

IN APPRECIATION

The family of the beloved Mother Ruby D. Steele would like to express our heartfelt appreciation and sincere gratitude to each of you for your gifts and tokens of love during our hour of bereavement. It has been comforting to know that there are so many people that shared kindness and have given support.

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE *of*

MOTHER
**RUBY
D. STEELE**

JUNE 7, 1928 ~ AUGUST 5, 2020

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2020 AT 12:00 PM

BISHOP ALTON R. LITTLE, OFFICIATING

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REFLECTIONS OF LIFE

Mother Ruby D. Steele was born June 7, 1928 in Newark, NJ. Ruby was the third child of six born to Edward and Mary McMiller. She was predeceased by her siblings Katherine, Mary, Naomi and Leroy. Only her baby sister, Lucille remains.

Ruby peacefully departed this life on Wednesday August 5, 2020 approximately 10:15 a.m.

At an early age, Ruby gave her life to the Lord. She was baptized at Randall Chapel U.F.W. Baptist Church and remained a committed member for the rest of her life. She served in several ministries. She was a Sunday School Teacher, Choir Member a Deaconess and the Announcing Secretary for many many years. In every auxiliary she served with a spirit of excellence.

In July 1956, Ruby met the late Willie Joe Steele. After a brief courtship of six weeks they wed and remained married for 51 years until his passing in June 2007. To this union three children were born Emma Renee, William Joseph and Cynthia.

Ruby was a lifelong resident of Newark she attended Oliver Street School and East Side High School. Ruby began working as a Teacher's Aid for the Newark Public Schools. During this time she was afforded an opportunity to attend Kean College of Union New Jersey. Ruby completed her studies earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education and became a Certified Teacher. Ruby retired from Newark Public Schools after 27 years of service.

Ruby was a class act. She was intelligent, articulate and had a gift for memorizing Bible verses, many poems and songs of verse. She was known for reciting "The Night Before Christmas", Psalms of David and poems she learned from childhood including the ABC's of the Bible. She truly taught everyone the words and what it means to be a Fisher of men. She has left an indelible imprint on everyone who had the privilege of being in her presence. Ruby was truly a Phenomenal Woman. She loved the Lord, she loved her family and she loved her church.

Ruby was predeceased in death by her husband Willie Joe Steele, a stepbrother Leroy Claiborne and her grandson Andre Jamaal Pridgen, lovingly known as Jay R.

She leaves to cherish her memory one sister, Lucille Danzey, one stepbrother Fletcher Bass (Debra Bass), one sister-in-law Annie Steele three children, Emma R. Steele, beloved son William J. Steele and Cynthia Curtis (Reginald Curtis) three grandsons Reginald W. Steele (Shirell Steele) Antwone T. Steele and Aaron T. Pridgen, six great grandchildren, a host of nieces and nephews, family members and friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

MUSICAL PRELUDE

OPENING INVOCATION

MUSICAL SELECTION

SCRIPTURAL READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT

NEW TESTAMENT

PRAY OF COMFORT

REFLECTIONS

MUSICAL SELECTION

WORDS OF COMFORT

REV. REGINALD W. STEELE

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