

*In Loving
Memory
of
Linda Irene Ruffin*



*"I may not be the lead singer....
but I'm a backer-upper now"
--Linda Ruffin*

Pallbearers
James Dabney Jr.
Anthony Dabney
Quentin Dabney Jr.
Dr. Anthony Starke
Robert Jones
Romeo Jones

Honorary Pallbearers
James Dabney Sr.
Derrick Dabney
Alonzo Dabney
Jalen Miles

Floral Bearers
Tiffany Dabney
Clarissa Iverson
Katrina Thomas
Demetria Washington
Kacey Dabney
Natasha Winston
Yolanda Dabney-Deceus
Ashley Starke
Frank Fells
Quentin Dabney Sr.

Acknowledgement

The Family wishes to express thanks and deep appreciation. For all the expressions of love and kindness during our loved one's illness and this season of transition and bereavement, we pray God continue to bless you and keep you in His care.

Interment

St. James Baptist Church Cemetery—Coatesville, VA

Repast

*Immediately following the Interment at
Ebenezer Baptist Church Fellowship Hall*

Final Arrangements Entrusted to



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*The Celebrating
of Life for
Linda Irene Ruffin*



Sunrise

Sunset

December 28, 1954 March 2, 2020

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

12:00pm

*Ebenezer Baptist Church
14476 Scotchtown Road
Beaverdam, VA 23015*

Rev. Dr. John Kinney, Officiating

A Mother's Love Is True Love

A mother's love is a wonderful love
 packaged from heaven with special care.
 A mother's love is like no other love that you can compare.
 A mother's love is purified by angels and
 flows directly from her soul.
 A mother's love is justified by God,
 and by his hands he created the mold.
 This mold that was shaped and
 fashioned by God has endured the test of time.
 This mold that was taped and recorded by
 women rang out like a heavenly chime.
 A mother's love is unconditional, and
 from her heart this can be told.
 A mother's love is nutritional;
 It is the fruit that feeds our soul.
 A mother's love 'IS' true love, and
 from her heart she cannot lie.
 A mother's love is eternal, the kind that won't ever die.
 A mother's love is the tie that binds,
 and her bond can never be broken.
 A mother's love is branded in our hearts,
 even when her words aren't spoken.
 By Leotha Brown II



Order of Service

- Prelude Mr. Jason Covington
- Processional
- Call to worship Rev. Dr. John Kinney
- Musical Selection Hampton University Alumni and
 Church Choir Celebration of Life Choir
- Scripture Reading
 Old Testament
 New Testament
- Prayer of Comfort Rev. Karl Bray
 United Freedom Gospel Baptist Church
- Chant Total Praise Hampton University Alumni and
 Church Choir Celebration of Life Choir
- Reflections: Family, Ms. Janet Waller
 Friend, Ms. Deborah Bassfield
 Church, Ms. Ammie Derricott
 Children, Mr. Calvin Ruffin, Jr.
- Solo Mrs. Rolanda Lee
- Eulogy Rev. Dr. John Kinney
- Recessional

Obituary

Linda Irene Ruffin entered enteral rest on Monday, March 2, 2020 at Henrico Doctors Hospital-Skipwith, in Richmond, VA. She was born on December 28, 1954 to David E. Dabney and the late Sylvester A. Dabney of Coatesville, VA. She was educated in the Hanover County Public School System and graduated from Patrick Henry High School. Linda accepted Christ at an early age at the St. James Baptist Church-Coatesville, VA. Linda is preceded in death by her mother, Sylvester A. Dabney, and two brothers Warren and Hazel Dabney.

Linda absolutely loved people. A lifelong nurturer, Linda enjoyed cooking and taking care of others. She raised two children, Calvin Jr. and Veronica Ruffin and also other members of her family through the years. Linda was an active church member and served on the Hospitality Committee at Ebenezer Baptist Church. Prior to joining Ebenezer, she served as an usher and choir member at St. James Baptist Church, Coatesville, VA. She was a caregiver to her mother until her passing and for her father until her own health challenges began to affect her. A beacon of hope, love and kindness, Linda will forever let her 'Life Do the Singing' through those who she came in contact.

Linda leaves to cherish her memory a daughter, Veronica Ruffin, and a son, Calvin Ruffin, Jr. Their father Calvin Ruffin, Sr.; two sisters Marie Iverson and Regina Bray (Karl); five brothers David Dabney (Patricia), Clyde Dabney (Alice), James Dabney, Allen Dabney (Tara), and Craig Dabney; one aunt Rev. Iola Smith; one uncle, Deacon Spenser Curtis Sr.; a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins; two sisters-in-law Gloria and Betty Dabney; and life-long friends Cheryl Anderson, Deborah Bassfield, and Janet Waller.