



Dr. Rita Jackson Samuels

April 25, 1945 - March 27, 2018

Funeral Services for Dr. Rita Jackson Samuels, will be held on Saturday, April 7, 2018 at 12 NOON at the Ebenezer Baptist Church - 101 Jackson Street NE, Atlanta GA. Senior Pastor, Rev. Raphael G. Warnock, PhD. Visitation FRIDAY, April 6, 2018 from 6-8PM at the South Dekalb Chapel of Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes-4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy, Decatur, GA. Entombment will be at Lincoln Cemetery-2275 Joseph E. Boone Blvd NW, Atlanta, GA

Dr. Rita Jackson Samuels, founder and former Executive Director of the Georgia Coalition of Black Women, Inc has passed away on March 27, 2018 at the age of 72. She was one of Georgia's most prolific women's rights and civil rights advocates and the first African American female in Georgia's history to serve on the personal staff of a Georgia Governor under the tenure of Governor Jimmy Carter. Serving on the National Board of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, she has worked under the administration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr and since has worked with all the SCLC Presidents. Home Going Services for Dr. Samuels will be held at Ebenezer Baptist Church, 101 Jackson St. NE Atlanta GA 30312, Saturday April 7, 2018 at 12:00 PM.

Entombment services will commence at Lincoln Cemetery.

Please express your condolences here on our website.

Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home. 4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy. Decatur GA
30034. 404-241-5656.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

South DeKalb Chapel
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy.
Decatur, GA 30034
(404) 241-5656
info@levettfuneralhome.com

Homegoing services

APR 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

Ebenezer Baptist Church
101 Jackson St. NE
Atlanta, GA

Tribute Wall

FE

“ Dear Samuels Family: Please accept my sincere condolences for the loss of your loved one. May the love and support of family and friends comfort you greatly during this difficult time. The Bible also gives us comfort and hope to see our loved ones again right here on earth by means of the resurrection. “There will be a resurrection of the righteous and the unrighteous “ May you have peace as you think about this beautiful hope for the future.



F. Ethridge - November 05, 2018 at 03:46 AM

MB

“ Mitzi Beebe lit a candle in memory of Dr. Rita Jackson Samuels



Mitzi Beebe - April 12, 2018 at 08:18 PM

PP

“ Pamela Pickett lit a candle in memory of Dr. Rita Jackson Samuels



Pamela Pickett - April 06, 2018 at 10:55 PM

EL

“ *The Gary Family of Perimeter Church, John’s Creek, Georgia sends our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Rita’s Family. The candle serves as our memory of the light that she brought into so many of our lives.*



Edith Gary and Lenny - April 06, 2018 at 07:08 PM

BA

“ *My sincerest condolences to the family of Dr. Rita Samuels. Met her will working with the Office of Economic Opportunity. So blessed that our paths crossed. She will continue to be a shining light in my heart. May God continue to bless and keep each of you.*

Brenda Adams - April 06, 2018 at 06:30 PM

BA

“ *Brenda Adams lit a candle in memory of Dr. Rita Jackson Samuels*



Brenda Adams - April 06, 2018 at 06:17 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Rita Jackson Samuels.*



April 06, 2018 at 03:27 PM

SW

“ When it comes to my reflections of Ms. Rita I honestly don't know where to begin. She was certainly one of a kind and she marched to the beat of her own drum. I have been so blessed to have met and worked with her on so many occasions. She was a walking history lesson and she shared her knowledge with everyone. It saddens me to know that she will no longer be a part of my occasional lunches, trips or office conversations. It warms my heart to know that she departed this life during Women's History Month as she led the charge in celebrating and honoring Women from all walks of life every March. Mr. Stanley my prayers and condolences are with you and your family during this difficult time. I pray that you find comfort in knowing that her works here on Earth were well done and she is rejoicing in the house of the Lord and patiently waiting until you see each other again. I love you both dearly. May God continue to give you strength in your darkest hours.



Sandy White - April 05, 2018 at 01:38 PM

CY

“ Cynthia lit a candle in memory of Dr. Rita Jackson Samuels



Cynthia - April 05, 2018 at 09:52 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Rita Jackson Samuels.*



April 05, 2018 at 08:41 AM



“ *Finest Farewell Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Rita Jackson Samuels.*



April 04, 2018 at 11:09 PM



“ *Stanley and Family, I sent a photo of my friend to you with hopes of easing the pain that I know that you are feeling as well as easing the pain that I am feeling about her death. Her earthly body is still here but her soul is in heaven smiling down on everyone. This is the comfort that Gloria Gardner and I (Betty Martin) have to hold on to. Her mansion has been waiting on her and she is there singing with the angels. May God Bless You and Comfort You In the coming days. We will miss knowing she is no longer available for a good laugh about old times.*

Gloria Gardner and Betty Martin

Betty Martin Rivers - April 04, 2018 at 12:23 PM

MW

“ *Mrs. Patricia White lit a candle in memory of Dr. Rita Jackson Samuels*



Mrs. Patricia White - April 03, 2018 at 06:14 PM

LB

“ *Rita Samuels was truly an inspiration, and full of energy. I had the pleasure of hearing her stories and analyses during meetings of People's Agenda. I learned so much about Atlanta history from her. My respects to her family.*
Laura G. Bordeaux

Laura B - April 02, 2018 at 06:37 PM

AM

“ *I had the good fortune of working with Rita when she worked with the Community Council of Atlanta during the '60's. She was a mentor and friend to me and shared her knowledge and experiences of working with various civil rights organizations. I am truly blessed and grateful to have known her and will never forget the kindness shown towards me.*
Augustine Pullen McBurrows



Augustine Pullen McBurrows - April 01, 2018 at 01:01 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Rita Jackson Samuels.*



March 31, 2018 at 01:09 PM



“ *May the God of all comfort be with family and friends during this difficult time. So sorry for your loss. Rev 21:3,4 SW, Georgia*

smwhiting - March 30, 2018 at 08:13 AM



“ *To The Family Of Dr Rita Jackson Samuels: Earth Has No Sorrow's That Heaven Can't Heal. Mrs. Rita was a loving and sweet person, and she will dearly be missed. We will keep your family lifed up in our prayers.*



Rosland F. & Keyshawn D. Sneed - March 29, 2018 at 01:07 PM

BR

“ To the Family of Rita J. Samuels.. Love for someone never fades away, Love for someone does not have to be in view of the person, but love, true love is within the heart. So deep that it is known only to the three people involved; God and the two individuals. I said that to say that I have loved Rita for over 51 years. We met on a Greyhound bus going to Claflin University in Orangeburg, South Carolina, and we were freshman roommates. That is when our love for each other began. She looked over me as if I were her baby sister. Oh yes, Rita was a trail blazer of many endeavors, most of all she was LOVE. I wish I had the space to tell you about Rita, Gloria and I. We were the three Amigos in Dunton Hall at Claflin University. We were as one., one for all and all for one. Time passed but we never forgot each other, whenever our paths crossed it was just like we were living together our freshman year again. Yes, she was the first person to introduce me to Rev. Dr. M.L. King at the YMCA and his family. She had a friend named Jessie Pearl and her sister whom she adored Estella, and niece, most of all her husband whom she would have me cracking up, she loved him dearly and believe it or not she knew she was being spoiled by him by the things she would get into Oophs,! wasn't suppose to tell you that Mr. Samuel. I believe she is in heaven singing the song that brought the Chapel down our freshman talent show which was "Deep River".I will miss you, I loved you , but God Loves you best..



Betty Martin Rivers - March 28, 2018 at 08:27 AM

SW

“ I'm so sorry about your loss. May the God of all comfort continue to be with you and your family during this difficult time. We all look forward to a time when death will be no more-Rev 21:4. My prayers are with you.
Whiting, GA

Sharon Whiting - March 28, 2018 at 02:42 AM

EF

“ *Our thoughts are with the family, Please accept our condolences. Continue to rely on God and know that he hears your prayers, because he cares for you. with caring thoughts.*

Evans family - March 27, 2018 at 05:15 PM