



Mrs. Ruby Mae Fanning - Mills

May 1, 1949 - January 3, 2020

Public Viewing for Mrs. Ruby Mae Fanning - Mills will be Sunday, January 12, 2020 from 1:00 P.M till 6:00 P.M. at A. A. Dicks Funeral Home Sullivan Chapel, located 2548 Main Street, Columbia, SC 29201.

Services will be held on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 11:00 A.M. at Friendship Baptist Church, located 1237 House Street, Columbia, SC 29204.

Interment will follow at Fort Jackson National Cemetery, 4170 Percival Road, Columbia, SC 29229.

Mrs. Ruby Mae Fanning-Mills was born on May 1, 1949 to the late Willie T. Watts, Sr. and Sallie Bell Simpson Watts, in Columbia, South Carolina. She departed this life on January 3, 2020 at Prisma Health Richland Hospital.

She was educated in Richland County public schools and was employed as a CNA for many years. She enjoyed being creative with her sewing machine and enjoyed shopping, spending time with her family at cookouts.

She was a dedicated member of Friendship Baptist Church, and served on the Deaconess Ministry. She loved the Lord with all her heart and always quoted "The God I serve is a mighty good God."

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sisters: Betty Jean Ellison, Rosa Bell Burrell, Barbara Ann Smith, Josephine Gilyard, and her brothers: Eddie James Brown, Joe Louis Ellison, and Charles Fanning former husband.

Left to cherish loving memories are: her loving husband Deacon Walter Mills; sons, Jerome Fanning, of Columbia, SC, Steven Fanning, Charles Fanning, of San Diego, CA; a daughter, Sharonda Fanning, of San Diego; stepson, Gerard Mills, of Greenville, SC; sisters, Nannie Smith, Katherine Robinson, Debra Livingston, Deidre Goines, of Columbia, SC; and Sallie Hopkins of Philadelphia, PA; two brothers, Willie and Rudolph Watts both of Columbia; 12 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; daughter-in-law, Crystal Fanning, brothers-in-law, John Livingston, James Robinson, James Smith, Freddie Washington, of Columbia, SC, Willie Lee Fanning, of Cayce, SC, sisters-in-law, Vernetta Watts, Jaton Watts, Mary Darby, Rosetta Rice, Inetha Washington, of Columbia, SC, Lillie Fanning, of Cayce, SC; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends all of whom will miss her dearly.

Please leave the family your condolences and prayers.

The Fanning - Mills family, acknowledges with grateful appreciation, all of your kind expressions of love and sympathy.

Thank you for helping us care for our families. A. A. Dicks, Sr. and Staff.

Cemetery Details

Fort Jackson National Cemetery

4170 Percival Road
Columbia, SC 29229

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN 12. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

A. A. Dicks Funeral Home Sullivan Chapel
6400 North Main Street
Columbia, SC 29203
(803) 254-4673

Funeral Service

JAN 13. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Friendship Baptist Church
1237 House Street
Columbia, SC 29204
(803) 799-8906

Tribute Wall

DS

“ It has been almost 2 years since Ruby Mae has left her earthly home to reside at her Heavenly Home. I still think of Cousin Ruby, and I miss her phone conversations in which she constantly talked trash (lol) and tried to keep me from being outside doing yard work. (Many times I mistakenly dial the phone number of Ruby only to realize that she can only answer my calls via her Heavenly spirits.) I miss my Cousin Ruby who was a combination of my sister, mother and friend. May GOD continue to Bless You Cousin Ruby, family, relatives and friends.



-- Cousin Dianne Simpson

DIANNE SIMPSON - December 07, 2021 at 08:11 AM

RS

“ Ruthetta Simpson Shannon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruby Mae Fanning - Mills



Ruthetta Simpson Shannon - January 22, 2020 at 08:28 PM

DS

“ Ruby Mae will be missed and always loved. My heart goes out to the family, which I am also apart of so I feel the pain and sorrow but the memories will last always. GOD Bless The Family Of Ruby Mae Simpson Fanning-Mills..Dorothy Simpson - Cornelius (Cousin)

Dorothy Simpson-Cornelius - January 22, 2020 at 09:26 AM

DS

“ Dorothy Simpson-Cornelius lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruby Mae Fanning - Mills



Dorothy Simpson-Cornelius - January 22, 2020 at 09:07 AM

FS

“ To Walter and the children of Ruby Mae, We send our love and condolences in her loss. She was such a strong and determined person--and always had positive, encouraging words by which to live. She fought a good fight and God has now taken her out of this life to be with Him. Our prayers are with you all. Love-- Your Cousins and the Children of the late David B. Simpson and Walter Simpson --Ridgeway, SC



Family of David & Walter Simpson - January 14, 2020 at 12:43 PM

MS

“ I will miss you dearly because of all the things we did together for a little while,I truly will missed those moments,you rest peaceful and keep on smiling down here



Mary Smith - January 13, 2020 at 04:22 AM

MS

“ *Mary Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruby Mae Fanning - Mills*



Mary Smith - January 13, 2020 at 04:14 AM

NY

“ *I going too miss you auntie get your rest baby*
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nyesha - January 12, 2020 at 06:47 PM

ST

“ *May The Love of Our Lord and Savior Keep Your Love Ones In Perfect Peace and Harmony. Heartfelt Condolences* 🙏🙏🙏



Shirley D Thomas - January 12, 2020 at 03:16 PM

SW

“ *I really going to missed you! I love you but I know God loves you best. Get your rest auntie*



Shonelle Washington - January 12, 2020 at 08:27 AM

CS

“ *Curtis Simpson Sr. lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruby Mae Fanning - Mills*



Curtis Simpson Sr. - January 11, 2020 at 09:12 PM

CS

“ *Our deepest sympathy for the family. May God give strength and comfort in the time of bereavement. May He heal the broken hearts. Love Curtis & Patricia Simpson Sr.*

Curtis & Patricia Simpson Sr. - January 11, 2020 at 09:09 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ruby Mae Fanning - Mills.*



January 11, 2020 at 10:33 AM

SW

“ *In Memory of a life so beautifully lived, a heart so deeply loved. Although it's seems difficult today looking back on memories will bring comfort to us.*



Sharon Washington - January 09, 2020 at 03:13 PM

IS

“ *Our condolences to the family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Inetta Simpson and family. Ridgeway SC*



Inetta Simpson - January 08, 2020 at 09:04 PM

WF

“ *Willie T. Watts Jr And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruby Mae Fanning - Mills*



Willie T. Watts jr and family - January 07, 2020 at 07:08 PM

DJ

“ *Mrs. Ruby will truly be miss. I had the pleasure of knowing her and she was a wonderful person to be a friend with. Last talked to Mrs. Ruby December 14, 2019. She called and we had a wonderful conversation. Mrs. ruby, I will never forget you. Sleep on in Jesus.*

Diane Jackson - January 06, 2020 at 02:38 PM

AF

“ To Charles, Steven, and Chris,

*On behalf of my father Willie Lee Fanning Jr and my siblings,
Pamela, Anthony, Vickie and Wendy and extended family.*

*We express our deepest and most sincere sympathy in the passing
of our precious and dearly beloved Ruby.*

*We all hold and share such fond memories of her grace, kindness,
love, laughter and her beautiful giving matriarchal spirit, and the
warmth of her bright smile.*

*She touched all our lives in a very special way. She is missed but
never will be forgotten. We love you Ruby!*

*Lovingly submitted,
Abigail Fanning (neice)*

AFanning - January 06, 2020 at 02:21 PM