Life she lived before US. GOD HAS SPOKEN, AMEN 💜



David & Mozell Gibson - June 13, 2023 at 09:25 PM



“ 28 files added to the album Life Tributes



Phillip Bell Sr. and Winona Morrissette- - June 12, 2023 at 07:54 PM

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“ To the Family of Sis. Ruby Bowser, The Ebenezer Baptist Church Family and Rev. Dr. Albert P. Jackson, extend our deepest and most sincere condolences to Bowser, Ward & Essex family. Sis. Bowser will always be remembered as a loving and caring person to everyone she met. We are in prayer for your peace and comfort in the midst of the storm. God is Loving and Faithful and will be your comforter, In His Holy Name, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Rev. Dr. Albert P. Jackson, Senior Pastor



Deaconess SMorton - June 12, 2023 at 02:50 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Ms. Ruby Virginia Bowser.*



June 10, 2023 at 08:59 PM



“ *Janice Hedgepeth lit a candle in memory of Ms. Ruby Virginia Bowser*



Janice Hedgepeth - June 09, 2023 at 10:16 PM