



## Mrs. Birdie Gayle Ray

January 10, 1909 - January 13, 2014

Mrs. Birdie Gayle Ray, 105, departed this earthly life on Monday, January 13, 2014, at the Allen Pavillion Medical Center in New York, New York. She was born on January 10, 1909, in Wedgefield, SC. She was the first of eight children born to the late Marion Gayle, Sr. and Rosa Lee Cockley Gayle.

Mrs. Ray was educated in the public schools of Sumter County. Having been reared in a Christian home, her christian journey began at the Orangehill RUME Church in Wedgefield, SC. At the age of 17, she moved to New York City, where she worked at the Hudson Laundry and continued as a self-employed domestic until her retirement. In 1934, she married the love of her life, Mr. Allison Ray in New York City. Mrs. Ray was fully devoted to her family and well known for her beautiful spirit, personality, and kind heart.

In addition to her parents and husband she was preceded in death by three sisters, Sarah Byrd, Eliza Ball and Martha Clark; two brothers, Marion Gayle, Jr. and William Gayle, Sr.

She leaves to cherish precious memories one sister, Mrs. Katie Brown, one brother, Mr. William (Annie Lee) Gayle of Sumter, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Services will be held 12 noon Saturday, January 18, 2014 at Orangehill RUME

Church in Wedgefield, SC, with interment to follow in the church cemetery.

The family request that condolences and memorials be made on their web page at [www.palmermemorialchapel.com](http://www.palmermemorialchapel.com)

# Cemetery Details

**Orangehill RUME**

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Birdie Gayle Ray*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *I MET BERDIE ON HER 100 BIRTHDAY AND I WAS AND STILL IS IN AWE THAT I WAS TALKING TO HISTORY INSTEAD OF READING IT.....IT WAS A PLEASURE TO HAVE MET SUCH TREASURE. THERE ARE NO WORDS TO DISCRIBE A LEGEND. I STILL LOVE YOU BIRDIE.....105 YEARS OF LIFE CELEBRATED, GOD BLESS. FROM SHIRLEY JAMES.....*

**SHIRLEY JAMES** - July 02, 2014 at 03:44 PM



“ *I am Ruth one of her Birdie home attendance, I have known miss Birdie for nine years she was like a grandma to me ,I love her so much she will be missed*



**sharon jones** - January 17, 2014 at 03:30 PM