



Beyond

When this old life ends
and my new one begins,
And I'm free of my shackles and bonds,
My spirit will soar
like the cold north wind roars,
As I leave this body behind.
When my soul reaches the heights
of the great Northern Lights,
I will pause to look just one more time --
At family and friends
and the pains of young men
as they struggle to carry life on.
But don't cry for me
my spirit is free,
And dying I must do alone.
Life has been sweet
so rejoice when you think,
My soul has only gone home!
Written By: Q.T. Edwards, Jr.

Final Resting Place

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Active & Honorary Pallbearers

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In Loving Memory



Myrtis Rucker Graham

December 25, 1936 – January 29, 2026

Home Going Service

Friday, February 13, 2026
Visitation 10:00 AM - Service 11:00 AM

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She attended 6th District Elementary, Rothenberg, and Stowe Schools.

She got married at an early age to Willie Rucker. Later in life she married Ralph Graham.

She worked at Glass Rest Home, St. Francis Hospital, Good Samaritan Hospital, 12th Street Clinic, and Elm Street Clinic.

She loved to read and listen to music. She was the creator of the double decker chicken liver & boiled egg sandwich and was famous for her fried chicken and potato salad.

She was preceded in death by her parents, daughter Jacqueline Metz (Walter Anthony Metz II), grandsons Walter Anthony Metz III & Christopher Lee Metz, and siblings Josephine Edwards and Q.T. Edwards Jr.

She leaves to cherish her memory her sons, Willie Michael Rucker, Anthony Rucker, Richard Rucker (Sharlana), siblings Annie Bertha Edwards, Ruby Jackson (Reggie), Carolyn Edwards, Allene Mills, Ramona Vanessa Davis (Andre), grandchildren Ebony Nicole Rucker, Michael J. Rucker, Erica Rucker, Tony Robinson, Baseemah Rucker, Qawi Rucker, Kenya Metz, Nicholas Metz, Kristina Metz, Napoleon Stewart, William Stewart, DeMarco Stewart and a host of great grandchildren and loving family members.

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Parting View	The Family
Prayer	Minister Vernice Appling
Scripture	Minister Vernice Appling
Musical Selection	Kim Watts
Acknowledgements	Shannon McKenzie
Remarks	Please, Limit 2 Minutes
Poem	Richard Rucker
Obituary	Read Silently
Musical Selection	Kim Watts
Eulogy	Minister Vernice Appling
Benediction	Minister Vernice Appling
Recessional	Clergy, Pallbearers & 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 paths 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.

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