



## Ms. Stella Elizabeth Ruffin

March 30, 1925 - October 28, 2019

Stella Elizabeth Ruffin, daughter of the late George Jones and Mattie Rogers Jones, was born March 30, 1925 in Brandon, Mississippi. She was the sister of Kidd, Ollie, Eva Mae, and Dora Jones, all whom have preceded her in death. As the youngest of her siblings, she earned the nickname of "Baby Stella" amongst her family and friends. At an early age, she accepted Christ as her personal Savior and became a dedicated member of True Vine Missionary Baptist Church. She was also an active member of the Heroines of Jericho until her departure.

Stella attended public school at Pilgrim Rest Church. Due to the Jim Crow laws and the segregation of secondary schools in Rankin County, she moved to Meridian, Mississippi to further her education. She graduated from T. J. Harris High School in 1944. She was later joined in matrimony to Mr. Perry Ruffin of Meridian, Mississippi who preceded her in death.

Stella later moved to Washington, D.C. to obtain a cosmetology license, and she then began her career as a beautician for many years in her hometown of Brandon. She was an activist in the civil rights movement in the 1960's, and she was an advocate for the education and welfare of children.

She obtained an Associate of Science Degree in Early Childhood Education from Holmes Jr. College during her employment at the Friends of Children of Mississippi's Head Start program, and she retired after over 40 years of dedicated service.

Stella was the secretary for the Rankin County Development, Inc. for 15 12

years, and she served on the board for over 40 years.

She quietly departed this life on Monday, October 28, 2018 at St. Dominic Hospital in Jackson, Mississippi. As a result of her generous spirit and pleasant personality, she was loved by many. Her influence will forever remain in the lives of all who knew her.

Her beautiful life will forever be cherished in the lives of her children:

Hyrtecene (Greg) Myers and Jo Ann (Wilson) Mangum, both of Brandon, MS. One daughter, Brenda Ruffin-Myers, preceded her in death; grandchildren: Dr. Natascha (Kevin) Dow, M.D. of Houston, TX, Ciji (Christon) Dixon of Richland, MS, and Dametra Mangum of Brandon, MS; nephews and nieces: Calvin (Lena) Guyton, Marvin (Mildred) Guyton, John Earl Guyton, Lonnie (Teresa) Guyton, Jerome Guyton, and Deborah (Fredrick) Hill of Jackson, MS. One niece, Diane Mosley, preceded her in death. Four special cousins: Hyrtecene Barnes of Far Rockaway, NY, Estella Carpenter of Jackson, MS, Sammie "Peg" Smith of Brandon, MS, and Bobbie Jones of Pearl, MS, four great-grandchildren, and a host of devoted cousins and friends.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 1. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Dean Memorial Funeral Home

745 Highway 468

Brandon, MS 39042

(601) 825-3884

<https://deanmemorialfuneralhome.com/>

# Tribute Wall

LK

“ Update, Our condolences to The Family of Mrs. Baby Stella Ruffin and The Jones Family! ❤️🌹

Linda King - November 03, 2019 at 06:26 PM

LK

“ Our deepest condolences are sent to the entire Jones and Tiffin Family in the loss of your love one, Cousin Baby Stella. We will miss her but Heaven is Rejoicing because Another Soul Has Entered In. May God Bless and Keep You All's Hearts In Perfect Peace.



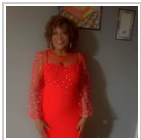
Linda King - November 03, 2019 at 06:17 PM

LG

“ My mother worked at Friendss Of Children with Ms. Ruffin for many years. However,my mother Youland Thompson was the Director in Pearl, Mississippi. May the Lord continue to strengthen every family member.Our prayers are with the family of Ms. Stella Ruffin.



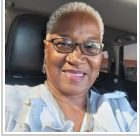
latecia Gregory - November 03, 2019 at 06:47 AM



“ Mary Trigg- Griffin lit a candle in memory of Ms. Stella Elizabeth Ruffin



Mary Trigg- Griffin - November 02, 2019 at 10:33 AM



“ Carolyn Palmer sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Stella Elizabeth Ruffin



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**Carolyn Palmer** - November 01, 2019 at 09:58 PM

LS

“ Good Evening Ruffin Family:  
Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. There is much to be said about this woman of God who always exemplified LOVE for others and less attention to herself. It was a blessing just to have her in my life and in the lives of others!!! May God continue to bless and strengthen this entire family. What a loss to both the True Vine church family and the entire community!!!!

*Blessings & Love*  
*Lillie Taylor Scott*

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**Lillie Taylor Scott** - November 01, 2019 at 08:54 PM

LS

“ Lillie Taylor Scott sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Stella Elizabeth Ruffin



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**Lillie Taylor Scott** - November 01, 2019 at 08:48 PM

BM

“ *Barbara Magee lit a candle in memory of Ms. Stella Elizabeth Ruffin*



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**Barbara Magee** - November 01, 2019 at 08:01 PM

NK

“ *She was truly a beautiful and sweet person. Praying for you all*

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**Natalie Keyes** - November 01, 2019 at 06:34 PM

TF

“ *The Wash Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ms. Stella Elizabeth Ruffin.*



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**The Wash Family** - November 01, 2019 at 11:35 AM

JM

“ *Joanne McCoy lit a candle in memory of Ms. Stella Elizabeth Ruffin*



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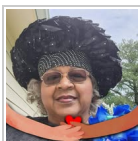
**Joanne McCoy** - November 01, 2019 at 11:13 AM

CA

“ Carolyn Anderson sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Stella Elizabeth Ruffin



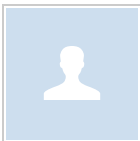
Carolyn Anderson - November 01, 2019 at 09:21 AM



“ Evelyn Young lit a candle in memory of Ms. Stella Elizabeth Ruffin



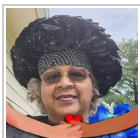
Evelyn Young - November 01, 2019 at 01:00 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Stella Elizabeth Ruffin.



October 31, 2019 at 09:51 PM



“ Evelyn Young lit a candle in memory of Ms. Stella Elizabeth Ruffin



Evelyn Young - October 31, 2019 at 04:20 PM