



## Ruth Miles Counts

March 14, 1930 - April 8, 2021

Ruth M. Counts departed this earthly life at the age of 91 on Thursday, April 8, 2021 surrounded by her children. She was the second of four daughters born to the late Frank Miles and late Marie Miles in Edgefield County, South Carolina. She was married to the late Durham W. Counts and four children – Darwin, Curtis, Vivian and Virgil - were born to this union. She graduated from Benedict College in Columbia, SC with a degree in Education/Library Science and received her Master's degree in Media Technology from Alabama A & M University in Huntsville, Alabama. She also pursued graduate studies at Clark Atlanta University and South Carolina State University. Her professional career included positions in education (K-12 and college level), occupational therapy, library science, media technology, and archives. She truly believed in the importance of HBCU's and had the opportunity to work at Paul Quinn College, Benedict College, Allen University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore (formerly Maryland State College), Washington Technical Institute (now University of the District of Columbia) and Alabama A & M University. During her retirement, she continued to work in education as a substitute teacher in Richland County.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her three sisters, and her youngest child. She is survived by her three children; daughter-in-law, four granddaughters; a great-granddaughter; a daughter-in-law; two nephews and their spouses; two nieces (one with spouse); and a host of great-grand and great-great-grand nieces and nephews, and cousins.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the Chapel's restriction on seating capacity for social distancing, the funeral attendance is only opened to family and program participants. For similar reasons, we cannot host home visitation at this time. However there is a public viewing of the body on Friday, April 16, 2021 from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm at the Chapel.

After the pandemic is over, our family plans to have a celebration in honor of my mother that will be opened to all family and friends.

# Cemetery

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**Palmetto Cemetery**  
5050 Fairfield Road  
Columbia, SC, 29203

# Events

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**APR 16** **Public Viewing** 01:00PM - 05:00PM  

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**Palmer Memorial Chapel - Columbia**  
1200 Fontaine Place, Columbia, SC, US, 29223

**APR 17** **Celebration of Life - By Invitation Only**  

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# Comments

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“ 1 file added to the album Ruth photo presentation



**Vivian Counts** - July 08 at 12:20 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



**Vivian Counts** - July 08 at 12:16 AM

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“ What a sweet heart! She was a blessing for all of the years we had her at the center. She would surprise us all with her smooth dancing when we had music playing! Thank you for lending her to us so we could be a small part of her amazing life. She will not be forgotten.

**Jen Marchant** - April 20 at 04:55 PM

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“ Sweet Mother Ruth Counts is my mother, too. Thank God for Mother's love. I will always remember her. Thank you, Vivian, for a job well done. After 91 years, she is resting with the ancestors. Praise God.

Iris

**Iris** - April 17 at 03:54 AM

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“ May the unconquerable peace and love of God be upon you and your family today and forevermore, Vivian.

**Genine Mitchell** - April 16 at 10:14 PM

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“ I had the pleasure of caring for Mrs. Ruth for 8 years. She loved music! She taught us how to do the robot, lol. She will truly be missed by those who came in contact with her. Rest well my beautiful.

**Sheila McRae** - April 16 at 03:24 PM



“ Sending our Condolences to the entire family. Your Faith will definitely add a peacefulness to your Heart knowing that God said "Job Well Done", she will always be with you. Keep that smile on your face because she will always be smiling with you. Love and God Bless  
 , Maria and George Baker

**Maria Baker** - April 21 at 11:17 AM



“ Dear Vivian,

I learned of your mother's passing a few weeks ago. She was, indeed, a grand lady. May you, your brothers. and family be comforted by precious memories.

Rita Williams Bates Sussewell  
Snellville, Georgia

**Rita Bates** - June 28 at 07:39 PM

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“ Our condolences to the Counts family. Your mother was a beautiful and loving lady and much loved by many. Her legacy of touching the lives of so many will be forever remembered. May God continue to hold you close in His Care. Rachel Crumpton Phelps an the Crumpton Family.

**Rachel Crumpton Phelps** - April 16 at 09:08 AM

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“ Our condolences and prayers to Darwin, Curtis, Vivian and Virgil. Your Mother was a very sweet, first-class lady and long-time neighbor whom I will never forget. Rest In Peace Ruth!

Jerome & Pat Noble

Jerome Noble - April 16 at 08:44 AM

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“ With Love, Teri and Kiara purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Ruth Miles Counts.



With Love, Teri and Kiara - April 16 at 12:54 AM

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“ Joyce Fleming lit a candle in memory of Ruth Miles Counts



Joyce Fleming - April 14 at 05:42 PM



“ To the family of Mrs. Ruth M. Counts - Darwin (my clasmate), Curtis & Vivian. Your Mother was such a sweet inspiration for all the days that I have known her. My memories go back to elementary school through college, when she would impart words of wisdom & pleasantries anytime our paths crossed . Her demeanor was one of quiet calm that would easily put a youngster at ease in any situation. I have many positive & pleasant memories of such a lovely personality of a lady. Family, I share with you in special memories of your dear Mother. Blessings to each of you at a time such as this! MLK

ML Kohn - April 16 at 10:42 AM