



Ruby I. Johnson

October 10, 1933 - May 5, 2022

Ruby Ianthe Osbourne was born on October 10, 1933, in Mount Standfast, Saint James, Barbados, West Indies. Ruby was the third of twelve children, and her parents were the late Winifred Hope Osbourne and St. Clair Augustus Osbourne. She was predeceased by her husband of 51 years, Conrad “Ralph” Johnson; four siblings that passed in infancy; her brother Neville Osbourne and her sister Caroll “Maylene” Prescod. Ruby attended St. Albans Girls School, Barbados and subsequently immigrated to the United States in 1953. She completed her High School education in the United States and graduated from Girls High School in Brooklyn, New York. Ruby resided in the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn New York, with her uncle, the late James “Jimmy” Osbourne.

Ruby attended Salem United Methodist Church located in Harlem, New York, where she met Conrad “Ralph” Johnson in 1957. Ralph was born in Boscobel, Saint Peter, Barbados, West Indies. Ruby and Ralph were married on September 5, 1959. In 1962, they welcomed their daughter, Denise into the world. In 1992, Ruby and Ralph became the esteemed grandparents of Adéola.

Ruby was a stay-at-home mother and occasionally worked in the evenings (for a few hours) when Ralph got home from work. After Denise started elementary school, Ruby started working part-time and she would arrive home shortly after Denise (who was upstairs with Mother Bourne). Ruby worked on a per diem basis for the New York City Transit Authority, and she had an extraordinary work-ethic. Her supervisors took notice—they were incredibly pleased with her performance and work product. Ruby was soon offered a full-time position and began her tenure in the Payroll Division. For more than twenty years she served as an Assistant (and confidant) to a number of Superintendents who specifically requested that Ruby be on their team. In 1990, Ruby retired from the New York City Transit Authority. She often mused, “I don’t know where I found time to go to work”!

Ruby and Ralph immensely enjoyed traveling and they were Cruise enthusiasts. Cruising to the destinations of the world from Alaska, the Caribbean, the Mediterranean, Central

America or Cruising in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul (to name a few ports of call). Ruby and Ralph also took a bus trip from New York to the Grand-Canyon. Ruby enjoyed the scenery and the serenity of bus and train excursions. They also traveled to the Motherland- Ghana, The Ivory Coast, and Egypt. Additionally, Ruby and Ralph journeyed to the Holy Land, the birthplace of their Savior and Redeemer. Ruby was baptized in the Jordan River. Ruby and Ralph traveled to every destination on their bucket list with the exception of Australia and New Zealand (Ralph passed prior to that trip). What a legacy!

Ruby was a believer and a faithful member of Fenimore Street United Methodist Church. She was affectionately known as Sister Ruby to the congregation. Brother “J” on the other hand, affectionately called his bride of 51 years, Sister “Rubes” when talking to friends and family. Ruby served for more than four decades at “Fenimore” in various capacities:

- One of the founding members of the Gospel Chorus
 - President (and one of the founding members) of the Travel Club
 - President (and one of the founding members) of the Young Adult Group
 - President (and one of the founding members) of the Theater Group (On/Off Broadway Excursions)
 - Member of the Administrative Board
 - Member of the Finance Committee
 - Member of the United Methodist Women
- (to name a few areas of service).

Ruby and Ralph moved to Florida in 2010 and began worshipping at Palms West Alliance Church now Oasis Church. On May 5, 2022, Ruby peacefully went home to be with her Lord.

Ruby’s loving memory will be cherished by her daughter, Denise “Sparkle Plenty” Johnson-Hopkins, son-in-Law, Michael “Mykal” Hopkins, granddaughter, Adéola Hopkins, brother, Carlisle “Wasky” Osbourne, sister, Eloise “Malvina” Headley, sister, Phyllis Clinton, sister, Julie Osbourne, sister, Esther Bunbury (Courtney); sister-in-law, Olga Johnson; brother-in-law, Vere Prescod; special nieces, Heather Osbourne, Cherryann Osbourne-Raiford, Dawn Johnson; special nephews, Everlone Clinton, Anderson Clinton; special cousins Gladys Griffith, Yvonne Forde, Olga Clinton, Thelma Olukuewu, Maulana Murray; godsons, Rawle Eastmond, Darcey Browne; special friends, Joseph “Joe” Martin, Enid Harewood, Valentine Boyce, Abiodun & Lealia Adeagbo, Doris Mendez-Weeks, Vinette Tracey, Glenner Strachn, Doreen Thomas, Cora White, Jannie Watson, Glynn Best, Cecil & Agatha Watson, Sandra Brown, Lorna Baptiste, Eudine Scantlebury, Charles Clarke, Winston Crosbie, Henry Lewis, Velma Williams, Carol Osgood, Ellen Cox; special neighbors, Alphonso Holm, Andrea Ronga; Brothers and Sisters of Fenimore

Street United Methodist Church; Members of Christopher C. Blenman Senior Center; Members of Royal Palm Beach Young at Heart; and a host of relatives and friends.

Ruby will also be missed by her canine pal, Einstein.

Please note that the family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in memory of Ruby I. Johnson to:

American Heart Association

<https://www.heart.org>

Or

American Stroke Association

P.O. Box 840692

Dallas, TX 75284-0692

<https://www.stroke.org>

Acknowledgement

The Family of Ruby Ianthe Johnson wishes to express our sincere thanks for your expressions of love during our season of bereavement.

Every Blessing, The Family.

YouTube link for CHURCH SERVICE ONLY

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Zoom link for the GRAVESIDE SERVICE ONLY

Join Zoom Meeting

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Passcode: 524743

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 19. 11:00 AM - 11:20 AM (ET)

Oasis Church of the C&MA
16401 Southern Blvd
Loxahatchee, FL 33470

Service

MAY 19. 11:30 AM (ET)

Oasis Church of the C&MA
16401 Southern Blvd
Loxahatchee, FL 33470

Graveside Services

MAY 19. 1:30 PM (ET)

South Florida National Cemetery
6501 S. State Road 7
Lake Worth, FL 33449
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/southflorida.asp>

Tribute Wall



“ 50 files added to the album LifeTributes



Palms West Funeral Home - May 12 at 02:03 PM

VW

Lovely picture. Elegant and classy as she has always been

Velma Williams - May 12 at 07:47 PM

CC

“ Aunt Ruby was aptly named. She was a gem of a woman and her light shone brightly. She was a classy and elegant lady- not in a flashy way but with an understated elegance that made her stand out. She was so poised and graceful. She was also a gracious and generous woman who seemed to never age. I joked with her whenever we met that when I grew up, I wanted to be like her: Ageless! You will be missed Aunt Rudy but your legacy will live on. My condolences to Denise and Adeola and the numerous others who will mourn your passing.

Carol Clinton - May 11 at 04:43 PM

HO

My Aunt Ruby played a pivotal role in my life and always gave me wise and encouraging words. She was definitely an amazing role model and a very humble servant. A caring and a very genuine person. I will miss her tremendously. ❤️❤️❤️❤️
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Heather Osbourne - May 11 at 06:43 PM

VW

Miss Ruby was a lady a mean a real lady the Royals had nothing on her, she could teach the how to be ladies. I loved her so much she was my Bible study companion. When my son passed 9 months ago she took time to reach out and console me of which I will forever grateful. I miss her so much already. She never had a bad thing to say about anyone, always encouraging and offering kind words and advise. I always respected her for her elegance and soft spoken word way she had and making me and everyone felt comfortable. She was truly a good friend. Continue to rest peacefully in the arms of our Lord Miss Ruby, hope to meet up with you again when God calls me home.

Velma Williams - May 12 at 10:18 AM

JH

“ I have had the pleasure of knowing Mrs. Ruby for almost 6 years, what a blessing she was to me, and all those she knew. She will be greatly missed, and I am just sorry I didn't get one more opportunity to bake her my Lemon Pound Cake, which she loved.

Jessica Hart - May 06 at 08:11 PM

JW

Aunt Ruby's kindness was contagious and her memory will live on forever 💖 with me. She was an amazing woman and will truly be missed. I will always remember and cherished the special and inspiring conversations we had which always leaves me feeling happy. Thanks for always being good to me without judgements. My deepest condolences 🙏 to her daughter Denise and grand-daughter Adiola, she love you two and will be watching over you. Rest in Peace 🙏 our dear Aunt Ruby...gone but certainly not forgotten. Love You

Jannie Watson - May 10 at 05:42 PM

GB

I had the pleasure of being Ms Ruby's friend and loved her dearly. She was warm, kind and always with a listening ear to comfort and guide I will miss her dearly our phone calls and beautiful smile. A shining light to guide you to care and love she will be miss by all of us that she love and love her. Rest in peace my friend

Glynn A Best - May 11 at 03:21 PM

AA

She was my girlfriend and mother, she will surely be missed. I know she loved the Lord. She is now in the presence of the Lord and our savior Jesus.

Abiodun Adeagbo - May 11 at 07:53 PM

CW

My Condolences to the family of Sis Ruby Johnson. I've known her for so many years as a member of Fenimore street United Methodist Church in Brooklyn New York. My fondest memories of this very very warm and loving Ladies is helping with my son who was suffering from asthma as a kid, he's now grown with no asthma. She would give me all types of remedies to help him. The last remedy really worked. I truly appreciated her as a true servant of the Lord. To her daughter, and all family members take comfort in knowing that she is with her Creator. God bless

cecille white - May 13 at 04:06 PM

CB

I worked for Ms Ruby when mr Johnson was alive and she treated me with love, respect, kindness and always feeding me either coconut bread or soup always offered me something to eat and shared special blessings. She will be missed and knowing that she is with the Lorf that made it acceptable

Claudette Belizaire - May 19 at 10:21 AM