

Honorary Pallbearers

Jeff C. Grady
Randy Grady

Lorenzo Grady
Daniel Moss

Melvin Williams

Active Pallbearers

Lorenzo Grady Jr.
Reggie Johnson

Michael Woods
Riggie Johnson

Repast

Ole Times Country Buffet
1208 N. Madison Ave.
Douglas, GA 31533
Reservation Under: Linda Alford

Acknowledgements

The family of the late Ruth DeLaughter wishes to thank everyone for all acts of kindness and sympathy shown during our time of bereavement. May God continue to bless each of you!

The Family

Final Arrangements Entrusted To:



HARRELL'S FUNERAL HOME
400 E. CHERRY STREET ~ DOUGLAS, GEORGIA 31533
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CELEBRATION *Home Going* *Mother Ruth DeLaughter*



Sunrise
April 6, 1932

Sunset
December 18, 2024

Saturday, December 28, 2024
2:00 PM
Empowerment Center International Ministries
489 GA 206 Connector
Douglas, Georgia 31533
Pastor O.J. Simpson, Presiding
Pastor Latori Pryor, Eulogist

Order of Service

Pastor O.J. Simpson, Presiding

Processional.....Ministers & Family

Invocation.....Pastor O.J Simpson

Selection.....Lady Simpson & LWDC Praise Team

Scripture Readings

Old Testament.....Pastor Carlos D. Jones

New Testament...Pastor Brenda Moss-Williams

Pastoral Remarks

Bishop K. Nation

Pastor Frank Bussey

Selection.....LWDC Praise Team

Final Glimpse

Crowning Ceremony

Reflections.....Please Limit To Two Minutes

Anyone Desiring to Speak

Solo.....Pastor David Pryor

Eulogy.....Pastor Latori Pryor

Acknowledgements.....Harrell's Staff

Committal Service

Benediction

Obituary

Ruth DeLaughter, born on April 6, 1932, in Douglas, GA, to Ella “Dana” and Lorenzo “Buster” Wilcox, was the youngest of 13 children—a fact she proudly shared with all.

In her early years, Ruth moved to Augusta, GA, where she gave birth to her son, Jeffrey Wilcox. In 1950, she met and married the love of her life, Willie James DeLaughter. The couple relocated to Detroit, MI, in 1951, where Ruth became a devoted member of the original True Love Temple Church of God in Christ (COGIC).

As the wife of Pastor Willie J. DeLaughter, Ruth faithfully served as the First Lady of True Love Temple COGIC. Her dedication extended to significant roles within the Great Lakes and Canadian-Michigan Jurisdictions. Later, she joined Eastside Unity COGIC under the leadership of Superintendent Robert and Juanita Butts, serving as District Missionary. In 2018, Ruth returned to Georgia, where she joined Victory Worship Center COGIC, pastored by Bishop Keith Nation. She also cherished her time at Bridgetown Christian Teaching Center in her hometown of Douglas, GA.

Ruth's life was a testament to her deep faith, service, and love for others. She touched countless lives as a Crossing Guard, the beloved Ice Cream Lady, a Foster Parent, Day Care Provider, Pastor's Wife, District Missionary, Musician, and steadfast Prayer Warrior.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, Ella and Lorenzo Wilcox; her beloved husband, Willie J. DeLaughter; her son, Jeffrey Wilcox; her youngest granddaughter, Rajune Watkins; and her 12 siblings.

She leaves behind a legacy of love and cherished memories, survived by her daughter, Linda Alford; two daughters-in-love, Orita Thompson and Michella Valle of Detroit, MI; six grandchildren: Shantiq McRunels, D'Jhaila Kelly, Duron Thompson, Janelle Thompson, Jamesha Thompson, and Keyvontae Robins; 12 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

As the last aunt of the Wilcox family, Aunt Ruth leaves a wealth of wonderful nieces and nephews, a devoted church family in Detroit, MI, and Georgia, caring neighbors, and many dear friends who loved her deeply.

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