

If Roses Grew in Heaven

If roses grow in heaven,
Lord please pick a bunch for me,
Place them in my Mother's arms
and tell her they're from me.
Tell her I love her and miss her,
and when she turns to smile,
place a kiss upon her cheek
and hold her for a while.
Because remembering her is easy,
I do it every day,
but there's an ache within my heart
that will never go away.



Acknowledgements

The Family of Ruth Brigham would like to express our sincere gratitude. Thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy and prayers. The love that you have shown has given us great comfort during this difficult time. It is deeply appreciated and will forever be remembered.



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A Celebration of the Life of

Ruth A. Brigham

September 11, 1928 - August 09, 2024



Wednesday, September 11, 2024
2:00 PM

DAVIS FUNERAL HOME

89 WALNUT AVE. ROXBURY, MA

REVEREND AL WHITAKER
ST. MARK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, OFFICIATING

Obituary

On September 11, 1928, Ruth Arcola (Johnson) Brigham was born in Selma, Alabama. Ruth was the only child of Timothy Johnson and Carlee (Rembert) Royston. Ruth was married while residing in Alabama, and the couple had a son they named Timothy Johnson. When Ruth's husband did not return from the war, she along with her son, mother, maternal grandmother, and aunt moved to Boston from Alabama. The family lived in Boston's South End for a while before setting down roots in the Roxbury, Jamaica Plain neighborhoods. Ruth began her career in Boston working alongside her mother as a seamstress. While living in Boston, Ruth met her second husband, with whom she had four more children. In the early 1960s, Ruth moved to the Bromley Heath housing development and shortly after she began her tenure at Martha Eliot Health Center, where she was highly regarded and genuinely loved. Ruth worked at Martha Eliot for 26 years before retiring as the clinic coordinator and community outreach coordinator in the OB/GYN department.

Through hard work and dedication, in 1969, Ruth purchased a family home, which has become known as the big green house, on the corner, in Egleston. This house has stood as a beacon of light for many throughout the years as a result of Ruth's unwavering generosity and pleasant personality. Ruth was regarded as everyone's mother who had a heart of gold and was always willing to lend a helping hand and would open her door to anyone in need.

Ruth loved the Lord and was a lifelong member and deaconess at St. Mark Congregational church in Dorchester, as well as a dedicated community activist, serving on multiple boards and assisting many community organizations throughout Roxbury and Jamaica Plain. Ruth taught her family the importance of showing forgiveness when someone wrongs you and turning the other cheek. She consistently gave great advice, guidance, and counsel without ever passing judgment and her influence will forever remain in the lives of all who knew her. In her leisure time Ruth loved music, dancing, shopping, traveling, and attending the theater.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her children: Timothy Johnson, Baltimore MD; Marlania (Duane) Bugg, Bedford, TX; Steven (Bessie) Brigham, Rock Hill, SC; Lorraine Brigham, Reseda, CA; and Karen Brigham, Brockton, MA. Her grandchildren, Timothy Jr., Sharlett, Tiamba, Antiny, Aundra, Nikkia, and Shannon, and six great-grandchildren and a host of family and friends.

Order of Service

OPENING SONG

“Smile” By: Kirk Franklin

INVOCATION

Reverend Al Whitaker

Lord, we thank you for giving us the life of Ruth Brigham. Today, we do not mourn but celebrate all she achieved and the legacy she leaves behind. We will remain ever grateful for being blessed with her presence and the light she shone into so many lives and hearts. We will treasure her and all that she stood for, cherishing the memories we have that shall never fade. Amen

SCRIPTURES

Board of Deacons from St. Mark Congregational Church
Old Testament
New Testament

POEM

Cecily Pitter

SOLO SELECTION

Miles Gary

REMARKS

Family and Friends (2-minutes please)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Nikkia Brigham

OBITUARY

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