

*From your beloved Daughter*

To God Be The Glory for all he has done.

Thank you mommy, for teaching me how to be a lady at all times. To love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ because he first loved me! I did my best to honor you, so now take your rest. I love you but God loves you Best!

Tell Daddy and Jr that Darius and I will see them later. When we all get together what a time it will be.

Your loving Daughter, Jacquelyn "Mookie"

Nana Ruth

To: Nana Ruth

Our Queen Above

We thank you for the Food, Laughs, Hugs, and Love.

With your smile so bright, your soul so polite

We thank you for showing us ALL how to Love Jesus Right

Sincerely,

Your Goddaughter

Kema Ruth Wilson

**Pallbearers**

Michael Thompson

Howard Foster

Kevin Wilson Sr

Clarence Taylor

Ricky Henegan

Jovan Oliver

***Acknowledgments***

*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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***Celebration of Life For  
First Lady Ruth C. Legree***



Sunrise: August 5, 1940

Sunset: February 2, 2022

**Service:**

**Saturday, February 12, 2022 - 10:00AM**

**Little Friendship Baptist Church  
571 South 10th Street • Newark, New Jersey  
Pastor Tyrone L. Singletary, Officiating**





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Music Prelude.....Dr. Albert Lewis

Processional..... “ Soon and very soon”

Opening Hymn.....“ Oh I want to see him”

Scripture reading

Old Testament..... Deacon Dale Evans

New Testament..... Rev. James Bethea

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. John W Minitee Jr.

Selection..... Kenita Alani

Remarks.....Donald E. Lee

Darius Jordan Lee

Jacquelyn LeGree

Aknowledgements

Obituary .....Sandy Baker

Selection..... Karen Grimes

Eulogy.....Pastor Tyrone L. Singletary

Final Viewing

Recessional

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Hollywood Memorial Park  
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Ruth Crosland Legree was born on August 5, 1940 to The late Charles and Carrie Lee Crosland in Brooklyn, New York. She was called home to eternal rest on February 2, 2022.

After the death of her mother, Ruth and her siblings moved to Bennettsville, South Carolina where she received her education.

Ruth attended Blenheim High School.

Ruth accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age. She was always called to sing.

In 1958, Ruth met the handsome Martin Legree on a train traveling from New York to Newark NJ. Martin had a heavy accent to where his niece Rosaland was his interpreter. Eventually, Ruth would comprehend everything Martin would say on her own. So much so that on April 4, 1959 they would become married. This Union lasted over 61 years. To this Union, two children were born Martin Jr. and Jacquelyn “Mookie” LeGree.

Ruth worked over 61 years as a Homemaker. She made sure that her husband and children were fed and their home was clean at all times!!!! She was an awesome cook. Ruth was known for her Famous Bread Pudding and Corn Bread.

A religious woman, when her husband Rev Martin Legree Sr. was called to pastor Little Friendship Baptist Church; Sis. Ruth took pride as “First Lady “. She was fashionable with her outfits that

included her hats and gloves. She served as a deaconess, missionary and headed the state rally at the church. She enjoyed singing, talking and laughing with the members at the church.

Nana Ruth affectionately called by her neighbors was a big fan of Steve Harvey hosting Family Fued, The Honeymooners and Sanford & Son.

First Lady Emeritus Ruth Legree is predeceased by her husband Martin Sr., son Martin Jr. and three sisters Elouise Townsend, Jamie Henegan and Charlene Thompson.

First Lady Emeritus Ruth Legree is survived by daughter Jacquelyn, step daughter Arthur Mae, sister Clara Crosland, sister-in-law Essie Mae Legree and Cynthia Harrison. Grandsons Darius and Malcolm. Godchildren Beverly, Kema, Kevin Jr., Clarence Taylor and Anthony Wright. Life long friend Sis Gladys Spruill.

She also leaves to cherish her memories; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, neighbors, church family Little Friendship Baptist Church and New Salem Baptist Church.

First lady Ruth C. Legree was a wife, mother, grandmother aunt, friend, teacher and much more!!!

Congratulations On A Job Well Done!!!

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