



### *Acknowledgements*

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### *Pallbearers*

*Bronce McDonald Cameron McKnight Danny McDonald  
Larry C. McDonald Sandy McDonald*

### *Flower Bearers - Family & Friends*

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## *Celebration of Life Ruth Virginia Chapman*



*Sunrise February 21, 1924 - Sunset May 14, 2021*

*Funeral Service 11:00 A.M.  
Friday, May 21, 2021*

*St. Margaret's Episcopal Church  
5301 Free Pike, Dayton, OH*

*Father Benjamin Speare-Hardy II, Officiant*

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Ruth Virginia Chapman, age 97 of Dayton, OH was born on February 21, 1924 in Elwood City, Pennsylvania to the late Mable and William McKnight. Ruth relocated to Dayton with her mother as a young girl and graduated from Dunbar High School. She met Morris Chapman, the love of her life, married him and started their home. Ruth was first employed at McCall's as a pattern folder and later with the City of Dayton Public Schools where she retired in food service. Ruth was a life-long member of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church where she served as a choir member for 67 years. She loved music and when in church you could hear her soprano voice.

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Ruth was a very loving person who loved to sing and laugh. She was irreplaceable and will truly be missed by us all. She also loved working and spending her money on fashion. As many of you know, she would often try to steal your purse, hat or clothes that caught her eye.

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On May 14, 2021 Ruth passed away peacefully at home. She was preceded in death by: her parents, William and Mable McKnight; husband, Morris Chapman; siblings, Pauline (Lawrence) McDonald and Leon (Joellen) McKnight; nephews, Lawrence (Jacqueline) McDonald and Curtis (Robin) McDonald.

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Ruby leaves to cherish precious memories and celebrate her life: her "Children" as she called them, Danny, Larry Charles (Sandy) and Bronce McDonald, Deanna Walton, Crystal Elebesunu, Stephanie (David) Gibson, Kimberly (Anthony) Simmons, Cameron (Eyvette) McKnight, Patrice (Eric) Cooper, Tracy (Tommie) Hunt; a host of other loving relatives and friends.

Ruth, "Your life was a blessing, Your Memory a Treasure. You were loved beyond words and Missed beyond Measure."

Musical Prelude.....Soft Music  
The Anthem.....  
The Collect.....  
Musical Selection.....By Mr. Percy Jones

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**The Liturgy of the Word**  
The Old Testament Lesson:  
The New Testament:

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Family Tribute.....  
Musical Selection.....By Mr. Percy Jones  
The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to.....  
John 11:21-27

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Homily.....Father Benjamin Speare-Hardy II  
The Apostles Creed and Prayers.....  
The Commendation.....

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Blessings and Dismissal.....  
Musical Selection.....By Mr. Percy Jones  
Postlude.....  
Inurnment.....Woodland Cemetery

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Repast - for family and friends immediately following church service at Aunt Ruth's home, 2424 Oakridge Drive.

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Please wear a mask during Service and remember social distancing, thanks.