

Homegoing  
Services for

# Kathelene

## RUFF

*Sunrise*

*June 12, 1935*



*Sunset*

*October 10, 2022*

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2022**

*Service 11:00 AM*

**EWB FUNERAL SERVICE**

*2134 Stenton Avenue • Philadelphia, PA 19138*

# Life Story

Kathelene Ruff, 87, of Philadelphia, PA passed away on Monday, October 10, 2022, at the Fairview Nursing and Rehab, in Philadelphia.

She was born to the late Junius Taylor and Janie Estelle Gilbert Taylor on June 12, 1935 in Penns Grove, NJ.

Kathelene was the wife of Anthony Roger Ruff with whom she shared 55 years of marriage.

Kathelene graduated from Penns Grove Regional High School in 1953 and became one of the first African American females to be employed at DuPont in the mid 1950's. Kathelene was later employed at Einstein Medical Center for 35 years until she retired.

She was a member of Zion Baptist Church of Philadelphia under the leadership of the late Pastor Leon Sullivan and current pastor Rev. Dr. Chauncey Pierre Harrison.

Kathelene enjoyed singing and playing the piano. Her father taught her how to play the piano by ear.

She is survived by her husband, Anthony Roger Ruff; sons, Michael Gary Taylor (Terry) and Marcellus Ruff (Alicia); daughter, Belinda Payne-Fuerter; brother, Joseph Taylor (Louella), and sister Wanda Taylor-Riddick; 10 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Turhan Alan Payne; brothers, Junius Taylor, Daniel "Boone" Taylor, Harry Taylor; and sister Mary Taylor-James.

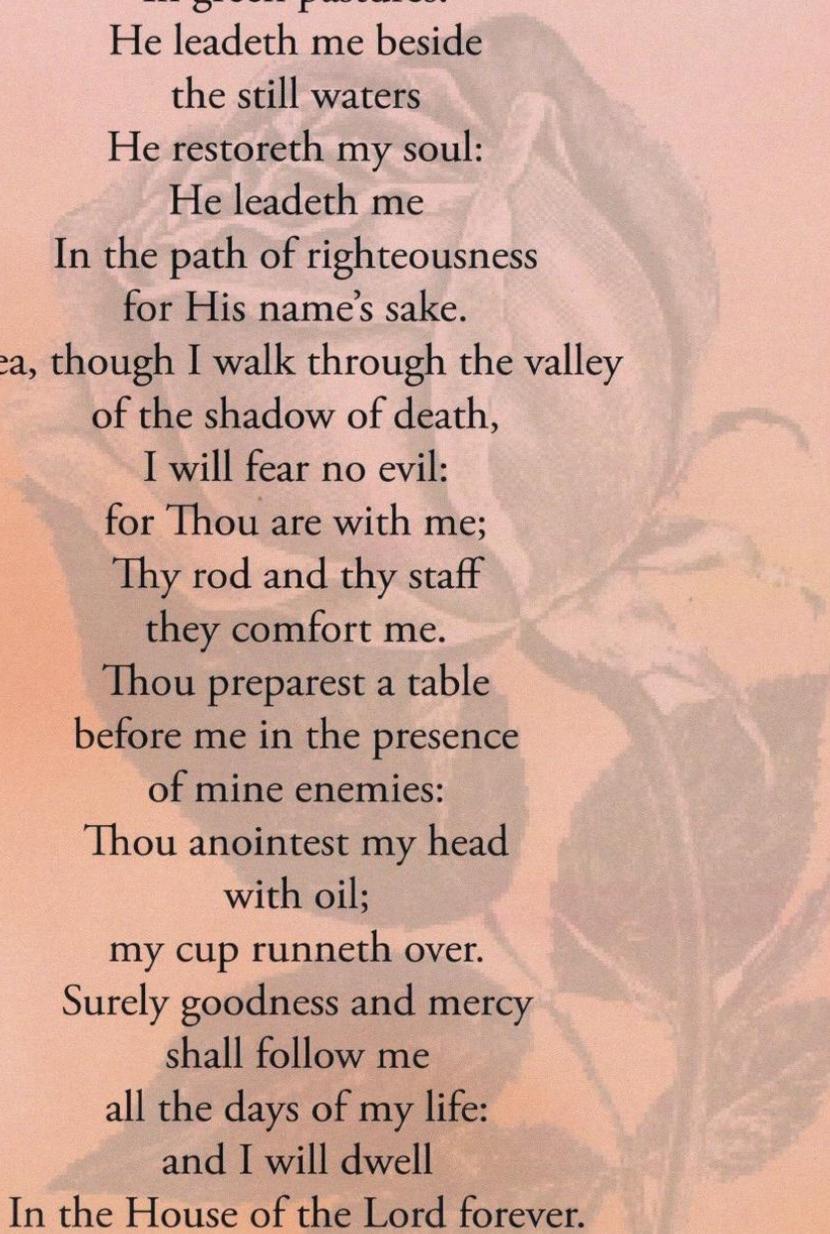
Kathelene will be deeply missed. We will cherish her memory in our hearts.

*Sorrowfully Submitted,  
The Family*



# Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down  
In green pastures:  
He leadeth me beside  
the still waters  
He restoreth my soul:  
He leadeth me  
In the path of righteousness  
for His name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil:  
for Thou art with me;  
Thy rod and thy staff  
they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table  
before me in the presence  
of mine enemies:  
Thou anointest my head  
with oil;  
my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy  
shall follow me  
all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell  
In the House of the Lord forever.



# Order of Worship

PROCESSIONAL

OPENING WORDS OF COMFORT

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament

New Testament

PRAYER OF CONSOLATION

SOLO

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF  
CARDS & CONDOLENCES

REFLECTIONS

SOLO

EULOGY

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

*Committal Service & Interment*

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1701 Washington Lane

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19138

## - Pall Bearers -

Marcellus Ruff  
Michael Gary Taylor

Mike Taylor, Jr.  
Lamar Riddick.

## When I Must Leave You

Please don't say that I gave up, just say that I gave in;  
Don't say I lost the battle, for it was God's war to lose or win;  
Please don't say how good I was, both that I did my best;  
Just say I tried to do what's right, to give the most I could, not less;  
Please don't give me wings or halos, that's for God to do;  
I want no more than I deserve, no extras, just my due.  
Please don't give me flowers, or talk in real hushed tones;  
Don't be concerned about me now, I'm well with God, I've made it home.  
Don't talk about what could have been, it's over and it's done.  
When you paint a picture of me, don't paint me as a saint;  
I've done some good, I've done some wrong so use all of your paint;  
Not just the bright and light tones, use some grays and dark;  
In fact, don't put me down on canvas, paint me in your heart;  
Don't just remember the good times, but remember even the bad;  
For life is full of many things, some happy and some sad;  
But if you must do something, then I have but one request;  
Forgive me for the wrongs I've done, and with the love that's left;  
Thank God for my soul is resting, Thank God for I've been blessed;  
Thank God for all who loved me, but praise God who loved me best.

## - A Note of Thanks -

Thank you all for your expressions of sympathy. We are grateful for your love, your care, your support and prayers extended to us during this time of bereavement.

*Sincerely, The Family*

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