



Ruth B. Tatum

August 8, 1931 - December 3, 2020

Ruth B. Tatum, 89, of Chattanooga, departed this life for her heavenly home on Thursday, December 3, 2020 in a local healthcare facility. She was born August 8, 1931, in Anniston, Alabama to John Wesley Bryant and Lula McLaughlin. She was united in marriage to Curtis Homer Tatum in 1956. To this union seven children were born. Mother Tatum was a devoted Christian woman and a faithful member of Mount Paran Baptist Church. She was on the Mother's Board, the President of the Choir and a Sunday School Teacher. She was a retired employee of National Linen Service/Uniform Rental Service for over 35 years and also retired from the Chattanooga Foster Grand Parent Program. Mother Tatum was preceded in death by her loving husband, Curtis Homer Tatum and son, Curtis Joseph Tatum; father, John Wesley Bryant and mother, Lula McLaughlin Bryant; sisters, Susie Mae Lucas and Martha Louise White, and a brother, Alton Bryant. She leaves to cherish her memories: two sons, William (Mary) Bryant of Oakland, CA and Dr. Donald (Dorothy) Tatum of Chattanooga, TN; four daughters, Dr. Geraline (Bishop Dr. Wesley) Davis of Ringgold, GA, Joan (Rev. Wayne) Kirkling of Sacramento, CA, Christine Tatum and Joyce Allgood of Chattanooga; two brothers, Rev. Willie (Demaris) Bryant and Marvin Bryant of Oakland, CA and three sisters, Elnora Gay of Oakland, CA, Lorain Abernathy of Muscle Shoals, AL and Rosetta Tipton of Chattanooga; twelve grandchildren: Angelita McGhee, Yolanda McClure, Byron Bryant, Isaac Davis and Cecilia Davis, Quanita Kirkling and Tamika Kirkling, Tajuana Tatum and Tronya Hollins, LaMichael Tatum, Tredell Tatum

and Kevin Allgood; twenty-one great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives.

Directions on Live Stream: 1. Go to your facebook page 2. Type: [taylorfuneralhomeofchattanooga](#) 3. Click 'Like' 4. Scroll down to view the service at 1 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Hamilton Memorial Gardens

5351 TN-153
Hixson, TN 37343

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

DEC **14.** 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc.
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411
(423) 622-8152
<https://www.taylorfh.com/>

Family Service

DEC **14.** 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc. - February 16, 2021 at 07:17 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *CemeteryService-RuthBTatum*



Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc. - February 16, 2021 at 07:11 PM

CB

“ *Camille Benns lit a candle in memory of Ruth B. Tatum*



Camille Benns - January 07, 2021 at 12:13 PM

CB

Dear Family,

May the sweet memory of dear Cousin Ruth bring lasting and fond remembrances. May she forever live on in your hearts and minds and each new memory of her be more beautiful than the one before.

Love Always,

Cousin Camille (Kay) Benns

Camille Benns - January 07, 2021 at 12:17 PM

FK

“ *My deepest sympathy goes out to the Tatum family. She will be missed, especially that big smile of hers. Praying for comfort and peace for the the family.*



Felecia Kirkwood - December 15, 2020 at 11:50 AM

PR

“ *TO, THE FAMILY I AM SO DEEPLY SADDEN TO HEAR OF YOUR LOSS . RUTH WAS A SWEET LADY AND I ENJOYED TALKING TO HER WHEN I SAW HER AT CHURCH. MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU ALL. MAY THE LORD OUR GOD GRANT YOU PEACE IN YOUR TIME OF SORROW.*



PATRICIA REYNOLDS - December 15, 2020 at 11:22 AM

BB

“ *Bernadette Boyd lit a candle in memory of Ruth B. Tatum*



Bernadette Boyd - December 14, 2020 at 01:57 PM

MT

“ *Marva Taylor lit a candle in memory of Ruth B. Tatum*



Marva Taylor - December 14, 2020 at 01:08 PM



“ *Sending my deepest Condolences to you and the family of Mrs Ruth Tatum, Praying GOD give you all strength and healing through this sad situation. We love you The Hollins, Johnson, & Burress Family*



Debbie Burress Johnson - December 12, 2020 at 02:29 PM

ZT

“ *Zeta Amicae Of Chattanooga Tn lit a candle in memory of Ruth B. Tatum*



Zeta Amicae of Chattanooga Tn - December 12, 2020 at 02:23 PM

AT

*Donald, please accept our condolences for the loss of your mother.
You and your family are in our prayers.
Zeta Amicae of Chattanooga*

Amicae of Chattanooga Tn - December 12, 2020 at 02:32 PM

LW

“ *La Worthy lit a candle in memory of Ruth B. Tatum*



La Worthy - December 12, 2020 at 01:46 PM

LW

*BEAUTIFUL memories of Miss Ruth and her beautiful smile. Growing up on Greenwood Avenue spent many many hours at her house - always welcomed.
To the Entire Family - My Love and Thoughts.
Love, Grand*

La Worthy - December 12, 2020 at 01:53 PM

MB

“ *Marvin Wesley Bryant lit a candle in memory of Ruth B. Tatum*



Marvin Wesley Bryant - December 12, 2020 at 11:18 AM

MT

“ *Marva Taylor lit a candle in memory of Ruth B. Tatum*



Marva Taylor - December 11, 2020 at 03:41 PM

BS

“ *Bishop & Mrs. Lovelace, and the COP Admin Staff purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Ruth B. Tatum.*



Bishop & Mrs. Lovelace, and the COP Admin Staff -
December 10, 2020 at 07:25 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ruth B. Tatum.*



December 10, 2020 at 02:30 PM

TF

“ *The Drake Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ruth B. Tatum.*



The Drake Family - December 10, 2020 at 12:28 PM

MB

“ *My sister Ruth Tatum a very sweet and loving person always put others before myself I'm going to miss you my sister you will always be in my memory your brother Marvin*

Marvin Wesley Bryant - December 09, 2020 at 11:25 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ruth B. Tatum.*



December 09, 2020 at 09:12 AM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Ruth B. Tatum.*



December 04, 2020 at 01:10 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruth B. Tatum.*



December 04, 2020 at 11:40 AM