



Ruby Lena Graves Word

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Ruby Lena Graves-Word, 95, of Chattanooga, TN, passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 5, 2024, surrounded by family. She was born January 3, 1929, in Chattanooga. She was born to the late Reverend A.J. Lewis and Hattie Mae Freeman. She was the oldest of her siblings. Ruby attended the Chattanooga Public School system. She was employed by Provident Insurance as a custodian, and at Dixie Yarn, where she retired after 25 years. Ruby was also a foster grandparent at Chamberlain Home Childcare Center. She was affectionately known as, “Lena,” or, “Lene.” She was a devoted member of Second Missionary Baptist Church and also attended several other churches where she sang in the choir and served on the missionary board. She found joy in singing and worship. She sang with her late husband, James “Pete” Graves and Five Sons of Calvary Quartet, Chattanooga Mass Choir, and Widow Aids Choir. Her deep faith was a source of comfort and guidance for both herself and for the people she loved. Lena was preceded in death by her husband, James Graves, Sr.; sons, James “Spookie” Graves, Jr. and Alphonso Graves; granddaughter, Versa (Shawn) Kilgore; brothers, Walter Freeman, Sr., Howard Turner, Claude Freeman, and Floyd Mathis, sister, Estella Freeman; step-daughter, Linda Fletcher.

She is survived by her son, Willie H. (Dorothy) Graves; daughters-in-law, Paulette Graves, and Eleanor Graves; daughter/granddaughter, Tara (Eric) Kennedy; sister, Norma Jean Hughley; brother, Leslie (Shirley) Lewis, of Norfolk, VA; god-daughter, Shawn Tatum; 9 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; 7 great-great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family. Ruby will lie-in-state on Friday, December 13, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will follow at 11:30 a.m. in the chapel with Minister Dorothy Graves as Eulogist. Burial in Chattanooga National Cemetery.

DIRECTIONS TO LIVE STREAM: Click on the link below to view the service.



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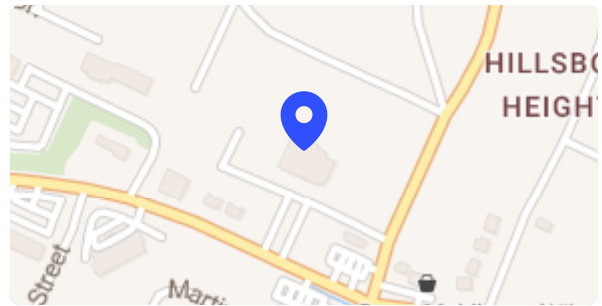
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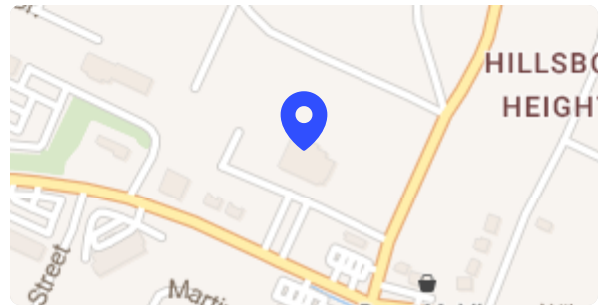
Lie-In-State

- Friday, December 13, 2024**
- 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM ET
- Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc**
3417 Wilcox Boulevard, Chattanooga TN 37411



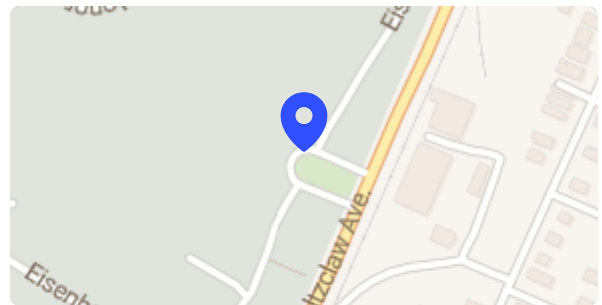
Service

- Friday, December 13, 2024**
- 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM ET
- Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc**
3417 Wilcox Boulevard, Chattanooga TN 37411



Cemetery Details

- Chattanooga National Cemetery**
1200 Bailey Ave, Chattanooga TN 37404





Tribute Wall

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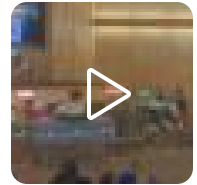
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Taylor Funeral Home Of Chattanooga, Inc. shared an album called **FuneralServiceCamera1-RubyLenaGravesWord.**



January 11 at 8:27 AM



Ruby Wilson lit a candle in honor of Ruby.

Sincere sympathy to the family - I loved to hear her sing- her son Spookie and I attended elementary school thru high school together. What a well lived life - precious memories how they linger always.



December 16 at 5:12 AM



Kookie Rollins lit a candle in honor of Ruby.



December 15 at 1:08 PM



Comm. Greg And Pat Beck lit a candle in honor of Ruby.



December 13 at 5:39 PM



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RH

Rosalind Harris lit a candle in honor of Ruby.

Our deepest sympathy to the GRAVES FAMILY. The LORD will see you through as you hold on to all those precious memories! You all will remain in our thoughts & prayers! The Harris Family (Ronald & Rosalind)

December 13 at 1:02 PM



MT

Marva Taylor lit a candle in honor of Ruby.

December 13 at 10:42 AM



SC

Sharon Graves-Coffin lit a candle in honor of Ruby.

December 13 at 8:58 AM



SC

Sharon Graves-Coffin December 13 at 9:00 AM

To our entire Graves family, I extend my heart-felt condolences and prayers to all of you. May God be with you over the coming days to comfort you.

DR

Duane Rankin posted:

Mother Ruby, you will be missed. I never had the pleasure to meet you, but the wonderful stories Tiffany has shared with me, make me feel connected to your love.Graves family, I mourn your loss and have you in my prayers. ~Duane, Uncle Bubba

December 13 at 7:11 AM

CF

Cora Fields lit a candle in honor of Ruby.

December 12 at 3:57 PM





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DM

Dorothy Mitchell lit a candle in honor of Ruby.

December 12 at 1:53 PM



AC

Ashley C shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

You will be deeply missed, Granny

December 12 at 12:41 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Word family.

December 12 at 10:41 AM



AR

Anne & Richard Runyan sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Word family.

December 12 at 9:24 AM



AR

Anne & Richard Runyan planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Ruby.

December 12 at 9:24 AM



DC

David And Ria Collins sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Word family.

December 12 at 8:27 AM





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DC

David And Ria Collins planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Ruby.



December 12 at 8:27 AM

DS

Debra Shaw lit a candle in honor of Ruby.



December 12 at 6:37 AM

VB

Vincinetta Brown lit a candle in honor of Ruby.



December 12 at 5:04 AM

VB Vincinetta Brown December 12 at 5:06 AM
Our thoughts and prayers are with the Word and Graves family at this difficult time. May God's strength and comfort be with you in the days ahead.Vincinetta Brown and family

LR

Luella G Reed lit a candle in honor of Ruby.



December 11 at 12:06 PM

LW

Louvenia Watkins lit a candle in honor of Ruby.



December 11 at 9:52 AM



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Minister Rosalyn Smedley Dodson lit a candle in honor of Ruby.

December 11 at 8:24 AM



Vanessa M Lowery lit a candle in honor of Ruby.

December 11 at 7:51 AM



Sharon Kennard lit a candle in honor of Ruby.

December 11 at 5:58 AM



LP Leola Phelps December 11 at 11:34 PM
My condolences to the Graves family.

LP Leola Phelps December 11 at 11:32 PM
Lit a candle in memory of mother Lena Graves.



Brenda F Sims lit a candle in honor of Ruby.

December 10 at 6:02 PM



Ida Mickey Battle lit a candle in honor of Ruby.

December 10 at 3:47 PM





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Velma Adams lit a candle in honor of Ruby.

December 10 at 9:40 AM



Najah Husser lit a candle in honor of Ruby.

December 10 at 8:31 AM



Najah Husser December 10 at 8:33 AM

Deepest condolences to the entire family and the loss of the matriarch. Keeping you in the light during this time. - Najah & the JLL Design Solutions Team



Beverly Silva lit a candle in honor of Ruby.

Sincere condolences to the entire family, during this difficult time!!Beulah Stoudmire and Beverly Silva

December 10 at 6:11 AM



Jackie Johnson lit a candle in honor of Ruby.

December 9 at 2:26 PM



Gloria J Pickens lit a candle in honor of Ruby.

Billy, Dot, Norma Jean and the entire family, you all are in my thoughts and prayers during this time of your loss. I will definitely miss Len's singing and dancing. She definitely was one of a kind! I love you all to life! 🙏🙏🙏

December 9 at 3:46 AM





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EJ

Ethel Jones lit a candle in honor of Ruby.



December 8 at 10:44 AM

EJ

Ethel Jones December 8 at 10:45 AM
May God comfort the family at this time.

JF

Joyce Fears lit a candle in honor of Ruby.



December 7 at 7:08 AM

LN

Louise Davis O'neal lit a candle in honor of Ruby.



December 7 at 6:16 AM

NM

Nita Montgomery sent a virtual gift in honor of Ruby.

Family,I love ya'll and I grieve with with you. Lene was always so sweet, kind, loving and actually funny. Years ago Pete and Lene were my other set of Parents,Billy & Dot, Norma Jean, Jermaine, Dorothy, Henrietta, Tara. Ya'll know, My Grandchildren are a part of you and I will always be here for you, how, when and wherever, Just call me and I'll Be There!!!!



December 7 at 6:08 AM

MW

Meka Ware lit a candle in honor of Ruby.

Prayers and condolences to the family



December 7 at 1:31 AM



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December 12 at 12:41 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ruby by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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