



*In Loving Memory of
Our Mother*

Ruth Katherine Coates
"Cookie"

Sunrise
June 16, 1957

Sunset
July 2, 2020

Friday, July 17, 2020 - 12 Noon

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Obituary

Ruth “Cookie” Coates was born on Father's Day, June 16, 1957 to her late parents, Charles Houston and Ruth Houston.

Ruth was a devoted wife and loving partner to Bernard Coates for 33 years. Together, Bernard and Ruth enjoyed praying, traveling, long scenic walks, gospel music, reading the Bible daily and much quality time with their host of grandchildren.

Ruth earned an Associates Degree from Fordham University and often encouraged others to earn a college education or pursue what their heart desired. Ruth had a jovial straight forward personality everyone loved. She had a natural passion for uplifting people by using Bible scriptures including her own life testimonies. She had a phenomenal bond with her husband and children.

Ruth was a dedicated employee of the New York City Department of Mental Health and Hygiene; working in several New York City Board of Education schools.

On July 2, 2020 her sun set to be with the Lord.

She leaves to mourn: her loyal husband, Bernard Coates; the joy of her life, her four children, Gary Spooner, Ruth spooner, James Hair and Raven Hair; her amazing grandchildren, Demauraja, Raven, Wynter, Keori, Jaylen, Ryan, Brandon, Nyelle and Alejandro; her dedicated niece; Caprice Rose; nephew-in-law, Patrick Rose; grand-niece, Zowie Rose; her loving step-children, Patricia Beasley, Tremaine Coates, Vanessa Quinones, and Kelly Quinones; her nurturing aunts, Velma Houston and Agnes Houston; uncles, Edward Houston and Ben Houston; her humorous cousin, Patricia Houston; her beloved godmother, Denise Taylor; and a host of cousins, nephews, nieces, colleagues and friends whom all loved her dearly.

*“God saw the road was getting rough, the hills were hard to climb;
He gently closed those loving eyes and whispered,
“Peace Be Thine.”*

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

“Amazing Grace”

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

“Never Would Have Made It”

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

“Across Hollow Tree”

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Rosemount Cemetery
Elizabeth, New Jersey

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard his call,
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My Life's been full, I savoured much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.

Acknowledgement

***The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.***

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