



Ruth Angela West-Jackson

July 20, 1958 - June 1, 2020

We have lost our dear Ruth Angela West-Jackson, affectionately called, “Ruthie” who passed away on Monday, June 1, 2020 after a long battle with pulmonary fibrosis exacerbated by the auto-immune disease Scleroderma.

Ruth was born on July 20, 1958 to Agatha O’Connor and Sydney West. She grew up in Kingston, Jamaica and is a graduate of Excelsior High School. She commenced her long career with the Jamaica Tourist Board (JTB) in the Accounting Department at 19-years-old. At 19, she would also give birth to her only son Andrew, whom she affectionately called “One Son.” Her journey would then lead her to New York where she was promoted to administrative assistant. While there, she found love and got married to Keith Jackson. A lover of knowledge, Ruth was committed to achieving higher education and obtained degrees in Accounting and Business Administration at Baruch College.

She later relocated to Miami, Florida to fulfill her role as an executive assistant. With a career of over 40 years, Ruth contributed to the growth of the USA Northern tourism market; and the building of a network of airline services that served the USA, thereby, increasing USA visitors to Jamaica annually. Suffice it to say, the tourism community has lost a stalwart who spent most of

her adult life devoted to the promotion of Jamaica to the United States.

Ruth was dedicated, disciplined, resilient, a lover of her Jamaican culture. She excelled at the art of storytelling, allowing listeners to visualize the story from her eyes. She loved to laugh, dance and entertain. Her legacy will live on in the hearts and minds of those she came into contact with and interacted with on a daily basis.

Ruth is survived by her son Andrew Watson, her daughter-in-law: Jacqueline Watson, and granddaughters: Aria and Alayah Watson; stepdaughters:

LaHoma Jackson-Rodriguez and Lisa Carbone;

step grandchildren: Nile, Nia, and Noelle Jackson-Northrup; nephews: Robert Samuels and Wayne Reid; grandnieces, grandnephews and her loving community of extended family, friends, classmates, coworkers, and trade professionals.

She was preceded in death by her mother, father, her only sister Faye Weir and her husband of 16 years Keith "Bumps" Jackson.

Funeral services will be held on Sunday, June 14, 2020 at 11 a.m. EST.

Chapel services will be live streamed on the funeral home's website – www.levettfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Service

JUN 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett and Sons - Gwinnett Chapel
914 Scenic Hwy
Lawrenceville, GA 30045

Tribute Wall



“ Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Ruth Angela West-Jackson



Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc. - June 13, 2020 at 08:18 AM

MW

“ Be at peace Ruth. Will miss your laughter and graciousness. Such great memories!

Marcia Williams - June 14, 2020 at 11:27 AM

SW

“ Hey Ruthie! My CFO! Thanks for being a gentle soul! While our time was short, it was certainly sweet! I admired your fight but I am happy you now get to lay the burden down and rest! Thanks for being so sweet, I will miss your laugh and sense of humor! XOXO

Sean Pierre Webster - June 14, 2020 at 11:03 AM

YD

“ Ruth and I lived in Mona and also worked together at the Kingston Tourist Board. I have many fond memories of our weekends trekking to Ocho Rios for a fun two days. May her loved ones be comforted in this time of sorrow. Yvonne Dormer

Yvonne Dormer - June 14, 2020 at 10:56 AM

LC

“ Lisa and Tony Carbone purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ruth Angela West-Jackson.



Lisa and Tony Carbone - June 12, 2020 at 09:46 PM

DH

“ Ruth, it took a long time for me to write this but I have finally mustered the courage.

We had a lot in common. We both joined the Jamaica Tourist Board in 1978, we both had the opportunity to work with past Chief Accountant Mrs. Mertie Rodriguez :) AND we love a good joke.

To say you'll be missed, is an understatement. As your illness consumed you, I saw the real Ruth fade. You had so much energy...you loved to laugh, you loved life and you wanted to live forever.

My last memory of you making me laugh to the point of almost peeing my pants was a couple years ago after a staff meeting in Miami. We were poolside at the Hilton Hotel next to the office. I won't go into details...but we had a couple drinks, talked about working with Mrs. Rod and we laughed and laughed and laughed again... I am going to truly miss your great sense of humor.

One thing I know for sure is...you're at peace AND I am ok with that. Keep those angels laughing until I see you again...

Sincere condolences to your son and family.

Dian Harrison Holland

Dian Harrison Holland - June 12, 2020 at 05:53 PM

FP

“ Rest in peace sis. We will miss you down here.

felicja persaud - June 12, 2020 at 05:07 PM

AK

“ My condolences to Andrew the son she always spoke about and his family. Never met him but if you are half of anything like your mother you are truly blessed and appreciate her journey. She was a good person who never showed pain and stress that she was experiencing. We worked together for years and the quality of her work was her pride. Proud person who contributed silently to Jamaica which should make us all proud. God bless you all and may she R.I.P.



anthony king - June 12, 2020 at 10:44 AM

PJ

Condolences to Andrew and family.
I knew Ruth from our time working together in the JTB Kingston office. She was in the then Planning & Statistic Dept., until she moved to The Accounting Dept. while I worked in the Personnel Dept. a few doors away and then together again in Miami.
Ruth was a quiet soul and never let anything bother her. I found out that she loved to eat and a good glass of 'something' was never refused....she was a trooper and I will miss her presence in the office.
R. I. P. Ruthus 🙏

Paulette Wright - JTB - June 14, 2020 at 01:07 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Ruth Angela West-Jackson.*



June 12, 2020 at 10:30 AM



“ *You were such a gentle soul. Happy I saw you last year. Sleep well my colleague. Condolences to your dear family*

Sharon Williams - June 11, 2020 at 11:11 PM



“ *Maria Moise sent a virtual gift in memory of Ruth Angela West-Jackson*



Maria Moise - June 11, 2020 at 09:47 PM

MM

“ My dearest friend and sister, it seems like yesterday when I last talk to you. Your zest for life and the spunk you put it in only lead me to believe you will always bounce back.

Your passing has brought me great sorrow, but the memories we share together will always bring me great joy.

To Andrew and family, my deepest sincere condolences. You stood by her side to the very end and she was so proud of you along with your wife and children. She loved you dearly. May the life she lived speaks for itself.

Sleep on my beloved. No longer a struggle to breath. Fly high like an eagle.

You will never be forgotten my dear Ruthie❤️❤️

Maria Moise - June 11, 2020 at 09:46 PM

PP

My dear Ruth,I met you through the friendship of my cousin Maria.For the little time that I became acquainted with you,I knew you were a great person.I never hear you complain of your illness.Some people become bitter and ask why me.You never did that.You took one day at a time and lived the best life that you could.You were very pleasant in spite of your struggle.May you rest in peace my dear.You don't have to struggle anymore.To the family,please accept my sincere condolences.May you all find comfort in the most high God.

Pansy Price - June 12, 2020 at 07:14 AM

SW

I give thanks for the memories shared with Ruth. We were friends throughout our shared elementary and high school years and lived together for a few years after that. Andrew was her crowning achievement and joy. Her life centered around him and he and her grandchildren provided the impetus to live.

Ruth is not a complainer. We discussed issues and solutions. She laughed when I wanted to get mad over a situation. We discussed her illness but she never complained about it. She never took the "poor me" attitude.

Ruth was my 'sister' and friend. We laughed together, if you know Ruth then you already know she loves to laugh and her illness and the stress of work life balance, the passing of her beloved mother, sister, husband; nothing robbed her of her laughter.

We prayed through many crises and we witnessed many answered prayers. Jimmy my husband would often call Ruth for a chat. When you talk with Ruth you plan for a hour or more even when she was not well. I would say no Ruth don't talk, no laughing and that thrilling laughter starting from her gut would come forth.

Ruth had the memory of an elephant she remembers every person and event from elementary, high school coming forward. Much laughter.

Cora and I reminisced about Ruth and know that we will miss her but more importantly it was good to share a life that she was a part of.

Andrew, may the Lord continue to comfort and sustain you. Be not frightened you are not alone. "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." Cast your burden on the Lord, and He will sustain you; He will never forsake you.

May memories of your dear mother, Ruth, Ruthie and the love of family and friends surround you and give you strength in the days ahead. Wishing you peace to bring comfort, and loving cherished memories to forever hold in your heart.

Sandra Angela Wedderburn

Sandra Wedderburn - June 14, 2020 at 10:01 AM

JS

Ruth my friend, words aren't sufficient to express how saddened I am, and still distraught about your passing...but God alone knows best my friend. You were such a sweet soul...so calm natured. I will miss our conversations and hearing your laughter!

Our earlier days at Jamaica Tourist Board were such fun! Hanging out after work, our trips to the North coast, our fun times in New York...I will always hold dearly in my heart.

Rest in peace my friend!

Jackie Spence-Boland

Jackie Spence-Boland - June 14, 2020 at 12:05 PM