



## Ms. Ruth Ferguson

March 20, 1914 - February 9, 2018

Our beloved Ruth Ferguson peacefully passed away on February 9, 2018 after a long illness. She was born on March 20, 1914 in Vicksburg, Mississippi to Curtis and Ozella Johnson and was the oldest of four siblings. Little could her parents imagine that their bouncing baby girl would be counted among those who have the distinguished title of Centurion, a person who lived to be at least 100 years old.

Ruth attended Vicksburg Public Schools in Vicksburg, MS. She had her daughter, Martha, while in Mississippi. She met and married Elmer Ferguson in 1941. To this union two boys were born, Elmer Jr. and Robert. She moved to Saginaw, Michigan in 1977.

Ruth was a homemaker and enjoyed cooking and cleaning. She was known for being fun-loving and energetic. She loved her family, especially taking care of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was loved by everyone who knew her because she treated people the way she wanted to be treated.

Ruth would say she had seen a lot of things during her time on this earth: two World Wars (1 & 2), the attack on Pearl Harbor, the Atomic Bomb dropped on Hiroshima, the election of thirteen U.S. presidents, the signing of the Civil Rights Act, the Detroit riots, the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and two U.S. presidents, and what many thought they would never witness in their

lifetime...the election of the first African-American president.

However, the things Ruth enjoyed the most was being with her family and attending church. Ruth was baptized in the Name of Jesus and filled with the Holy Ghost in 1979 at Bethlehem Temple Church of the Apostolic Faith in Saginaw, Michigan. She was known as a fireball saint. She had a great love for God and her favorite song to sing during testimony service was, "Praise the Lord, Everybody!"

She leaves to cherish her memory, one daughter Martha Shivers, two sons: Elmer Fudge Ferguson Jr., Saginaw MI and Robert (Daphine) Ferguson, Vicksburg MI, one sister, Idella Gray of Saginaw; ten grandchildren: Harry (Barbara) Johnson, Saginaw, MI, Betty (John) Packard, Saginaw, MI, Crystal (Malcolm) O'Bryan, Grand Rapids, MI, Jonathan (Lynne) Shivers, Ypsilanti, MI, Robert (Ronita) Ferguson and Catrina Ferguson of Vicksburg, MS, Jonathan (Sandra) Ferguson, Dallas, TX, Johnny Boose, El Paso, TX, Elmer Garrett, Grand Rapids; twenty-seven great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild; several nieces, nephews and cousins. She is preceded in death by her husband, Elmer Ferguson Sr.; parents, Curtis and Ozella Johnson; grandparents, Arnold and Mattie Sparks; brothers, Curtis and David Johnson and granddaughter Marie Johnson-Bailey.

Family hour 11:00 a.m. Friday, February 16, 2018 with funeral service commencing at 11:30 a.m. at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue. Elder Jonathan Shivers, Jr. will officiate with interment at Forest Lawn Cemetery 3210 S. Washington Ave. Friends may call at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue, Saginaw, MI 48607 on Thursday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue  
Saginaw, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **15**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home  
441 N. Jefferson Avenue  
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## Family Hour

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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Ruth Ferguson



Browne's Mortuary - February 28, 2018 at 04:09 PM



“ Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Ms. Ruth Ferguson



Browne's Mortuary - February 16, 2018 at 11:27 AM

MF

“ Marcella Crudup-Jones Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Ruth Ferguson



Marcella Crudup-Jones Family - February 15, 2018 at 11:07 PM

SM

“ To Betty Packard and family,  
God be with you and bless you at this difficult  
time.



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**Sam and Deborah Mack** - February 15, 2018 at 05:00 PM

BM

“ To Ms. Martha, Betty Ann, Crystal, Harry and Jonathon and all the  
family:

*You all have my deepest sympathy. What a blessing to have had  
your mother/grand mom for such a long time. I called her grandma  
Ruth like she was my grandmother too. She was such a sweet  
person but also had a little mean streak at times. I know she will be  
missed by her family but God knows she is in a better place. Rest  
on Grandma Ruth until we meet again. Family stay strong for each  
other. Love to you all!*

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**Betty Mitchell** - February 15, 2018 at 04:38 PM

MS

“ I believe in giving flowers while you alive so  
you can see an smell them. My Aunt got a lot  
flowers and love from me. She was like a  
Mother to me. I could always depend on her  
to be there for me, no matter what. I love you  
Aunt.



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**Mary Stokes** - February 15, 2018 at 09:50 AM

DM

“ *DIANA MIREE sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Ruth Ferguson*



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**DIANA MIREE** - February 14, 2018 at 11:32 PM

JW

“ *Joanie Williams lit a candle in memory of Ms. Ruth Ferguson*



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**Joanie Williams** - February 14, 2018 at 05:12 PM

SO

“ *May God Bless and keep each and everyone of y'all in this time of bereavement the Clark and Carruth southside family*



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**sonacarruth** - February 14, 2018 at 10:55 AM

YS

“ *My heartfelt prayer are with you all in this hour of bereavement so sorry for your loss my prayer are with you in this hour of bereavement*



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**Yvonne Sanders** - February 14, 2018 at 09:30 AM

JB

“ It's amazing being the grand son of such an amazing and loving woman. I have always been loved by my family even in my absence, but Granny has always been the constant that kept me close. Her wisdom has always stuck with me and my cousins and no matter where I've ended up in this world overseas or stateside, My grandmother has always been the person and place I've called home. She is gone from this earth but will always remain in my heart and my thoughts.

*In loving memory of my Grandmother  
Ruth Ferguson "Granny"*

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**Johnny Boose** - February 13, 2018 at 02:21 PM

JB

“ JoNita Byrd-Reeves lit a candle in memory of  
Ms. Ruth Ferguson



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**JoNita Byrd-Reeves** - February 13, 2018 at 01:19 PM

CO

“ Granny u will forever hold a special place in my heart,u play a very very special part in my life because if it had not been for u then I wouldn't have the amazing,awesome,sweet ,funny,loving,Mom that I have your Daughter Matha Shivers who I love unconditionally to the moon and back, RIH granny u got your wings love u always & forever 🎈🌸🌸❤️😍😘 Your Granddaughter Mrs.Crystal O'Bryan

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**Crystal Obryan** - February 12, 2018 at 07:42 PM

CO

“ *Crystal Obryan sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Ruth Ferguson*



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**Crystal Obryan** - February 12, 2018 at 07:14 PM

TH

“ *Tina Houze sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Ruth Ferguson*



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**Tina Houze** - February 12, 2018 at 09:46 AM

LA

“ *Letha Adams sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Ruth Ferguson*



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**Letha Adams** - February 11, 2018 at 05:11 PM

CA

“ *CarolynRiley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Ruth Ferguson*



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**CarolynRiley** - February 11, 2018 at 07:56 AM

TJ

“ *Tina Jamerson-Mata lit a candle in memory of Ms. Ruth Ferguson*



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**Tina Jamerson-Mata** - February 10, 2018 at 05:47 PM