



**This is the hand that guided us
Throughout our journey thus far
This is the hand we will not let go
We held your hand Mom
Until we had to let go
Now we hold you in our hearts
Until we hold your hand in heaven**
Your 9

A woman's love is in action. She looks with her heart and feels with her eyes.
A woman is the bank where her family deposits all anger, worries and hurt.
A woman is the cement that keeps her family together and her love lasts a lifetime...

Mother Teresa

Flower Bearers

Grandchildren, Family and Friends

Pall Bearers

Sons, Grandson, In-Laws

-Note of Thanks-

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent beautiful flowers or a donation to Life Enrichment Center in care of
Ruby Friday.

Perhaps you sent or spoke kind words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all and just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console the heart, we thank you so much.
Whatever the part.

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Celebration of Life For Ruby Hardin Friday

**Aka - Momma, Ma, Momma Ruby, Mee-maw, Grandmother, Woo-Woo, Sister-Ruby
Mother-Ruby, "Queen"**



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2023 12:30 PM
EMMANUEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
911 HIGHLAND STREET
GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA
DR. KIMBERLY D. MOORE, SENIOR PASTOR
OFFICIATING**

Order of Service

Dr. Kimberly D. Moore, Officiating Pastor



Visitation	(Receiving of family and friends 12:00 pm until 12:30 pm)		
Processional	(Final viewing, closing of casket)		
Call to Worship	Dr. Kimberly D. Moore		
Opening Hymn	"Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"	Congregation	
Prayer of Comfort	Apostle James L. Setzer Sr.		
Scriptures	Old Testament	Psalm 23	Chanel Friday
	New Testament	John 14:1-7	Rev. Davia Caldwell-Floyd
Words of Remembrance	LaKeisha Friday Brown		
	Maria Friday Duncan		
	Justin Mackin		
	Life Enrichment Center Member		
	Mrs. ReeMattie White		
Musical Selection	Rufus Friday		
	Minister Tony Littlejohn		
Eulogy	Dr. Kimberly D. Moore		
Recessional	"Going Up Yonder"	Congregation	

-Interment-
Westview Gardens
1123 Edgewood Road
Bessemer City, North Carolina

Ruby Hardin Friday

(Aka- Momma, Ma, Momma Ruby, Mee-maw, Grandmother, Woo-Woo, Sister-Ruby, Mother-Ruby, Queen)

April 7, 1927 – January 24, 2023

Ruby Friday was born in Gastonia, North Carolina on April 7, 1927 and on Tuesday morning, January 24, 2023 with family members by her side, with the absolute expression of joy and peace, was called HOME to heaven.

She was the last living sibling of the late Waddell and Martha Hardin's 10 children. The youngest child of 10, she dreamed of being a teacher, Toward the end of her life, she often spoke of how she would have loved to teach children.

She and her beloved husband Lorenzo Sr., whom she now joins in eternity, were, despite their modest circumstances, part of the bedrock of the modern civil rights movement.

Ruby was a faithful "original charter member" of the Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church for over fifty years. She served on many ministries, but her heart was singing in the choir.

Ruby worked for Ti-Caro (formerly Pinkney Mills) and Hayward Pools before retiring later.

Ruby and her beloved husband were determined their nine children would not have to make careers out of working in the mills. They dreamed that every one of their nine children would go to college.

Ruby did not have any role models for this. It is not as though there was a template. What they did have was each other and, most importantly, they had a strong faith.

Ruby set an uncharted path, with faith that education was the best future she could give their children and generations to come. She believed that through hard work she would set an example for her children.

Ruby's persistent dream was that someday her children would achieve much for themselves and their community. All nine children did attend college, getting the education she could not have.

When Lorenzo Sr. died in 1998, he and his sweet Ruby had been married over 40 years. By modern-day accounting, Ruby did not have much in the way of possessions.

Ruby did have something you cannot put a price on, it sustained her. She had principles. The foundation of those principles was faith that the Lord would see her through all the heartache and challenges.

She believed in kindness, and in gratitude.
She believed in hard work and mercy.
She believed in love, and in sacrifice.
She believed in service, and in dreams.
She believed in herself. And, of course, she believed in her nine children and raised them by these.

Ruby leaves to cherish her memory: three sons, Robert Friday (Sharon), Lorenzo Friday, Jr. (Melanee), and Rufus Friday (Melody) and six daughters Martha Lowery (Alphonso), Crystal Friday, Thomasina Friday (Antwan), Bessie Hopper (Jerry), Grace Lisa Friday (Amanda), Tammy Renae Littlejohn (Tony). Eight grandchildren- LaKeisha Friday Brown, Maria Friday Duncan, Shannon Martin, Brandon Lowery, Ruby Michelle Friday, Chanel Mariah Friday, Morgan Jenkins, Justin Mackin, 13 great-grandchildren, sister-in-law Eulalia Hamrick: and a host of other relatives and friends.

The family wishes those who remember Ruby Friday to think of her as described in these closing words of a poem by the great, and early, civil rights leader, James Weldon Johnson:

And Jesus took his own hand and wiped away her tears,
And he smoothed the furrows from her face,
And the angels sang a little song,
And Jesus rocked her in his arms,
And kept a-saying: Take your rest,
Take your rest.
Weep not – weep not,
She is not dead.
She's resting in the bosom of Jesus.