

CELEBRATING THE LIFE

*of*

*Emma Ruth Colvin*

“RUTHIE”

**SUNRISE**

October 24, 1945

**SUNSET**

December 18, 2025

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**JANUARY 3, 2026**

**11:00 A.M.**

**WINN'S MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH**

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF  
STRAIT GATE FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

PASTOR DON G. CYPHERS, OFFICIATING

# *Celebrating* THE LIFE & LEGACY

On October 24, 1945, Ola Mae Butler and Collis Colvin welcomed a baby girl into the world. They named her Emma Ruth Colvin, lovingly known to all as Ruthie.

Ruthie was educated in Elgin, Texas, and proudly graduated from Booker T. Washington School. Throughout her working years, she began her career in the healthcare industry, later served with Austin ISD, and spent the majority of her professional life at Tracor/BAE Systems, where she retired after many years of dedicated service.

At a very early age, Ruthie dedicated her life to Christ. She was a faithful member of Pleasant Bethany Baptist Church and, in later years, a devoted member of Strait Gate Fellowship Baptist Church, where she continued to walk steadfastly in her faith.

While Ruthie took pride in her professional accomplishments, her greatest joy and most fulfilling role was being an aunt and mother figure to Byron, Jarvis, and Sherri, to whom she devoted her life. Her love and care extended well beyond them, as she faithfully nurtured and supported numerous nieces and nephews throughout the years.

Ruthie was fiercely independent, exceptionally organized, and one of the neatest individuals you could ever meet. She possessed a strong and unwavering faith in God and was deeply protective of her family. Her life was filled with purpose--she lived fully, loved deeply, and cherished a small but steadfast circle of friends.

Those remaining to cherish her precious memories are her sister, Oreal Lockridge of Austin, Texas, and her brother, Overseer Claudell Monroe, Sr. (Sharon) of Mansfield, Texas. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brothers, James and Maurice.

The world is truly a better place because Ruthie was in it.

# ORDER OF *Service*

## **MUSICAL PRELUDE**

Mrs. Nelia Greene

## **PROCESSIONAL**

Clergy, Pallbearers, & Family

## **OLD TESTAMENT**

Elder Ozzie Monroe, Jr.

## **NEW TESTAMENT**

Pastor Lindsay R. Wilson, Sr.

## **PRAYER**

Pastor Linday R. Wilson, Sr.

## **SOLO**

Rev. Luchus McShan

## **RESOLUTIONS**

Strait Gate Fellowship Baptist  
Church

## **TRIBUTE**

Dea. Byron Mitchell

## **FAREWELL SOLO**

Dea. Byron Mitchell

## **WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT**

Pastor Don G. Cyphers

## **RECESSIONAL**

Clergy, Pallbearers, & Family

## *Poem*

Dear Ruthie,

We called you Ruthie, but you were our Mother, our Nana, our Sister--and those names will always feel like home. You were steady, kind, and always there, the one we leaned on without ever having to ask.

Your love was generous and practical--the kind that shows up, the kind that stays. You showed us what motherhood truly is, what it means to be a Nana, and how to be a Sister--through devotion, sacrifice, and unconditional care.

Now we grieve the space you leave behind, but we are grateful beyond measure. Because your love did not end with you--it lives on in us, in the way we support one another, in the way we love.

Rest gently, Mother. Rest peacefully, Nana. Rest in God's care, dear Sister. Thank you for everything. We will carry you with us, always.



# *Pallbearers*

Byron Mitchell  
Maurice Grant, Jr.  
Lain C. Lewis, Sr.

Charles Brown  
Frank Brown  
Ozzie Monroe, Jr.

## *Thank You / Acknowledgement*

The family of Emma Ruth Colvin would like to extend their sincere gratitude to Hospice Austin for their dedicated and compassionate care. We also thank the many members of the community who stopped by to assist in any way they could during her time of need.

Special thanks to her family members who stood by her side, offering unwavering support in every endeavor. We are also deeply grateful to Strait Gate Fellowship family for your continued prayers, and to Winn's Memorial Baptist Church for graciously allowing the use of your worship space.

We are forever thankful to each of you for your kindness, love, and support.

~ The Family ~

*Interment*

Sayers Cemetery

*Repast*

Strait Gate Fellowship  
Baptist Church



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