

Honoring A

LEGACY

SUNRISE:

MARCH 1, 1925

SUNSET

DECEMBER 10, 2025

RUTH
GREENE

REMEMBERING AN ICON

FOREVER

In Our HEARTS
& MEMORIES



ORDER OF SERVICE

VIDEO/MUSIC

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026

10:00 AM FAMILY VISITING

11:00 AM SERVICE

1:00 PM INTERMENT DAYTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

PROCESSIONAL

PRAYER

Minister

SCRIPTURE READING

OLD TESTAMENT

NEW TESTAMENT

Minister

MUSIC SELECTION

CARL MOMAN

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

GLORIA ROWLAND

OBITUARY

DENISE DARDEN

REMARKS

Limit to 2 minutes please

VIDEO TRIBUTE

MUSIC SELECTION

CARL MOMAN

EULOGY

REV DR CLIFFORD BALLARD

RECESSIONAL

Pallbearers

ROSHAUN DAVIDSON

MARK HILL JR

STEPHANN HILL, JR (BAMM)

CLEVELAND WINSTON BELL

CLEVON BELL

JOVAN JOHNSON

Honorary Pallbearers

STEPHANN HILL SR

MARK HILL SR

DEAN COOK

CARL MOMAN

CLIFFORD BALLARD JR

NICOLAAS DARDEN

DAVION BELL

THE LIFE OF RUTH GREENE



Ruth Greene, widely known as “Mother Ruth” and “Cutie G” was born March 1, 1925, in Newnan, Georgia. She was the third child to Henry Cook and Tommie L. Cook. She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings: Sisters, Florence Cornwell, Louise M. Chattam, Brother, Jene D. Cook, and grandson Jeffrey.

She was married at the tender age of 14 and had her first child Minnie at 15. Ruth went on to have 6 more children whom she raised almost single-handedly with the help of the Lord and her parents. She is survived by all of her 7 children whom she leaves to cherish her memory: Minnie Lovett (Rancho Cucamonga, California), Annette Bell (Dayton, Ohio), Barbara Darden (Laguna Woods, California), Betty Darden (Dayton, Ohio), Cheri King (William) (Gardena, California), Michael Chandler (Inglewood, California), and Gregory Chandler and her daughter/cousin Monteen Walker (Rialto, California) who was always there for her. She also leaves 14 grandchildren: Kenny Jackson, Anthony Johnson, Robbin Banks (Alfonso), Stephann Hill, Mark Hill, Denise Darden, Michelle Calhoun (Kenny), Tenola Chandler Oliver, Cleveland Winston Bell (Markita), Clevon Bell, Reshawnda Robinson, Matthew Aaron and Danielle Bezanson; numerous great/great great-grandchildren as well as extended family and friends to cherish her memory.

After leaving Newnan, Georgia, Ruth moved to Atlanta, Georgia; then to Middletown, Ohio and later to Dayton, Ohio. She was well known as a great cook and much of her life was spent as a gourmet cook in some of Dayton's finest restaurants. Mother Ruth and her sisters cooked for their brother, Uncle Jake, when he started his Cook's Cafe on West Fifth Street. Ruth also worked at General Motors.

In her late years, God blessed Mother Ruth with a beautiful and unexpected chapter of love with Leophus Greene. Their union was a reminder that love has no age. She was happily married to Leophus Greene for 10 years until his passing.

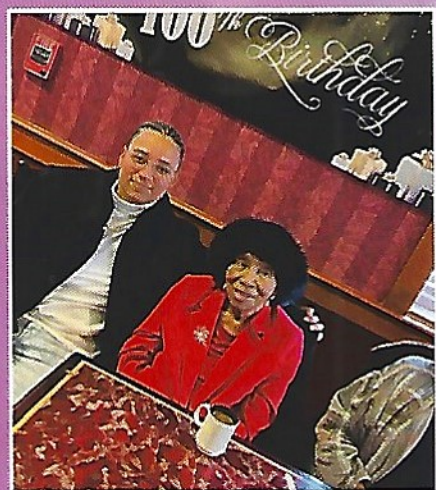
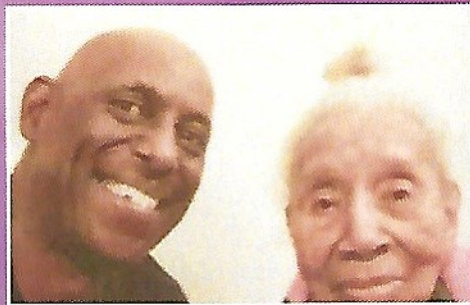
Ruth was raised in Baptist and Methodist churches around the Newnan, Georgia area. In Dayton she joined the First Baptist church of West Carrollton, Ohio which was pastored by her uncle, the late Reverend Roy Meriwether. He went on to establish The First Thessalonian Baptist Church on Oberlin Avenue in Dayton, Ohio. She maintains her current membership there under the leadership of Reverend Doctor Clifford Ballard. Ruth was a woman who walked with God, celebrated life boldly, and loved her family deeply. Mother Ruth loved to travel, exploring many countries around the world with her daughter Barbara who worked at Delta Airlines. She spent a lot of time in California with her family there. Each time that she visited California she went to her favorite city, Las Vegas.

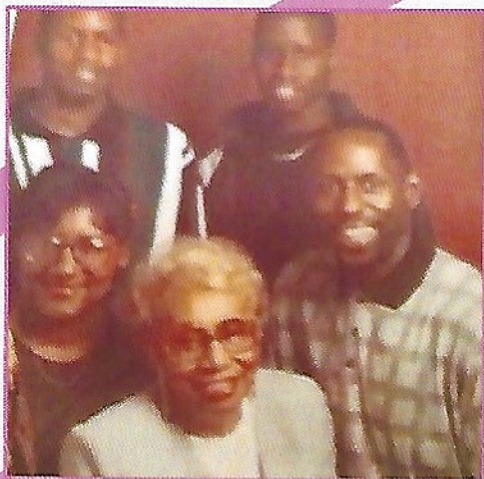
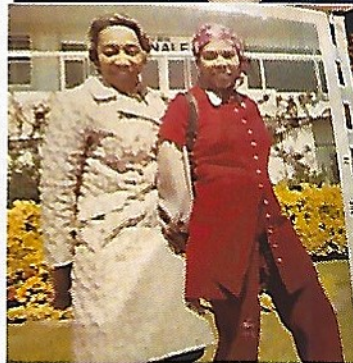
She was always beautiful, strong willed and fashionable, and she was given the nickname “Cutie G”. Mother Ruth was rich in friendships. In addition to her church family, Ruth formed lifelong bonds around the card tables and Bingo. She shared stories and family with her cardplaying and Bingo crew. These relationships brought her endless laughter, friendly competition, and memories woven with love.

We celebrate Ruth Greene's 100 years of strength, softness, humor, and heart. Mother Ruth was a rare jewel. Although we will miss her, her spirit will live on in us, making us who we are and continuing to be a part of every good thing that we do. Thank you, Mother Ruth, for showing us what true resilience and Black womanhood look like. We honor you forever Queen.

Treasured MEMORIES

*So many things we will miss --
Her gentle hugs and tender kisses.
We still can feel her warm embrace,
And picture yet her loving face.
Heaven Needed Mother Ruth!
We will always love and miss you!*





Tributes OF LOVE



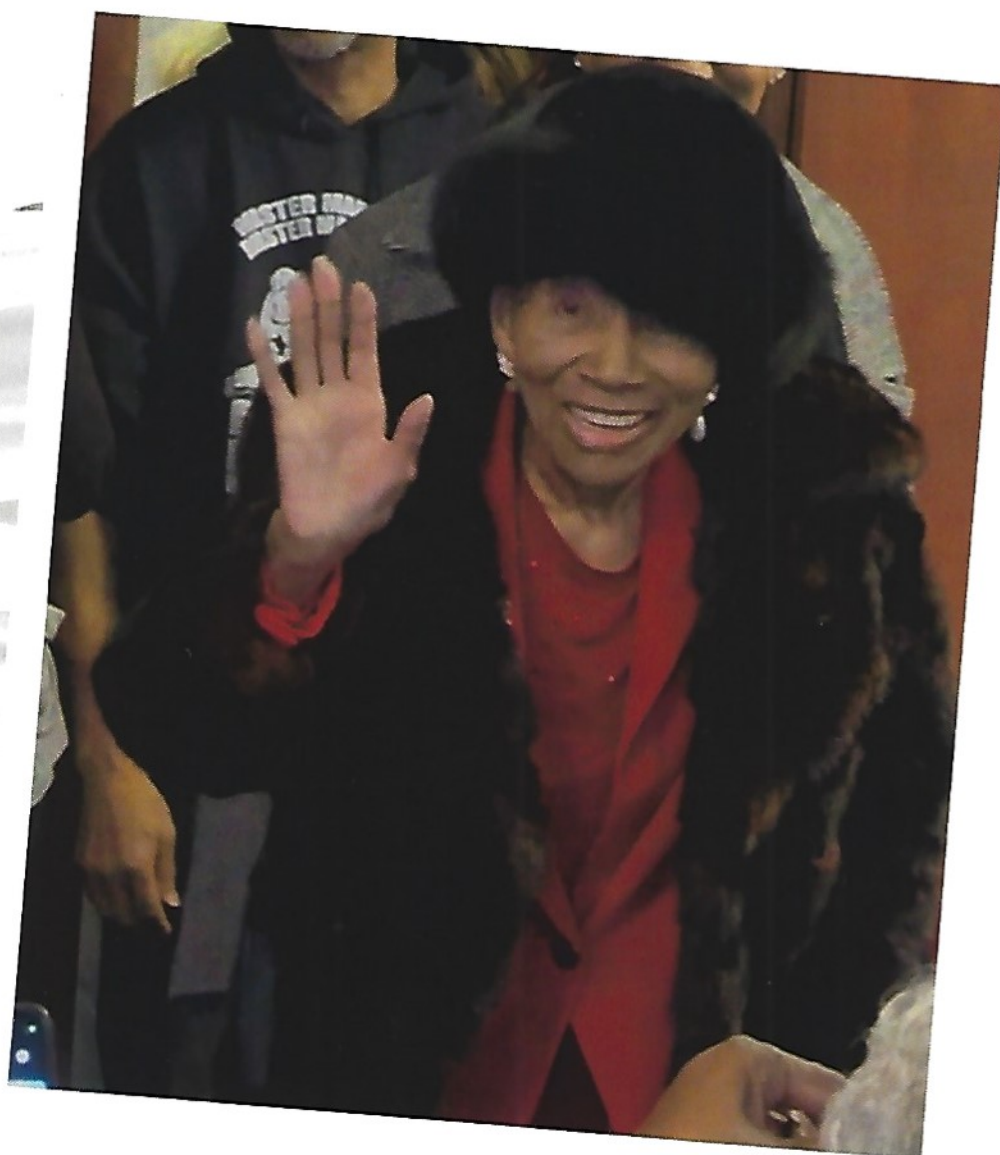
I love you, Mother Ruth! I'm missing you! You've been my mother, as well as my best friend. When you were able, you called me every day. I was always elated to hear from you. Thank you Lord for gifting us with Mother Ruth for 100 years!!!
Love, Your baby girl Cheri

Thank you grandmother for being my shelter, my teacher, my warrior and my heart. Your strength is the inheritance you placed on my shoulders, your faith the foundation under my feet. I'll never forget how you watched me and walked me to school each day when i was a little girl. Because of you, I walk with my head held high. Everything strong, everything gentle, good in me carries your fingerprints. "You were my first safe place, my quiet miracle, and the voice that still whispers, 'Nisey, you can make it.'" You are truly missed. Love, Your granddaughter Denise

Dear Mother Ruth, Murf, my beautiful grandmother, my Queen. You have left your mark on many of us. For example, you left a legacy of love, strength and endurance. You have shown us how to fight and how to forge ahead with determination! You gave your best! You lived through the social revolution (I'm black and I'm proud), 9/11, COVID, multiple presidents, and did well in the 'numbers game. Yes ma'am, you even stood proud and tall and beautifully dressed in front of the paparazzi. You were a church member throughout your life, serving God and your community.

Thank you for the parenting advice after I had Jovan, priceless! Thank You so much for the love, sacrifices and willingness to always help. Even in your last days as I cried in your lap while you were laying in the hospital, you were there comforting me by laying your hand on my head.

There is far too much to note regarding who you are and your personal successes in life. It's not measured by wealth but by so much more. You are the true OG. You are my Queen!
Your oldest (favorite) granddaughter, Robbin



A Letter *from* HEAVEN

When tomorrow starts without me and I'm not there to see;
If the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me.
I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today;
While thinking of the many things, we didn't get to say.
I know how much you love me, as much as I love you;
And each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too.
When tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart
For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.

Acknowledgments

- The family of Ruth Greene would like to extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who has supported us during this most challenging time.

"There is sacredness in tears, they are marks of power not of weakness. they speak more eloquently than words, they are messages of overwhelming grief and of unspeakable love." Scripture to reflect on: Psalm 23

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MOTHER RUTH GREENE FAMILY TREE

JENE COOK & AMANDA COOK

HENRY COOK

GENE & ANGELINE HARMON

TOMMIE L COOK

RUTH COOK, DARDEN, CHANDLER, GREENE					
Minnie Lovett	Annette Bell	Barbara Darden	Betty Darden	Cheri King (William)	Henry Michael Chandler
Anthony Johnson Aiyesha Johnson Gabriella Jayden	Kenneth Jackson Kaishelle Jackson Logan Brandi Jackson Deaughn		Stephann Hill Sr Antwann Martin Antwann Jr, Teyann & Alanna Erica Jordan Erinte, Renee, & Carlton Shevann Hill Christian & Lavendar Kenisha Hill Emerio	Denise Darden Cook Brittany Cook A'miya, Taylor'Star & Reaygyn Nicolaas Darden Nicolaas Jr, Aubree, Zoe & Brodie	Gregory Chandler Tendla Chandler Oliver Wilton
Robbin Banks (Alfonso) Jovan Johnson	Jeffrey Darden C. Winston Bell (Markita) Shakyla Clevon Bell Tanajah MaKynzi Michael III Malaiyah Davlon Dazha NyAire		Stephann Jr (Mann) Valentino Stephann Jr (Bamm) Amare Hill Reshaunda Robinson Marlin Robinson Marlin Jr, Ramiya Lakeland, Marianna, Marlay & Mylin Chareese Robinson Roshawn Davidson Khalil	Betty Darden (cont'd) Mark Hill Sr Charles Johnson Teylynn Chauntae Hill Deondre, Antonio, Essence & Jahnae Mark Hill Jr Mark Hill III Klair Hill Kiair Jr, Aoki, Deondre, Antonio, Essence & Jahnae Samone Hill Marvin Weaver Maurice Weaver Shakira Gary Anyia & Alayia Daviontay Hunter	Michele Calhoun (Kenneth) Ladonna Keondre Almia Kamaran Pearson Matthew Aaron Danielle Bezanson