



Yvonne Andrea Rubens

September 8, 1928 - March 15, 2026

Yvonne Andrea Rubens (née Roach) passed away peacefully, leaving behind a legacy defined by faith, intellect, service, and unwavering devotion to family. Born on September 8, 1928, in Harlem, New York, Yvonne was the cherished eldest daughter of Audley and Edith Roach and the beloved sister of Olive Camille Roach. Yvonne was christened at St. David's Episcopal Church and was confirmed at Trinity Episcopal Church of Morrisania, both in the Bronx, NY. She was raised in Harlem and the Bronx, communities that shaped her early life and nurtured the curiosity, resilience, and humility that would carry her through the decades to come.

A gifted student, Yvonne attended Hunter High School, where her academic talents quickly became evident. She went on to attend Hunter College, earning election to Phi Beta Kappa and graduating Summa Cum Laude—achievements that reflected both her achievements and her lifelong dedication to learning. Yvonne continued her academic journey at Teachers College of Columbia University earning a Master's degree, further strengthening the foundation for the distinguished career that followed. In addition to her professional pursuits, she taught for several years at New York University, sharing her love of mathematics and statistics with students whom she encouraged and inspired.

On September 15, 1956, Yvonne was united in Holy Matrimony to Samuel

Herman Rubens at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection in East Elmhurst, NY. They remained married until Samuel's passing in 2001. Yvonne was the very foundation of a warm and loving home for her husband and children.

Yvonne was a proud and lifelong active member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She pledged Rho Chapter in 1946, and throughout her life remained devoted to the Sorority as a Golden Life Member. She was a committed member of both the Queens Alumnae and the Stone Mountain-Lithonia Alumnae Chapters, where she built enduring bonds and participated fully in the organization's mission of public service and social action. Yvonne shared her love of Delta with her daughter Rosalind.

For 44 years, Yvonne worked as a mathematician and statistician for the National League for Nursing. Through her work, she supported the advancement of nursing education and contributed to the rigorous research and analysis that guided national standards for professional certifications. Her colleagues remembered her as precise, thoughtful, and deeply committed to her field—an exemplar of professionalism and quiet excellence.

Faith was a sustaining force in Yvonne's life. For more than half a century, she worshiped at Grace Episcopal Church in Jamaica, New York, where she found spiritual community, served in various leadership positions, and built lifelong friendships. Yvonne knew the importance of sharing Christ with her children and led Rosalind and Jonathan to their own knowledge and love of God. Yvonne relocated to Stone Mountain, Georgia over 18 years ago to be closer to her daughter. She became a devoted member of St. Michael's and All Angels Parish, where she continued to worship and work faithfully until her health made it impossible to attend services. Yvonne loved to knit and crochet, including making prayer shawls for church members and tiny caps for premature infants at Emory Decatur Hospital. She also tutored elementary

school students in mathematics and loved doing crossword puzzles and Sudoku.

Yvonne was preceded in death by her husband of 44 years, and by their infant daughter, Angela Rubens, whom she held forever in her heart. She is survived by her loving children, Rosalind Andrea Rubens and Jonathan Samuel Rubens, and her adopted son Dexter Edwin Arrington, who were her pride and comfort. She also leaves a lasting legacy of love and devotion to her aunt Lorraine Fells of Broadlands, Virginia, and nieces and nephews James Rubens of Atlanta, Georgia, Alan (Indira) James of Valrico, Florida, Patricia Rubens of Charlotte, North Carolina, Jeffrey (Levia) James of Laurel, Maryland, Karen (Bill) Straughn of Oro Valley, Arizona, and Christopher (Natalia) James of Tucson, Arizona, each of whom she cherished deeply.

Yvonne's life was marked by dignity, compassion, and quiet strength. She will be remembered for her keen mind, her graceful elegance, and her steadfast devotion to faith and family. Her memory will remain a blessing to all who knew and loved her.

Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, 4347 Flat Shoals Parkway, Decatur, Georgia 30034.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 22. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B Levett and Son Funeral Home - Flat Shoals Location
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy
Decatur, GA 30034

Omega Omega Service

MAR 22. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B Levett and Son Funeral Home - Flat Shoals Location
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy
Decatur, GA 30034

The Stone Mountain-Lithonia Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Celebration of Life Mass Service

MAR 23. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church
6780 James B. Rivers Memorial Dr
Stone Mountain, GA 30083

Burial

MAR 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

Ferndale Cemetery
280 Secor Rd
Hartsdale, NY 10530
(914) 693-4700

Tribute Wall

RB

“ Rick and Fabian Bonaparte purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Yvonne Andrea Rubens.



Rick and Fabian Bonaparte - March 24 at 06:45 PM



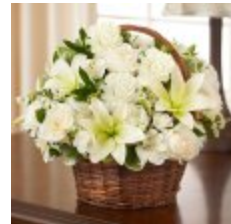
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March 22 at 04:05 PM

CM

“ Cass Miller purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White for the family of Yvonne Andrea Rubens.



Cass Miller - March 21 at 09:03 PM

CM

“ Cass Miller planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Yvonne Andrea Rubens.

Cass Miller - March 21 at 09:03 PM

RR

“ Robyn R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Yvonne Andrea Rubens.

Robyn R. - March 21 at 08:04 PM

SD

“ Staff and Board of Directors purchased the Yellow & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Yvonne Andrea Rubens.



Staff and Board of Directors - March 21 at 06:12 PM

TF

“ The James and Straughn Families purchased the Peace & Prayers Blue & White Standing Cross for the family of Yvonne Andrea Rubens.



The James and Straughn Families - March 21 at 02:32 PM

TF

“ The James and Straughn Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Yvonne Andrea Rubens.

The James and Straughn Families - March 21 at 02:32 PM

LS

“ Love- Trina, Hilda & Jewelle Sutherland purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Yvonne Andrea Rubens.



Love- Trina, Hilda & Jewelle Sutherland - March 21 at 11:23 AM

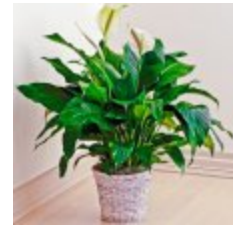
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“ Love- Trina, Hilda & Jewelle Sutherland planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Yvonne Andrea Rubens.

Love- Trina, Hilda & Jewelle Sutherland - March 21 at 11:23 AM

LF

“ Larry,Phyllis, Trina & Grace Church Fam purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Yvonne Andrea Rubens.



Larry,Phyllis, Trina & Grace Church Fam - March 21 at 08:32 AM

LF

“ Larry,Phyllis, Trina & Grace Church Fam planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Yvonne Andrea Rubens.

Larry,Phyllis, Trina & Grace Church Fam - March 21 at 08:32 AM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Yvonne Andrea Rubens.



March 20 at 06:21 PM

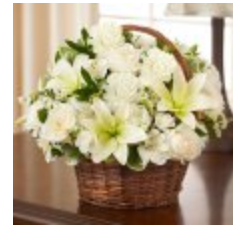


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March 20 at 06:21 PM



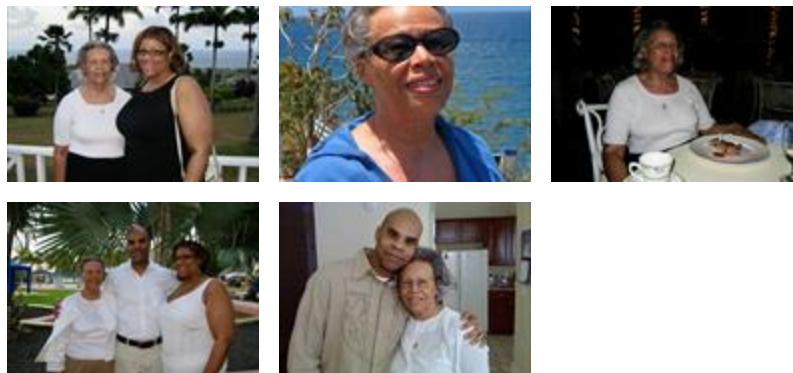
“ With love, Tiffany Sills & Alice Cates purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White for the family of Yvonne Andrea Rubens.



With love, Tiffany Sills & Alice Cates - March 20 at 06:10 PM



“ 67 files added to the album Yvonne Family



Jonathan Rubens - March 20 at 08:43 AM

AF

“ Atlanta Quilt Festival purchased the Floor Plant f or Sympathy for the family of Yvonne Andrea Rubens.



Atlanta Quilt Festival - March 19 at 09:04 PM

AF

“ Atlanta Quilt Festival planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Yvonne Andrea Rubens.

Atlanta Quilt Festival - March 19 at 09:04 PM



“ White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Yvonne Andrea Rubens.



March 19 at 08:58 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Yvonne Andrea Rubens.

March 19 at 08:58 PM

DM

“ Darrell, Michal, Chris, and Matt purchased the Lavender & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Yvonne Andrea Rubens.



Darrell, Michal, Chris, and Matt - March 19 at 06:30 PM

BH

“ board and staff of Coastal Horizons purchased the Multicolor Pastel Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Yvonne Andrea Rubens.



board and staff of Coastal Horizons - March 19 at 04:16 PM

BH

“ board and staff of Coastal Horizons planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Yvonne Andrea Rubens.

board and staff of Coastal Horizons - March 19 at 04:16 PM

LF

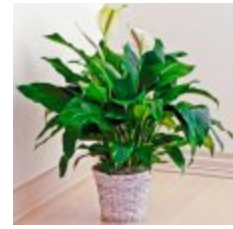
“ Love Your, Invest Atlanta Family purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Yvonne Andrea Rubens.



Love Your, Invest Atlanta Family - March 19 at 04:02 PM



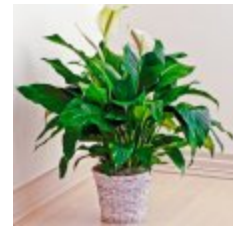
“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Yvonne Andrea Rubens.



March 19 at 03:53 PM



“ Johnna, Ken & Parker Hudson purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Yvonne Andrea Rubens.



Johnna, Ken & Parker Hudson - March 19 at 03:38 PM

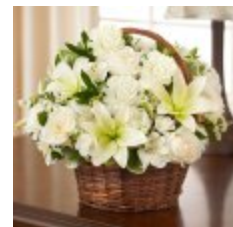


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Johnna, Ken & Parker Hudson - March 19 at 03:38 PM



“ With love, Khue purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White for the family of Yvonne Andrea Rubens.



With love, Khue - March 19 at 12:05 PM

WK

“ With love, Khue planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Yvonne Andrea Rubens.

With love, Khue - March 19 at 12:05 PM



“ Calm & Comfort Bouquet for Sympathy - Florist Choice was purchased for the family of Yvonne Andrea Rubens.



March 19 at 11:50 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Yvonne Andrea Rubens.

March 19 at 11:50 AM

KA

“ Ros, my love and prayers are with you, your brother, and your family. 97 years of life is truly a blessing, and your mom was richly favored. I pray that God mends your broken heart and gently reminds you of the beautiful, amazing life you were blessed to share with her.

Psalm 34:18

“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.”

*Love,
Keisha Allen*

Keisha Allen - March 19 at 11:47 AM

SF

“ Skelly Family purchased the Sincerest Sorrow Blue & White for the family of Yvonne Andrea Rubens.



Skelly Family - March 18 at 08:58 PM

AH

“ My prayers and condolences are lifted for the Rubens family during this time of bereavement. Elder Angela Holcomb, Ray of Hope Christian Church, Decatur Ga.



Angela Holcomb - March 18 at 05:44 PM

LS

“ Roz, I am definitely thinking of you and your family. May your beautiful Angel rest in heaven. My sincere deepest condolences and may God continue to send you comfort and peace. -Lauren Starks

Lauren Starks - March 18 at 11:20 AM

LP

“ Thinking of you and your family during this difficult time and sending you strength and comfort.



“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.” – Psalm 34:18

Laurie Prickett - March 18 at 09:32 AM



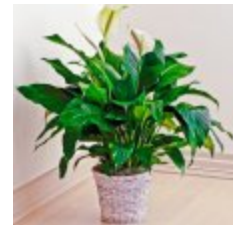
“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Yvonne Andrea Rubens.*



March 18 at 09:13 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Yvonne Andrea Rubens.*



March 17 at 09:41 PM

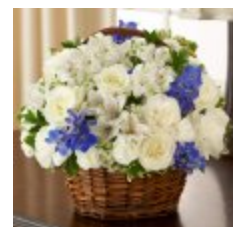


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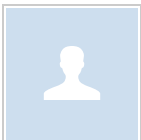
March 17 at 09:41 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Yvonne Andrea Rubens.*



March 17 at 09:40 PM



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March 17 at 09:40 PM