



Ruby E. Young Curry

May 5, 1933 - March 28, 2024

Please encourage the Young and Curry families with words of love and condolences on this personal page created just for Ms. Ruby.

RUBY E. YOUNG CURRY made her peaceful transition to be with the Lord on Thursday, March 28, 2024. Mrs. Curry was the ninth of twelve children born to Carl Young and Gustavia Tidwell Young on May 5, 1933 in Rosston, Arkansas.

Mrs. Curry was an educator with over 50 years of service in Rosston, Arkansas and Detroit, Michigan. Her love of education started at a young age with her favorite subject in elementary through high school (Oak Grove School) being math; then in college she found a love for the sciences. After graduating from college in May 1954 with a Bachelor of Science degree in General Science, Mrs. Curry wanted to pursue a graduate degree and career in nursing, but decided to return to Rosston, AR to teach at Oak Grove School. It was here where she excelled as an educator, mentor and nurturer of youth. During her tenure as a teacher at Oak Grove School, she was selected to participate in the National Science Foundation (NSF) Institute at the University of Arkansas in the summer of 1959. Later, she applied and was awarded a NSF Fellowship. As an NSF Fellow, she pursued a Master of Science degree in General Science at Washington University in St. Louis, and earned her degree in 1961. After earning her MS in General Science, she

returned to Arkansas to teach.

Shortly after returning to Arkansas, she met Joseph Curry who lived in Detroit, Michigan. They were married on September 9, 1963 in Arkansas. Mrs. Curry continued her teaching career in Detroit where she brought her no-nonsense style of instruction and discipline to the classroom. She taught math and science from 1964 to 1967 at Hutchins Middle School; and was promoted to counselor at Hutchins in 1967 and served in this role for 20 years (until 1987). In 1987, she transitioned to an administrative position in Detroit Public Schools. Here, she excelled as an administrator working with parochial schools and the Detroit Archdiocese. She retired in 2005.

Preceding her in death are her husband, Joseph Curry; her parents and ten of her siblings.

Mrs. Curry's life will continue to be celebrated by her daughter, Dr. Nettavia D. Curry; sister, Alice Faye Cotton; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority sisters, former colleagues and students, and neighbors. Of special note are her mentee, Angela Evans; best friend, Minnie Keys; godson, Adrian Keys and his family; and god-granddaughter, Taylor Brown and her son (Ashton), whom she loved very much.

DONATION OPPORTUNITIES IN MEMORY OF RUBY E. YOUNG CURRY

Mrs. Curry was a proud graduate and supporter of Arkansas Agricultural, Mechanical and Normal College (AM&N) [now the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB)]. UAPB is the only HBCU in the UA System. Donations may be made to the Class of 1954 Endowment in memory of Ruby E. Young Curry at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. Checks should be mailed to: Office of Alumni Affairs, 1200 North University Drive, Mail Slot 4929, Pine Bluff, AR 71601. Please make checks payable to the Alumni Scholarship Endowment

Fund and include Class of 1954/Ruby E. Young Curry on the memo line.

Mrs. Curry spent her last days of life at the Stoneleigh Resident Hospice of Lansing. The care she received was outstanding. Donations can be made payable to the Hospice of Lansing and mailed to the Stoneleigh Residence, 3411 Stoneleigh Drive, Lansing, MI 48910. In the memo line, place In Memory of Ruby E. Young Curry.

Thank you!

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 12. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services
24585 Evergreen Rd
Southfield, MI 48075
(248) 702-5367
info@kempfh.com
<https://www.kempfuneralhome.com>

Ivy Beyond the Wall Ceremony will take place at 6:00pm

Family and Friends Gathering

APR 13. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Liberty Baptist Church
2965 Meldrum Street
Detroit, MI 48207

Celebration of Life

APR 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO DR. CURRY IN THE PASSING OF YOUR BELOVED MOTHER. I MET HER IN 1964 WHEN I WAS A NEWLY ASSIGNED TEACHER OF SPANISH AT HUTCHINS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL. SHE WAS A MENTOR TO SEVERAL OF US WHO WERE JUST OUT OF COLLEGE AND HAD SO MUCH TO LEARN ABOUT TEACHING. SHE WAS A REMARKABLE EDUCATOR, AND I HAVE FOND MEMORIES OF HER.
CLEOVIS SCOTT
DETROIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS (1964-2007)

CLEOVIS M SCOTT - April 28, 2024 at 06:58 PM

FT

“ From Tracy purchased the Ghirardelli Galore Gift Tin for the family of Ruby E. Young Curry.



From Tracy - April 22, 2024 at 07:43 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ruby E. Young Curry.



April 09, 2024 at 01:48 PM

LG

“ At times like this , words cannot say the things we’d like them to. But know that caring thoughts are there with you and your family at this difficult time. Love you Nettavia. From Linda,Della,Patricia 💕💕



Linda Gillespie - April 09, 2024 at 12:38 PM

GF

“ Gillespie’s and Coleman’s family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Ruby E. Young Curry.



Gillespie’s and Coleman’s family - April 09, 2024 at 12:32 PM

RF

“ Holy know Soror Ruby through her daughter, Soror Nettavia. But we shared a name bond. I sent her many wishes through her daughter. Soror Nettavia gave such loving care to her Mom. And we all loved her through this pathway. I send many blessing to the family for a life well lived. May God bless you all in the days to come. May you grow forward as the glow of Soror Ruby shines upon you from her heavenly home. Soror Ruby Frazier

Ruby Frazier - April 08, 2024 at 07:59 AM

RF

Please correct beginning. It should read : “ I only know Soror Ruby....”

Ruby Frazier - April 08, 2024 at 08:04 AM

EH

“ *Condolences To Mrs Curry Daughter And Family May God give you strength when yours is gone, may his Grace and mercy carry you on. Mrs Curry my home girl you taught me so much im going to miss you hold you in my heart rest in peace and in heaven love you. Miss Howse*

Ernestine Howse - April 06, 2024 at 08:47 AM