

## *Acknowledgement*

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## *Pallbearers*

Glenn Beach - Michael Poindexter - Daryl Smith  
Derrell Northern - Frank Harrison - Jermaine Shaw

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

Willie Shepherd - Leon Dunklin - Sigmund Irby  
Van Harper - Andre Hughley - T.J. Williams



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# A Celebration of the Life of



# Ruth C. Mack

May 1, 1923 - September 26, 2023

Thursday, October 5, 2023

Wayman

## *A.M.E. Church*

3317 Hoover Ave., Dayton, OH 45402

Visitation: 10:00am - Service: 11:00am

Pastor Gerald Cooper

# Obituary

Ruth C. Mack, A woman of grace, beloved educator, devoted church member, and cherished member of her community peacefully departed from this world on September 26, 2023, at 100 years of age, surrounded by her loving family.

Ruth was born on May 1, 1923, in Middletown, Ohio, to her proud parents Bettie and Aaron Campbell Sr. She grew up in a loving household and developed a passion for education at a young age. Ruth's dedication to learning led her to graduate from Dayton Dunbar High School and earn a Bachelor's Degree in Education from the Historic Wilberforce University. Armed with knowledge and a profound desire to make a difference, she embarked on a fulfilling career in the public school system.

For 35 years, Ruth served as a compassionate and dedicated first-grade teacher in the Dayton City Schools at Wogaman Elementary School and Highview Elementary. She was the FIRST Black teacher to integrate Highview Elementary School. Her unwavering commitment to her students and the joy she derived from nurturing young minds made her a beloved figure in the community. Ruth's influence extended beyond the classroom as she became a dedicated member of Wayman AME Church, where she served as a Sunday School teacher for over 50 years. Her love of God and faith was a guiding light in her life, and she cherished every moment spent with her church family.

Outside of her professional and religious endeavors, Ruth found joy in creative pursuits. She was a skilled seamstress and could often be found designing and sewing beautiful garments. Ceramics was another passion of hers, and she displayed her artistic talent through various ceramic creations. Ruth's green thumb was evident in her beautiful garden, where she delighted in planting colorful flowers that added life and beauty to her surroundings. She also found great joy being a Docent at Allwood Audubon Center.

Above all, Ruth's deepest love and devotion were reserved for her beloved family. She was a beloved wife to her late husband Preston Mack and a caring mother to her sons, Preston C. Mack, Paul E. Mack, and daughter in law Dr. Jean Harper. Ruth's presence will be deeply missed, but forever treasured by her surviving relatives, friends, and all those whose lives she touched.

Preceded in death by her parents, brother and sister-in-law Aaron and Phyllis Campbell; aunt and uncle Lola and Roosevelt Harris.

Ruth C. Mack touched the lives of many through her boundless love, kindness, and dedication to education. She will forever be remembered for her unwavering faith, nurturing spirit, and profound impact on the lives of those she encountered. May her soul find eternal peace, and may her legacy continue to inspire generations to come.

Ruth will be laid to rest beside her husband, at the Woodland Cemetery, Dayton, Ohio.

*How is it that I never saw your wings  
when you were here with me?*

*When you closed your eyes and soared  
to the Heavens I could hear the  
faint flutter of your wings as you left.*

*Your body no longer on this side  
your spirit here eternally I see your halo shine.*

*I close my eyes and see the multi-colored wings  
surround me in my saddest moments and my happiest times.*

*Mother my angel God has given you your assignment  
always my mother forever my angel.*

*You fly into my dreams and when I am asleep*

*I feel your wings brush against my face wiping away*

*the tears I shed since I can no longer hold  
you in my arms but in my heart.*

*You earned those wings dear mother  
and you will always be my angel eternal.*

# Order of Celebration

ORGAN PRELUDE ..... Wayman Music Ministry

PARTING VIEW ..... Immediate Family

PRAYER ..... Pastor Gerald Cooper

SCRIPTURE READING .....

Old Testament ..... Reverend Darryl Beach ..... Psalms 121

New Testament ..... Reverend Doctor Gayle Simmons ..... John 14:1-6

SELECTION ..... Wayman Music Ministry

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS ..... Mrs. Delores Robinson

REFLECTIONS ..... Reverend Doctor Peggy Turner, Glenda Thomas, Reverend Karen Fox

SELECTION ..... Mr. Delbert Lancaster Accompanied by Mr. David Attaway

## *Eulogy*

Reverend Dwight Smith

BENEDICTION ..... Reverend Dwight Smith

RECESSIONAL ..... Clergy, Family, and Friends

## *Interment*

Woodland Cemetery

118 Woodland Ave.,

Dayton, OH 45409

## *A Life Well Lived*

*A life well lived is a precious gift, of hope and strength and grace, from someone who has made our world a brighter, better place.*

*It's filled with moments, sweet and sad with smiles and sometimes tears, with friendships formed and good times shared, and laughter through the years.*

*A life well lived is a legacy, of joy and pride and pleasure, a living, lasting memory our grateful heart's will treasure.*

*-Author Unknown*

