



Ruthie Mae Whaley

February 14, 1938 - June 12, 2013

Ruthie Mae Whaley was born in Sumter, South Carolina, the youngest of ten children born to the late Walter and Mary Jane Powell Balls.

Mrs. Whaley was married to the late Reverend Corley Whaley and to this union five loving children were born and they became the most important aspect of her life, rearing them. Her love for her children and grandchildren was paramount. There was nothing that she would not do for her family.

Mrs. Whaley was the type of Lady that would always try to help anyone and always had a smile on her face. Her friends were numerous far and wide. Many will remember her for her joy of cooking and always having the table set.

She accepted Christ as her personal savior and joined Bethel AME Church, Sumter, South Carolina. After relocating to Columbia, South Carolina, she joined Brown Chapel AME Church. She loved serving her church. She was an active member of numerous organizations within the church which included the Usher Board, Missionary Society and the Pastor Aid Club. She literally served as an Ambassador for the Lord, spreading love, charity, patience and good will to all.

Mrs. Whaley was employed with the South Carolina State Budget and Control

Board for over 30 years before retiring in 2005. She continued to work running her cleaning services until she became ill.

Mrs. Whaley leaves to cherish precious memories of her, five children, Laverne Lumzy (Earine), of Chesterfield, VA, Gregory (Ann) Whaley, Herman (Rose) Whaley, and David Whaley of Columbia, South Carolina, Tricia Howard (Tyrone) of Chesterfield, VA and Alice Blakely of Columbia, South Carolina; a sister, Dorothy Simmons of Chesterfield, VA; sister-in-law, Alma Balls of Chesterfield, VA; twelve grandchildren; six great grandchildren; very dear friends, Charles and Debbie Lee; and a host of nieces; nephews other relatives and friends.

Services will be held 11:00 am Saturday, June 22, 2013 at Brown Chapel AME Church, with interment to follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park. The family will receive friends 6-8 pm Friday, June 21, 2013 at Palmer Memorial Chapel.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Memorial Park

Columbia, SC

Tribute Wall



“ *Ruthie Mae Whaley*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *Ruthie was family to me. She was always there to love and support me. I have missed her since moving to Florence, SC, but was so blessed to have visited with her recently in Columbia. A part of my extended family is missing now, but she will always live in my heart and mind. She was an incredible woman whom I admired greatly, and she raised a loving family she was so proud of. My deepest sympathy to all of you that are filled with so much sorrow at this time.*

Anne Jenkins Proctor

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