



## Ruth Phipps

September 15, 1947 - May 8, 2022

On May 8, 2022 (Mother's Day), Ruth E Phipps was called home to be with her Lord. To help guide her on the journey were the loved ones who preceded her: Moses & Leona Davis (parents) and her husband, John Douglas Phipps, IV. She was surrounded by her son, JD, and friends/caregivers Dorothy Peoples and Beulah Bures as she transitioned to her Heavenly home.

Ruth aka Ruthie or Queen was an only child born on September 15, 1947, in Norfolk VA. She graduated from Booker T Washington High School and attended Norfolk State University. On November 19, 1977, Ruth married the love of her life, John Douglas Phipps, IV. Douglas treated Ruthie like a "Queen". This union gave them the apple of their eyes, John Douglas Phipps, V (JD). She retired from the Chesapeake Health Department where she worked as an Outreach Worker for Family Planning and TB patients. She was dedicated to her patients, who in returned loved and respected her.

Ruthie's religious journey began at an early age when she converted and accepted the Lord Jesus as her personal Savior. She served faithfully at First Baptist Church in Lambert's Point, Trinity Baptist Deep Creek, and First Baptist South Hill in several capacities. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Excelsior Lodge 82. An avid bowler, Ruth bowled every Tuesday.

Ruth was also preceded in death by her maternal grandparents Julius and Ruth Vines, parental in-laws John D and Mildred Phipps, III. Ruth leaves her devoted friends of the Fearsome Four, Dorothy Peoples and Cynthia Corbett, (Mamie Bures passed in June 2016) and other family and friends.

Queen is now dancing in Heaven with her beloved Douglas

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

J. T. Fisher Funeral Services Chapel  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy  
Chesapeake, VA

# Tribute Wall

CC

“ I am just now learning of Ruth's passing. I offer my sincere condolences to her family and many friends. Ruth holds a dear memory in my heart. My father grew up in Norfolk next door to the house where Ruth's parents--the Davis family--lived. Every summer, my father drove us from Chicago to Norfolk and to the wonderful community of Lambert's Point. Ruth and her parents were just the kindest people you'd ever want to meet. May she rest in eternal peace with God.

Cordelia Callaway - January 04, 2023 at 12:21 PM

VG

“ To the Phipps Family  
I've known Ruth for a long time. We Have fellowshipped @ church, her house, on a cruise & on my bowling team. RIH my friend. Thank You Dot. Please post this message.

Vernell Gray - May 15, 2022 at 01:45 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruth Phipps.



May 12, 2022 at 10:10 PM

PV

“ Paula Vines purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Ruth Phipps.



Paula Vines - May 12, 2022 at 11:08 AM

FB

“ The news of Ruth's passing was unbelievable because I remember her as lively, smiling and so full of life. Ruth and I shared many events together growing up ie Birthday Month and year, neighborhood, graduating from Booker T and Norfolk State working at the Chesapeake Health Department and retiring. Ruth I will miss you dearly and my sincere condolences 🙏 go out to your family and friends.



FRED BARRON - May 12, 2022 at 10:37 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruth Phipps.



May 12, 2022 at 07:54 AM

HJ

“ My heart was indeed sorrowful to learn of the transition of our cousin Ruth. From her early childhood, she learned of the love of Christ and she continued to lean on Him for strength and guidance. May we be ever mindful of God's abundant grace as He gives comfort to all who love His appearance. Blessings to all!  
Harriett Hagans Johnson

Harriett Hagans Johnson - May 11, 2022 at 08:55 PM

MM

“ Our prayers are with the Phipps family during this very difficult time. We will sincerely miss Ruth's generous spirit, her zeal for life; and those chats we had when we called to check on how she was doing.

With our heartfelt sympathy,  
Mr. & Mrs. G.L. Marlow

Mr. & Mrs. G.L. Marlow - May 11, 2022 at 08:22 PM

LS

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to the family, friends, colleagues and neighbors on the passing of the beloved Ruthie. She is sorely missed. Her husband, JD was a NNSY colleague.”



Lamont Simmons - May 11, 2022 at 08:13 PM

AM

“ My wife, Marie Pierre and I offer deep, heart-felt condolences to Ruth’s family and other dear friends. She and I bowled on the same team for several seasons. We enjoyed the fun and rich friendship. I pray for her peaceful journey to blessed eternity.

*Bismarck Myrick  
U.S. Ambassador (Ret.)*

Ambassador Bismarck Myrick - May 11, 2022 at 05:27 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Ruth Phipps.



May 11, 2022 at 02:57 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruth Phipps.



May 11, 2022 at 12:23 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ruth Phipps.



May 11, 2022 at 11:52 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Ruth Phipps.



May 10, 2022 at 09:30 PM

GH

“ To Ruth’s son, John(JD) and other family: Ruth was a special cousin who will be dearly missed. I will miss our phone calls to check in often to see how each was doing. May you fly high with your wings to glory, till we meet again. Prayerfully, cousin Gail Hagans-Williams .

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**Gail Hagans-Williams** - May 10, 2022 at 06:40 PM

HV

“ Harold & Teresa Hagans, Lorton, VA purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ruth Phipps.



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**Harold & Teresa Hagans, Lorton, VA** - May 10, 2022 at 05:32 PM