

*Honorary Floral Bearers*

Women's Ministry/Female Cousins

*Honorary Pall Bearers*

Men's Ministry/Male Cousins

*Acknowledgments*

The Family of the Late Roberta Elizabeth Mebane Rudd,

Acknowledges with sincere appreciation, your understanding, your prayers and all acts of kindness shown at this time of bereavement.

May God continue to abundantly bless and keep each and every one of you.

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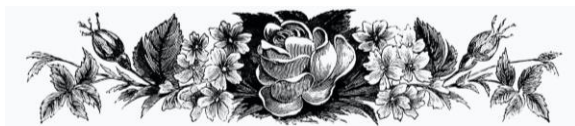
*Our Thanks also go out to Hargett Funeral Services, Inc.,  
For their assistance in the handling of these arrangements.*

**THE DAY GOD CALLED YOU HOME**

God looked around his Garden and found an empty place.  
He then looked down upon his earth and saw your loving face.

He saw your path was difficult and he closed your weary eyes,  
He whispered to you "Peace be Thine" and gave you wings to fly.

It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone.  
For part of us went with you on the day God called you home.



*With Love Always – JBPRR 5/4/21*

*A Life Celebration & Homegoing Service*

~ of ~

**Mrs. Roberta Elizabeth Mebane Rudd**

*February 12, 1937 – to – April 29, 2021*



**Thursday – May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

1:30 pm in the afternoon

***Ebenezer Baptist Church***

2700 West Vandalia Road  
Greensboro, North Carolina 27407

***Pastor: Dr. Howard Lee Woods Jr.***

~ Officiating ~

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary, and they shall walk, and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31

## The Obituary

Mrs. Roberta Elizabeth Mebane Rudd was born on February 12, 1937 in the Historical Marytown Community located in Greensboro, North Carolina, to Lucille Irene Elizabeth Crutchfield and Ellis Eugene Mebane Sr. (both deceased). Roberta was the oldest of eight children: Mary G. Jeffries, Ellis E. Mebane Jr., Larry E. Mebane Sr. (deceased), Myrtle I. Blackwell, Nellie M. Rudd, Deborah L. Mebane (deceased) and Jere. B. Mebane Sr.

She began her education at Goshen and Rena Bullock Elementary Schools, and graduated from James B. Dudley Senior High School in 1956 with honors. She was a parent volunteer, and a Guilford County School employee for many years. In her later years she was active in the Singing Silver Ambassador Choir, and at Smith Senior Center: she was a member of the AHOY exercise classes, and was proud to be recognized as the first black member of the Senior Hiking Club, where she hiked for 20+ years.

Roberta Elizabeth Mebane met James Robert Rudd on March 16, 1957 at a Saturday afternoon, fish fry that was taking place at Locust Grove Baptist Church, in Browns Summit, NC. On Saturday, October 11, 1958, Roberta & James were joined together in holy matrimony at Celia Phelps United Methodist Church, Greensboro, NC. after which they were fruitful in having eight children.

Roberta assumed her role as First Lady in October of 1974 when her husband, James accepted his position as Pastor, and they served 27 years at Oak Springs Missionary Baptist Church in Stokesdale, NC. They also served as Interim Pastor and First Lady at the following churches: Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Ridgeway, VA, Goodwill Baptist Church in Clemmons, NC, St. Paul High Street Baptist Church in Martinsville, VA, and Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Walkertown, NC.

Roberta leaves to cherish her memory the Rev. Dr. James R. Rudd her husband of 62 ½ years, Daughters: Pamela & Janice, Sons: Bruce (Phyllis), Vincent (Angela) and John (Rebecca). She is preceded in death by her twin daughters Gwendolyn and Madeline who passed at their birth in the summer of 1962 and her youngest daughter, Mrs. Milicent Ann Rudd Wardlaw who passed in the summer of 2005. She also had (Thirteen) grandchildren: LaBreshia, Sean (Bitia), Bruce "BJ", Erica (Avery), Shanae (Doug), Ryan, Joshua, Nicolas, Melane, Shakiyah, Christopher, Seth and Trinity. (Fourteen) great grandchildren and (One) great-great grandchild, her Aunt Effie Mebane, many sisters and brothers-in-law, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

## Order of Service

Processional

**Visitation - 12:30 to 1:30 pm**

Selection ..... "Sweet Sweet Spirit"

Scripture ..... *Old Testament ~ Psalms 100:1-5*  
*Rev. Charles M. Rudd Sr.*

Scripture ..... *New Testament ~ John 14:1-6*  
*Rev. John R. Rudd Sr.*

Prayer for Comfort ..... (Appointed by the Pastor)

Hymn ..... "It is Well With My Soul"

Acknowledgements ..... *Ms. Vickie Goins*  
Of Condolences &  
Resolution

Remarks ..... *Per Family's Request*

**\*\*Please Post in the Hargett Online Obituary Guestbook\*\***

<https://www.hargettfuneralserviceinc.com/obituary/roberta-rudd>

**~ Obituary (Read Silently) ~**

Hymn ..... "Blessed Assurance"

Eulogy ..... *Pastor: Dr. Howard Lee Woods Jr.*

Scriptural Reference: \_\_\_\_\_

Message Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**Recessional** ..... "I'll Fly Away"  
**Hymn**

**Funeral Director in Charge** ..... *Hargett Funeral Service, Inc.*

**Internment** ..... *Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery*  
*Greensboro, North Carolina*