

*Homegoing Celebration*  
*Ruth F. Prather*

*Aka: "Latifah" - "La"*

Sunrise: January 20, 1957 - Sunset: December 6, 2017



*"You do you & I'll do me"*

*Or*

*"I'll do it my way & not your way"*

**Service:**

Saturday, December 16, 2017 - 10:00 am.

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

Officiator

Rev. Rosalyn Moore

Associate Minister

Mt. Ararat Missionary Baptist Church

Monroe, NJ

Eulogy

Rev. Patrick O. Council

Pastor/Teacher

St. John Baptist Church

Newark, NJ 07103

# Obituary

On January 20, 1957, a bundle of joy was born to Athens Nathaniel & Daisy Grant. **Ruth** attended Westside High School in Newark, NJ and later attended Jefferson Business School In 1987. In 1988, **Ruth** married Lawrence (Larry) Prather. The two remained together until Larry's passing in 2001.

Ever since **Ruth** was a child, she always had a way of expressing her wants and needs. As an adult, her strong & piercing personality made everyone she met fall helplessly in love with her, rather good or bad. **Ruth** was not a world traveler, but a world giver.

In 2012, **Ruth's** health began to fail her; she however, continued to get around and about. She had no problem calling for assistance, but preferred to do things her way! One of her favorite request was "please bring me a pineapple soda and some pretzels, or a coffee and buttered roll". **Ruth** also had a love of animals. Once, **Ruth** took in a 3 legged cat and a blind dog, she also had fishes, & turtles.

**Ruth** was a unique and different kind of person. As **Ruth** began to slip away from us, she showed signs of her stubborn and strong ways. The doctors predicted she would not last the weekend. Again, **Ruth** did it in her time and her way. **Ruth** succumbed to the Lord's will on Decembers, 2017.

Ruth leaves to cherish her Precious memories:

One loving son, Prentice L. Grant and one daughter-in-law, Djoye Grant; One granddaughter, Kamouri Grant –Williams her only grandchild.

Siblings

Bera Myrick, Alfred Grant, Gertrude Wells, Rubin Myrick (Joynell), Victor Hill, (Sheryl), Nate Myrick, (Pamela), Glenn Myrick, (Sharon), Henrietta Myrick, and Tawana Myrick.

Special Memories - "So Dear to her Heart"

The Knighton Family

Godchildren:

Cirrone Packwood (also, cousin),

Jeannette Wright,

Alexis and Alexandria Mcdowell

Terethia Knighton-Wright

A host of Nieces and Nephews and Great Nieces and Nephews. Her longtime friend, Angela Frew and her beloved cat Blackie.

# Order of Service

Rev. Rosalyn Moore  
MT. Ararat Missionary Baptist Church, Monroe, NJ

Processional ..... Family

Viewing  
9:00am -10:00am

Service  
10:00am – 11:00am

Musical Selection.....Ms. Alethia John – Niece  
Brooklyn, NY

Old Testament.....Terethia Knighton -Wright - Goddaughter

New Testament.....Gertrude Wells – Sister

Words of Comfort.....Monica Elaine Knighton - Williams -Family  
Delran, NJ

Obituary.....Norlina Winnie Williams – Family  
Vauxhall, NJ

Special Remarks & Acknowledgements.....Prentice L. Grant – Son  
Minister Pharaoh Moore – Cousin

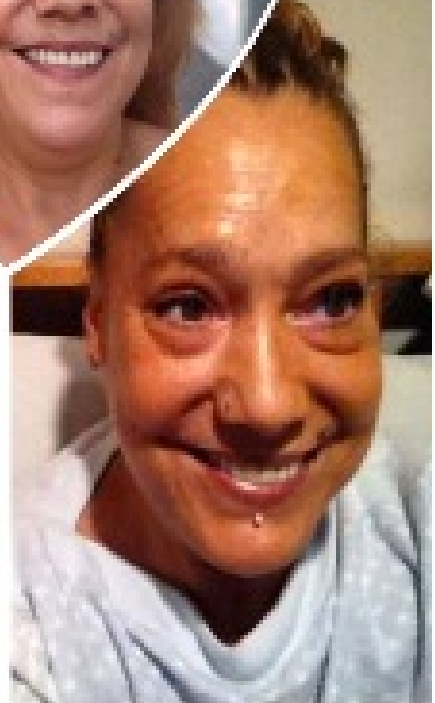
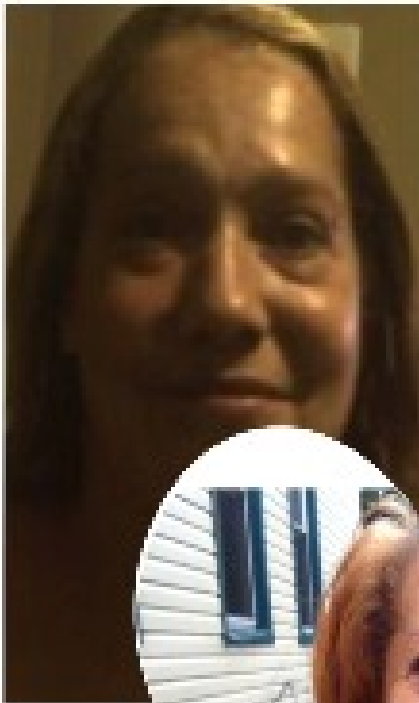
Musical Selection.....Deaconess Lenora Hunter – Family Friend  
St. John Baptist, Newark, NJ

Eulogy.....Rev. Patrick O. Council  
St. John Baptist Church  
137 Fairmount Avenue, Newark, NJ 07103

Recessional

**INTERMENT**  
Hollywood Cemetery  
1500 Valley Street, Union, New Jersey

**Repast**  
George E. Canon Lodge  
103 Valley Street, Vauxhall, NJ



# Mothers Never Really Die

Death beckoned her with outstretched hand  
And whispered softly of an 'UNKNOWN LAND'

But she was not afraid to go  
For though the path she did not know  
She took DEATH'S HAND without a fear,  
For He who safely brought her here  
Had told her He would lead the way  
Into ETERNITY'S BRIGHT DAY...

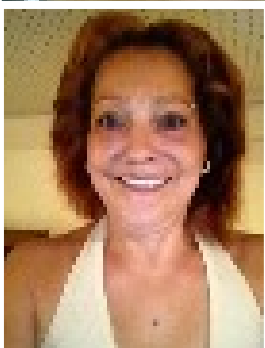
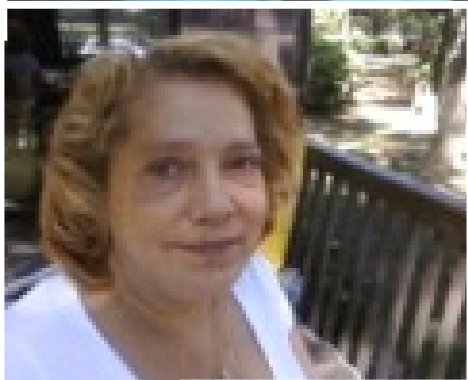
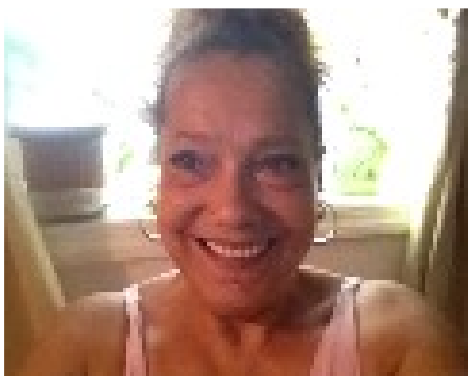
And so she did not go alone  
Into the 'VALLEY THAT'S UNKNOWN'  
She gently took DEATH BY THE HAND  
And journeyed to 'THE PROMISED LAND' ...

And there, with step so light and gay,  
She polishes the sun by day  
And lights the stars that shine at night  
And keeps the moonbeams silvery bright...

For MOTHERS really never die,  
They just 'KEEP HOUSE UP IN THE SKY' ...  
And in the HEAVENLY HOME ABOVE  
They wait to 'welcome' those they love.

Helen Steiner Rice





## A SILENT TEAR

Just close your eyes and you will see  
All the memories that you have of me  
Just sit and relax and you will find  
I'm really still there inside your mind

Don't cry for me now I'm gone  
For I am in the land of song  
There is no pain, there is no fear  
So dry away that silent tear

Don't think of me in the dark and cold  
For here I am, no longer old  
I'm in that place that's filled with love  
Known to you all, as "up above"

- *Author Unknown*

..... *Until We Meet Again*

Those special memories of you  
will always bring a smile  
if only i could have you back  
just for a while  
Then we could sit and talk again  
just like we used to do  
You always meant so very much  
and always will do too  
The fact that you're no longer here  
will always cause me pain  
but you're forever in my heart  
until we meet again



**Pallbearers**

James Stewart	Mikal Williams
Eric Reaves	Pharaoh Moore
Cerrone Packwood	Alvin Knighton

**Acknowledgement**

The family of  
**“Ruth E. Prather”**

Wish to thank each and everyone for your everlasting support and Unconditional love. We made it through this difficult Time with you at our side.

Respectfully – the family

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