



Ruthie Mae Waters- Williams

February 15, 1950 - August 8, 2022

Ruthie Mae Waters-Williams was born February 15, 1950, in Heidelberg Mississippi to the union of the late Marie and Isaac Waters.

Ruthie attended South Side School and Mississippi Valley State University. Upon graduation,

Ruthie relocated to Chicago, IL, and began her tenure as a teacher for the Chicago Public

Schools. While working and enjoying her life in Chicago. She met and married the late Rev.

Jody Williams in 1985. During their union, they raised two sons, Antonio and Isaac to be upstanding young men.

Ruthie later continued her education at Governors State University, where she obtained her

Master's Degree in Special Education and Guidance Counseling. Ruthie's tenure with the

Chicago Public Schools spanned over 35 years. Most of those years were spent at Thomas

Jefferson and Paul Cuffy Elementary Schools. She was dedicated and committed herself to

teach both general education students and diverse learners. She helped improve the quality of

life for many families while serving as a homebound teacher and guidance

counselor until her retirement in 2008. She stayed connected to Chicago Public Schools by substitute teaching at administrators requests.

Ruthie's larger than life personality instantly drew people into her. She was known to enjoy

dancing, traveling, and family gatherings. When hosting family gatherings

Ruthie would have a

"spread" of food that would put many renown chefs to shame. Many were blessed to benefit

from her good-hearted nature and fun-loving spirit. Ruthie was fulfilled volunteering at her

church home, Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. Often while she was volunteering, her grandson was

by her side as she was known to be an adoting grandmother as well.

Ruthie made her transition on August 8, 2022. Her older brother Edison (Mary Nell Waters),

preceded her in death. She leaves to cherish her memories 2 sons; Antonio Waters and Isaac

Williams, one honorary daughter Tara Brown, a beloved grandson Antonio Allen Waters, 2

sisters; Celia Mae McCray (Mack McCray) and Pearline Roberts, one brother George Waters

(Elnora Waters), one daughter-niece LaWanda McCray, and a host of nieces, nephews,

cousins, extended family, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Hope Cemetery

11500 S. Fairfield Ave
Chicago, IL 60655

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG 12. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Calahan Funeral Home & Cremations
7030 S. Halsted St.
Chicago, IL 60621
(773) 723-4400
weserveyou@calahanfuneralhome.com
<https://calahanfuneralhome.com>

Visitation

AUG 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Mt. Calvary Baptist Church
1259 West 111th Street
Chicago, IL 60643

Funeral Service

AUG 13. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Mt. Calvary Baptist Church
1259 West 111th Street
Chicago, IL 60643

Burial/Interment

AUG 13. 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

Mt. Hope Cemetery
11500 S. Fairfield Ave
Chicago, IL 60655

Tribute Wall

MC

“ *It saddens me to learn of Ruthie's passing. She was a friend and coworker at Thomas Jefferson School. I will remember her friendliness and outgoing personality. She will be missed.*

Michelle Cox - October 10, 2023 at 12:49 AM



“ *Ruthie Mae Waters- Williams*

October 09, 2023 at 04:52 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Ruthie Mae Waters- Williams.*



August 12, 2022 at 08:23 AM

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“ *Ruthie was a very dear friend. She was a loving and an amazing person full of life and joy. Thinking of her as we celebrate her beautiful life. Ruthie will live on in our hearts. Ruthie's testimony for us all to never forget is that She Fought a Good Fight, She Kept the Faith, She Has Now Received Her Crown of Righteousness. (2 Timothy 4:7-8)*

Tony, Issac and family members please accept our deepest sympathy and know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God continue to comfort and strengthen you.

*Reverends Isaiah & Devia Phinisee
Columbia, SC*

Reverends Isaiah & Devia Phinisee - August 11, 2022 at 08:56 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Ruthie Mae Waters- Williams.*



August 11, 2022 at 05:06 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ruthie Mae Waters- Williams.*



August 11, 2022 at 05:03 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Ruthie Mae Waters- Williams.*



August 11, 2022 at 03:53 PM