



Ethel Ratcliff Jefferson

October 6, 2019

JEFFERSON, Ethel Ratcliff entered eternal rest on Saturday, October 6, 2019 at University Hospital at the age of 87. A native of New Orleans. She was a retired New Orleans Public School Teacher with over 42 years of service. Daughter of the late Presiding Elder Rev. Dr. Ford Ratcliff, Sr. and Mrs. Margie Murray Ratcliff. Ex-wife of the late Rev. Dr. Leroy Cleveland Jefferson of Verret, Louisiana. Ethel Jefferson is preceded in death by her parents, Rev. Dr. Ford Ratcliff, Sr. and Mrs. Margie Murray Ratcliff; siblings Ford Ratcliff, Indianapolis and Frederick Ratcliff, Dallas, Mary Ratcliff, New Orleans, and Harold Ratcliff, Indianapolis. She leaves to cherish her memory with three daughters Rev. Lesa Hope Jefferson, Leila Tarji Jefferson, Dr. Lenetra Leiselle Jefferson; siblings Thelma R. Robinson, Gretna and McKinley Brister (Mary), Tampa; beloved step-children: Leroy C. Jefferson, Jr., Gwendolyn Howard, and Lerece Jefferson; an adopted Grand-daughter Omnia L. Williams and Grand-dog Drew Jefferson. She is survived by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, former students, co-workers, special caregivers, church family, extended family and friends. Ethel's family would like to extend their sincere thanks to the physicians, nurses, and all respective staff members who provided care and treated Ethel over the years.

Relatives and friends of the Family, Pastor, Officers, and Members of Christ Temple Church of Christ Holiness U.S.A., Greater Grace Fellowship, Petty AME Zion, St. Mary's of the Angels Catholic Church, St. Matthews United Methodist Church, One Hope Church, Children's Hospital, Touro Hospital,

University Hospital, Troy University, Troy Regional Medical Center, St. Luke Medical Center and Woldenberg Village are invited to attend the Celebration of Life at Greater Grace Fellowship, 5481 Crowder Blvd, New Orleans, LA. 70127, on Saturday, October 19, 2019 Elder Rick Andrews Officiating. Visitation will begin at 9:00 am. Services begin at 11:00 am. Interment at Providence Memorial Park, Metairie, LA. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes to Greater Grace Fellowship and Christ Temple Church of Christ Holiness U.S.A. (Gallier Street) in memory of Mrs. Ethel Ratcliff Jefferson preferred. Professional services entrusted to D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 1728 N Claiborne Ave.

Cemetery Details

Providence Park Cemetery

8200 Airline Dr.
Metairie, LA 70003

Previous Events

Service

OCT **19**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Greater Grace Fellowship
5481 Crowder Blvd
New Orleans , LA

Tribute Wall

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“ Carolyn Ray lit a candle in memory of Ethel Ratcliff Jefferson



Carolyn Ray - October 19, 2019 at 03:33 PM

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“ You are in my thoughts and prayers. Please accept my condolences.

Amanda Babb

amanda - October 19, 2019 at 08:07 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ethel Ratcliff Jefferson.



October 17, 2019 at 10:15 AM

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“ My heart and prayers goes out to my family during this time. Love you.

Aigner Ratcliff - October 17, 2019 at 07:57 AM

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the Ratcliffs and Jefferson family.
We love you,
Don & Dalphine*

Don & Dalphine Parrish - October 16, 2019 at 01:34 PM

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“ *May the work that I've DONE speak for me. A life well lived.
Memories live on forever.
In Loving Memory of a Beautiful Person. You will always be loved
and missed.*

Carolyn Gaines-Ellzey - October 16, 2019 at 12:24 PM