



Mrs. Frances Knight Ruffin

September 22, 1958 - December 31, 2025

Frances Knight Ruffin affectionately known as “Pookie” was born on September 22, 1958 to the late Jasper Rollins and Frances Moore. On March 14, 1977 she joined in holy matrimony to Rayfield Ruffin and transitioned from her earthly home to her eternal home with her husband on December 31, 2025.

Pookie was known for her kind heart, her love for people no matter the walk of life everybody was somebody to her, her love for her family was unparalleled, the matriarch wore many hats but her favorite was being a grandmother and great grandmother her grands was her world they felt the love from her every single day.

In her early life Pookie worked as a cook for the United States Military she was so proud that she had the pleasure of serving the honorable Colin Powell. In the early 90’s she became a hospice nurse and transitioned into home health care until her husband retired her in 2016. Pookie loved to cook and have family functions at her home, her favorite being Septemberella celebrating her birthday. She was always the life of the party.

Everyone loved momma cooking and was very proud of the fact that people raved over her food. Honorable mention: she loved cooking for attorney Donald Stroud and retired Honorable Judge William Duke.

Pookie was a community activist for voters and justice. She helped with Martin Luther King Day. She had a strong belief in voting. In fact, she worked with Black Voters Matter to help people sign up to vote within the community. She was dedicated to the community. She helped with the March for Truth, Justice, and Reconciliation, which was a 100 mile walk from the mountains to the coast in 2024.

Pookie was very fashionable, she could find the most unique clothing. She always told us to be presentable in public. She could make a thrift store outfit look as if it came off of Rodeo Drive. She loved antique stores, thrift stores, flea markets, consignment shops and yard sales. She loved plants and flowers. She enjoyed planting flowers and gardening in her yard. She was very much an outside person. She became a partner in her husband's lawn care Ray's Grass, which was something both loved to do together.

Frances was preceded in death by her parents, Jasper Rollins and Frances Moore Knight; grandchildren, Zy'Torious Ruffin, Tiarr Wooten; great grandchildren, Karter Rosenboro, A'Raeya Boyd, Jeanniy Wooten; sisters, Andrea Knight, Judy Rollins, Shirley Rollins, Mebla Andrews, Janie Powell, Velma Rollins, Rosie Rollins; brothers, George Knight, Jasper Rollins Jr., George Rollins, Luke Rollins, Arthur Rollins, Shelbert Rollins, and William Rollins.

Frances leaves to cherish her memory her five daughters, Trivia Pierce (Micheal), Tomecker Jones (Bobby), Duchess Chance (Tyrone) of Greenville, NC, Jawanda Ruffin (Douglas) and Sha'Inga Cherry (Walter) of Farmville, NC; one son, Edon Rodgers (Adrienne) of Raleigh, NC; four sisters, Teresa Knight of Robersonville, NC, Helen Guy (Don) of Jacksonville, NC, Thelia Brown (Don) and Ida Rollins of New Jersey; five brothers, Future Knight of Greenville, NC, Phillip Knight (Cynitha) and Gerald Knight of Robersonville,

NC, Bobby Knight (Priscilla) and Earnest Rollins of New Jersey; one sister in law, Joy Smith of Greenville NC; one brother in law, Johnny Smith of New York; twenty-nine grandchildren, Martinez, Carnesia, Jacoby, Nijewel, Jaidyen, Jhayna, DeNautica, Ne'Adiquade, Niasia, Nehemiah, Neshyah, London, Bobby III, Du'Zuan, Aalyiah, Imani, Ta'Essence, l'Zayzuwon, Mi-Kyi, Ta-Zion, Infinity (Arshaun), Gyan, Jazmine, Isaiah, Allanah, Walter Jr., Ta'Lyiah and Dy'Terrion; twenty-one great-grandchildren, Khalijah, Jacint, Gionni, Zuri, Nylah, Amiyah, Kolton, Khloe, Khyla, Don'Tayvion, Jamaria, Aubrey, Yashlynn, Akari, Aiden, Massiah, Ta'Zion, Braylen, Nolan, Elania and Aveonna; two Godchildren, Shaingrid and Frances; best friend, Catherine Williams; her favorite cousin, Ruby Wooten; a host of other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Homestead Memorial Gardens

4251 E. 10th Street
Greenville, NC 27858

Previous Events

Viewing/Visitation

JAN 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church
1001 Hooker Road
Greenville, NC 27834

Celebration of Life Service

JAN 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church
1001 Hooker Road
Greenville, NC 27834

Tribute Wall

DL

“ Donny Lynch lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Knight Ruffin



Donny Lynch - January 17 at 11:30 AM

TF

“ The Chapman Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Frances Knight Ruffin



The Chapman Family - January 16 at 10:49 PM

JW

“ James Russell & Karen Wallace lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Knight Ruffin



James Russell & Karen Wallace - January 16 at 02:49 PM

LK

“ My Auntie I love u !!!!!



Lovely Knight - January 16 at 09:24 AM

PB

“ Pamela Joseph Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Knight Ruffin



Pamela Joseph Brown - January 15 at 11:36 PM

RB

“ Rep. G. Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Knight Ruffin



Rep. G. Brown - January 15 at 01:50 PM

BP

“ Betty Privott lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Knight Ruffin



Betty privott - January 14 at 11:45 AM

BP

“ my deepest condolences to my family. I had the pleasure of meeting my first cousin at my daddy home going that was her uncle Joe Louis. We hit it off right away. I'm so sad that I didn't keep in touch. Family is everything . Stay in touch with your families , love on them while you can

Betty privott - January 14 at 11:44 AM

KL

I truly loved on them both every visit that I could. she came to see me new years eve loved me and she had to lay eyes on me. omg my heart is

Kathy little - January 15 at 10:43 PM

KL

My heart is shredded I'm not going to see them anymore. may Pookie and Ray r.i.p.

Kathy little - January 15 at 10:45 PM

BW

“ *Ben Wootenm lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Knight Ruffin*



Ben Wootenm - January 13 at 11:45 PM

JH

“ *My deepest condolences to the family. Frances and I were good friends when she lived in Georgia, we worked together. She was a very sweet person with a heart of gold. RIP now my dear friend.*

Jolonda Henley - January 13 at 02:22 PM

CH

“ *My condolences to the family 🙏❤️🙏*



Christopher Howard - January 13 at 12:28 PM

SH

“ *Shelby Hopkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Knight Ruffin*



Shelby Hopkins - January 13 at 11:03 AM

CH

“ *My condolences to the family*



Christopher Howard - January 13 at 07:42 AM

LW

My sincere condolences to you and your family 🙏🙏🙏

Linda W.Dickens - January 16 at 09:45 PM

MH

“ *Mona Harris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Knight Ruffin*



Mona Harris - January 13 at 07:02 AM

EG

“ *Ella Grimes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Knight Ruffin*



Ella Grimes - January 12 at 08:24 PM

KL

“ *My cuzin Frances & Ray field just visited me on New Year's Eve and 2 days later I get the bad news. She told me she loved me and she just had too lay eyes on me before I go back to New York. I said I loved you both also. now they're both gone. my heart aches bad. R.i.p. to them both.*

Kathy little - January 12 at 08:10 PM

GO

“ *My condolences to the family. Frances everytime I saw you out we would always talk and laugh. We would end it with a hug and I would say see you next time. I remember I ran up on you and Rayfield in family dollars. I would walk down the isles talking to yall. The the funniest time was when we was in Ollie's. I say Ray first after talking to him, I went futher in the store and the I ran up on you. We talked from the back of the store to the front. Then, you was looking for Ray. When I say him I yelled for him from the other side of the store you. We both busted out laughing cause I told him he probably don't see you cause you short. You looked at me and said girl you crazy. We then proceeded outside and I gave both of yall a hug and we parted ways. I don't care if you saw me 3 times out at stores, it would always be with a hug and a hey cuz. You will be missed. Take your rest.*



Gwen Outlaw - January 12 at 04:38 PM

TC

Words can't express how I feel about the loss of your parents. I didn't know them, but I do know 2 of the beautiful daughters and for that I know they came from two beautiful people. Take your rest, Mr and Mrs Ruffin, God loved you best. Tina credle

Tina Credle - January 12 at 07:56 PM

LC

“ Linda B. Chapman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Knight Ruffin



Linda B. Chapman - January 12 at 03:38 PM

DS

“ Frances was always a very kind and sweet lady. She loved her family and was a great mom and grandmother, she will truly be missed 💔🌸



Dawn Sullivan - January 12 at 02:45 PM

BG

“ Continued prayers for the family during this difficult time.



Belinda Givens - January 12 at 01:38 PM

MC

“ *Melissa Cannon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Knight Ruffin*



Melissa Cannon - January 12 at 01:32 PM

SE

“ *Sondra Early sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Frances Knight Ruffin*



Sondra Early - January 12 at 10:45 AM

GB

“ *Gloristine Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Knight Ruffin*



Gloristine Brown - January 11 at 09:38 PM



“ *Joyce Purvis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Knight Ruffin*



Joyce Purvis - January 11 at 04:17 PM

EF

“ Heartfelt Condolences...so sorry



Evangelist V S Moore & Family - January 10 at 09:31 PM

LD

“ Lisa Duggins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Knight Ruffin



Lisa duggins - January 09 at 05:39 PM

CS

“ Connie Speller lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Knight Ruffin



connie speller - January 09 at 04:00 PM

SM

I am so sorry that your were cut short RIP I'm going to missed you love you 🙏

sharita murchison - January 10 at 04:59 PM

PC

“ Priscilla Cooper lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Knight Ruffin



Priscilla Cooper - January 09 at 01:49 PM

GE

“ RIP POOKIE 🌹 🙏



Gigi Ebron - January 09 at 11:02 AM

JP

“ Juanita Purvis-Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Knight Ruffin



Juanita Purvis-Brown - January 08 at 09:43 PM

FL

“ Freddie Lynch lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Knight Ruffin



Freddie Lynch - January 08 at 07:23 PM

OK

“ *Odessa Keel-Pugh lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Knight Ruffin*



Odessa Keel-Pugh - January 08 at 08:05 AM

AS

“ *Alton & Maggie Sharp lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Knight Ruffin*



Alton & Maggie Sharp - January 07 at 10:12 AM

JA

“ *Judy Andrews lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Knight Ruffin*



judy Andrews - January 06 at 11:27 PM

MH

“ *Mona Harris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Knight Ruffin*



Mona Harris - January 06 at 06:52 PM



“ *Sending my deepest condolences to the family* ”



Annette Goddard - January 06 at 03:26 PM

BP

“ *Brenda Purvis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Knight Ruffin* ”



Brenda Purvis - January 06 at 01:22 PM

PM

“ *Patricia McNeil Modica sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Frances Knight Ruffin* ”



Patricia McNeil Modica - January 06 at 12:58 PM

KP

“ *Kay Peele lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Knight Ruffin* ”



Kay Peele - January 06 at 11:21 AM

CW

“ Cuz Ruby Wooten lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Knight Ruffin



Cuz Ruby wooten - January 06 at 08:31 AM

MH

“ Mona Harris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Knight Ruffin



Mona Harris - January 06 at 07:32 AM

DB

“ Dorothy Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Knight Ruffin



Dorothy Brown - January 06 at 01:41 AM

BW

“ Ben Wooten lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Knight Ruffin



Ben Wooten - January 06 at 12:59 AM

DS

“ My prayers are with you at this time of bereavement. 🙏🕊️😊👤



Donte Crowell, Sr. - January 05 at 11:20 PM

CS

“ Cecily Sene lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Knight Ruffin



Cecily Sene - January 05 at 09:32 PM

TF

“ Teresa Fleming lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Knight Ruffin



Teresa Fleming - January 05 at 09:29 PM

PM

“ Patricia McNeil Modica sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Frances Knight Ruffin



Patricia McNeil Modica - January 05 at 09:27 PM

DB

“ Dorothy Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Knight Ruffin



Dorothy Brown - January 05 at 07:46 PM

AW

“ Anita Wynn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Knight Ruffin



Anita Wynn - January 05 at 05:28 PM



“ Annette James lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Knight Ruffin



Annette James - January 05 at 03:46 PM

AC

“ Sending my deepest condolences to entire family and friends.



ALONA CHANCE - January 05 at 02:13 PM

MS

“ *Michael A. Purvis Sr. lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Knight Ruffin*



Michael A. Purvis Sr. - January 05 at 12:06 PM

CP

“ *Christina Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Knight Ruffin*



Christina Phillips - January 05 at 12:04 PM

JC

“ *Prayers and condolences to the knight and Ruffin family 🙏*



Johnny & Bernadette Chance - January 05 at 11:31 AM

VR

“ *Vanessa Roberson-Powell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Knight Ruffin*



Vanessa Roberson-Powell - January 05 at 11:00 AM

HD

“ Hazel Brown Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Knight Ruffin



Hazel Brown Davis - January 05 at 10:13 AM

EH

“ May Jesus Christ Continue To Comfort And Strengthen The Family 🙏🙏🙏



Evangelist Gwen Hudson - January 05 at 09:45 AM

CH

“ Calvin L Hudgins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Knight Ruffin



Calvin L Hudgins - January 05 at 02:40 AM

JH

“ Jaunese Hines lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Knight Ruffin



Jaunese Hines - January 04 at 07:42 PM

RE

“ Regina Edwards lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Knight Ruffin



Regina Edwards - January 04 at 03:50 PM

CS

“ Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolences on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory.



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - January 04 at 02:02 PM

CP

My deepest condolences to Francis family,another of my classmate gone on praying for the family

Carolyn Razor Perkins - January 04 at 05:52 PM

BM

My condolences to the family.
She was a beautiful soul and I will surely miss her 🙏

Brenda McIntosh - January 17 at 11:18 AM