

**HOMEGOING SERVICE**  
**FOR**

*Geraldine Goganious Ruffin*

**November 15, 1946 - August 12, 2000**



*Thursday, August 17, 2000*

*1:00 p.m.*

*New Testament Church*

*403 Rapidan Street*

*Portsmouth, Virginia 23701*

*Bishop Charles Bowens, II - Pastor*

*Elder Howard Blount - Officiating*

## Obituary

### *The Place Where You Will Find Me*

I have just changed my residence to Heaven  
Have bid my loved ones and friends good-bye.

There I will live forever with Jesus  
In my Heavenly home there in the sky.

No more heartaches, grief or strife,  
And from pain and suffering, I am now free.  
Because my address now is in Heaven.  
That's the place where you'll find me.

I have changed my address to Heaven.  
Now I'll be safe forever more.  
The Lord has built me a Mansion.  
And my name, Geraldine Ruffin, is on the door.

You will find us walking together.  
And where he is, I'll always be.  
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On last Saturday, August 12, 2000, God, with eyes of tender mercy, looked down from His throne and decided that it was time for His child, Geraldine "Gerrie" Ruffin, to suffer no more. After a courageous battle with cancer, God decided it was time for Gerrie to join Him in Glory. So, He quickly and quietly dispatched a guardian angel to escort our dear loved one home.

Geraldine Goganious Ruffin, daughter of the late Lorenzo and Jesse Henry Goganious, was born on November 15, 1946 in Wilmington, North Carolina. She was the widow of John H. P. Ruffin. She attended school in Wilmington and Norfolk, Virginia.

Gerrie was the Office Manager and a sales associate for Realty Specialists Real Estate Company. She was a faithful member of New Testament Church where she was a member of the Gospel Choir. She was also a member and vice president of the Gospel Chandeliers, and a member of the Charles Peete Bowling League.

Gerrie was a very kind and loving person who brought joy and happiness to all who knew her. She leaves to cherish her precious memory: a daughter, Gwendolyn M. Ruffin; a son, Shawn R. Ruffin; the loving mother, Beulah Mae Keaton, and a special aunt, Hattie Kindred, who helped raise and nurture her; a sister, Barbara A. Munden; a brother, Lorenzo H. Goganious; and five grandchildren: Rodney Ruffin, Jennifer Mills, Johnny Mills, Jr., Glenn Ruffin, and John Ruffin. She will also be sorely missed by: an uncle, Joe Henry; and aunts, Luberta Jefferson, Ruth Henry, Gertrude Henry, Mattie Martin; and a special friend, Clayton Davis.

She also leaves a host of special cousins: Dr. Hattie Washington, Jean Hundley, Rev. Samuel Neal, Jr., and Terrie Lingham of Baltimore, MD; Anthony Brown, Bishop Brown, Alford Kindred, Kenzell Brown, and Nancy Sumter of the Washington, DC area; Lina Brown, Jackie Kindred, and Donald Brown of Norfolk, VA; Joe Henry, Herbert Henry of North Carolina; and Eleanor Henry of New York; nieces: Jacqueline Goganious of Chesapeake, VA; Karen Henderson and Charrell W. Thomas, M.D. of Florida; Cheryl A. Washington, Esq. of Baltimore, MD; nephews: Keith Goganious, Lorenzo "LG" Goganious, III, Preston Richardson, Kevin Richardson of Virginia Beach, VA; Brothers-in-law: Isaiah Munden, Milton Ruffin, William Ruffin, and Joe Ruffin; Sisters-in-law: Bettie Goganious, Mary Ethel Richards, Ruth Ruffin, Liz Miller, Dorothy Moss, Faye Ruffin, and Eleanor Ruffin; and a host of other relatives and friends.

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“And when he had called his twelve disciples to him, he gave them power over unclean spirits; to cast them out and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.”

Matthew 10: 1

**Pallbearers: Agents from Realty Specialists**  
**Flower Bearers: Members of The Gospel Chandeliers**

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We cannot prevent the tears that fall for someone so dear and special to each of us.

She was liked by everyone and was a joy to be around.

To know her was to appreciate her great sense of humor. Her suffering made her stronger. Therefore, do not weep for her for she has attained her Glory and has gone home to be with God.

The FAMILY acknowledges the many kind and beautiful thought-filled expressions of sympathy and love that have been shown during our hour of loss. May God graciously Bless and keep each of you in His care.

Sorrowfully submitted,  
**THE FAMILY**

**INTERMENT**  
Greenlawn Memorial Park

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