



## Ruby Lee Motley

March 5, 1937 - July 14, 2023

Ms. Ruby L. Motley made her transition from labor to reward on Friday July 14 2023 in Troy, MI. Please encourage the Motley family with words of Love and Condolence on this Tribute page. To order a flower or plant a tree in memory, please visit our online sympathy store.

Ruby Lee Motley was born on March 5, 1937, in Selma, Alabama to John and Mary Golson. She was the eighth of nine children. Ruby received Christ at an early age at St. Matthew Baptist Church and loved to sing. As a young child, she would often go out to the corn fields, pretend they were her audience and just sing. She also sang as a trio with her sisters, Henrietta and Bertha May. Ruby was a hard worker and put her educational goals on hold to work as a cook and housekeeper in order to help support her mother.

On July 10, 1962 in Selma, Alabama she wed Irvy L. Motley (who preceded her in death, July 22, 1988) and moved to Detroit, Michigan. From this union one child was born, Mary Denise Motley (Stokes).

While in Detroit, she and her husband united with Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church where her love of singing followed her. There she started the Gospel Chorus. She also sang in Jehovah's Mass Choir, was a featured soloist and gave a featured Gospel concert. She even won various awards at her church

"Most Soul Award" and "Best Singer Award".

Ruby worked outside the home from time to time at various hospitals and would even sing at the bedside of patients in order to lift their spirits.

Ruby also had many other hobbies along with singing. She loved to crochet, sew, travel and cook. She crocheted many pillows and blankets and also crocheted hats and scarves for the homeless. She was famous for her sweet potato pie and loved to cook with her granddaughter, Jaeden.

On July 14, 2023, Ruby traded in her earthly place to stand in the peace and presence of God the father. She leaves to cherish her memories: Her daughter, Mary Denise Stokes (David) of Oak Park, Michigan; one granddaughter, Jaeden Marie Stokes of Oak Park, Michigan; one sister, Henrietta Lamar of Fraser, Michigan; one brother, Alex Golson (Ada) of Detroit, Michigan and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ruby, we want to thank you for the stories, laughter and vegetable soup. Your last brother will have no one to gossip and fuss at anymore. You'll be missed.*  
*Alex & Aida Golson*

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July 31, 2023 at 12:00 AM



“ *God's Peace, our sympathies and prayers to the Motley family in the loss of their loved one. Our families became intertwined 30 years ago with the marriage of our children David/Denise Stokes. She will be missed. I will miss our mother-in-law to mother-in-law phone conversations, checking up on our kids, listening to the lively discussions between her and my husband (always ended in a draw somewhat).*  
*Rest in peace. No more pain.*  
*Calvin/Ludie Stokes and family.💕💕*

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July 25, 2023 at 12:00 AM



“ *In memory of Ruby Motley who could laugh with her whole heart and bring the room along with her.*

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July 25, 2023 at 12:00 AM



“ Hello Denise, I have been thinking about your mom and how funny she was. The countless nights I spent at your house and getting up Sunday morning going to church, listening to your mom sing. Your mom will be missed.

Love Brenda Smith.

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July 24, 2023 at 12:00 AM



“ Auntie Ruby,  
You were an amazing light that lit up our world for 86 years, and now our world will forever be just a little bit dimmer without you in it. I Love you and will miss you!  
Rest in Paradise  
Cookie

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July 24, 2023 at 12:00 AM



“ *My sincere prayers and condolences go out to Denise and the Motley family.*

*Ruby. When Denise married my brother David 30 years ago, not only did I gain a sister, but my family was also given your great smile, laugh, cooking, stories, and fun conversations that were sometimes spirited and ended in agreeing to disagree. These will be truly missed.*

*I'll also remember and enjoyed our last phone conversation when you called after you cooked those "extra" greens I sent to you by way of Denise because I bought way too many. You were so happy because you said it had been a while since you bought or cooked any and that they were so good. We also talked a little about where I bought them, how I cooked mine, what you like to put in yours, how you cooked yours, what you ate with yours that day, and more importantly, that there were enough greens left for you to enjoy with a few more meals. Bottom line, cooking was one of your happy places and something as simple as sending you greens to cook, showed that. I was glad to bring a smile to your face (and stomach) that day.*

*Rest in heavenly peace Ruby and feel free to guide and give me any heavenly hints when I cook my next pot of greens. Especially when I'm in the store because I still sometimes buy too many. LOL*

*Love,  
Stephanie*

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July 24, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ To my aunt ruby words can't express the way I feel I'm truly blessed to say we had you for this long.I will always remember our long talks and the good times we shared . "The love we shared is unreplacable but God loved you more rest on my beautiful Queen love always Eddie and Bernice and this one is for you Auntie it was a little joke we shared together "Dam Dam Dam!!!🥰❤️💯💪



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“ Denise so sorry for your loss!!! Mrs Motley was a sweet lady who showed confidence in this young woman making you a dress. I loved to hear her sing too.

July 21, 2023 at 12:00 AM



“ Rest peacefully Mrs. Motley. I'll always remember your smile. My prayers for the family to continue on having strength .

July 20, 2023 at 12:00 AM



“ Aunt Ruby. thank you for your love and many family memories. Your nephew Ronnie L. Smith and Family.

July 20, 2023 at 12:00 AM



“ Remembering Ruby Motley's smile, laughter and her real talk. My prayers and condolences to the family. Carolyn Stout White

July 20, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ Rest in Peace Auntie 😊



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MA

“ My grandma was absolutely amazing! We cooked together all the time and I remember always being so super duper excited to go over her house. we always made the absolute BEST fried chicken together, and cupcakes and all the rest. I honestly had such a great time with her and I'll definitely remember that excitement. I remember painting all the time over there and hanging them up on her wall, even if said paintings weren't...the best of paintings, I still remember the excitement I had getting to show off my amazing works of art.



*I'm so happy that she gets to spend eternity in heaven and is dancing eternally in a place where there's no suffering, not pain, no negativity ever, and deep down I know she's happy there. Happier than she ever will be here on earth*

*-Thank you so much Grandma for all the memories, and baking recipes, I love you dearly.*

*Love,*

*Your favorite Granddaughter*

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MA

“ Auntie Bay thank you for that talk we had last year. ❤️ You told me some funny stories about my grandma Bertha your sister. I know you are rejoicing in heaven. Until we meet again love your great niece Nikki.



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MA

“ Thank you auntie for the countless memories I have of you and all the nights and summers spent at your home. Thank you for the great talks, recipes and advice you gave me as an adult. I truly love you and will never forget you!! Take your well deserve rest Auntie!! Don't worry about Niocy... We got her for you!!



~Angela aka Anya

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HE

“ I've been kinda to myself the past week trying to process the recent loss of "MY GODMOTHER" 😞💔 She was the 1st person that my Mother allowed me to sleepover, travel in/out of state, camp, and experience 'Fine Dining', but most of all she allowed her to introduce God into my life 🙏 Ma would always tell me "Baby always have your own don't depend on nobody else to take care of you"; "Baby go get you an education and be all that you can be in this life!" I could write a book on what she has poured into my life. Do know she was FUUNNYYY and quick with a comeback 😊 The last funny I remember was she loaned someone money and they were dodging her calls, when she finally caught up with the person she ended the call with "You better have my money here before sundown!!!" 🤔🤔 🤔 I almost gave it to her for the person 😞🤔 This one here GOT me 😞💔, but I do know that she's resting peacefully with God and that we shall meet again 🙏🌹😊



Heart - July 19, 2023 at 12:00 AM



“ Auntie Bay, I will miss your warm smile and conversation. I'm sorry I didn't keep in touch with you as much but I love you so. ❤️❤️❤️ xoxo niya

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