



Rev. Ruth Styles

July 14, 1926 - July 14, 2018

Rev. Miriam Ruth Sloan Styles, 92, of Columbia, died peacefully on her birthday, July 14, 2018. Born in the Killian Community of Columbia, she was a daughter of the late Washington Grover Sloan and Mamie Lee Livingston Sloan. She was a lifelong member of Ebenezer Holiness Baptist Church and was an ordained minister. Her life's mission was to visit, bake cakes and pies for shut-ins. When she was unable to continue baking she mailed letters and cards to them. When a family experienced a death, whether friend or foe, they would receive vegetables, a meatloaf and a pound cake.

Survivors include her sons, Harold Dwayne Styles (Marcella) and Stephen Ray Styles (Debbie); daughter-in-law, Audrey Styles Johnson (Nate); ten grandchildren; twenty-three great-grandchildren; sisters, Sarah Coleman and Rado Cobb. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, George Washington Styles; a son, Jerry Styles; a daughter, Melody Carpenter; grandchild, Stacy Dwayne Styles; and siblings, Thelma Wise, Mattie Lee Jones, Mary Kneece, Charley Sloan, and Lois Desso.

A funeral service will be held 1 o'clock, Friday, July 20th, at Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, 7600 Trenholm Road Ext., Columbia. Interment will follow in Ebenezer Holiness Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6 until 8 o'clock, Thursday evening at the funeral home and other times at the home of Dwayne Styles, (803) 237-3879.

Memorials may be made to Gideon's International, 5106 Two Notch Road, Suite B, Columbia, SC 29204.

Cemetery

Ebenezer Holiness Church Cemetery

1010 Sloan Road
Columbia, SC, 29223

Events

JUL Visitation 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel
7600 Trenholm Road Extension, Columbia, SC,
US, 29223

JUL Service 01:00PM

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Comments



“ Love you Ms. Styles. You will always be in my heart. One more Angel in Heaven.

Valerie Townsend - July 25, 2018 at 09:43 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Ruth Styles.



July 19, 2018 at 09:11 PM



“ Bosch PQA co-workers of Stephen Styles purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Rev. Ruth Styles.



Amy Wilson - July 19, 2018 at 04:05 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Rev. Ruth Styles.



July 19, 2018 at 04:50 AM



“ God picked the loveliest Flower and made heaven just a bit brighter. I thank Him for the privilege of knowing this dear lady and for what she has meant to my life. She will forever be held close in heart.

Mary Jones

Mary Jones - July 19, 2018 at 04:37 AM



“ To the Styles family,
Jean and I send our sincerest condolences for your loss. Aunt Ruth was a fixture in our lives, a unique lady, sharing the Lord's love with all. We have too many fond memories of Aunt Ruth for the space allocated but I will briefly mention a few. When Shelby Jean and I observed our 50th wedding anniversary on May 5, 2004, Aunt Ruth came up from Columbia and officiated at the service. This was a special occasion for us and her presence made it more so. Whenever we journeyed to Columbia to visit her we would always end up at the Cracker Barrel for lunch, her favorite place to dine. She was very partial to their corn muffins, and we made sure to get some extra for her to bring home. These intimate occasions were special to us as well and will forever be remembered. Whenever we went to or came from Traveler's Rest we would pass the little Holiness Church she founded and ministered to for years on State Park Road, and always think of her. Jean would recall many anecdotes that she would tell me of the happy times she spent there as a youth with Aunt Ruth, singing with her and Uncle George, helping out where needed. She cherishes those days. The little church is still there and prospering. Another memory we will always have is the feeling that words are inadequate to express the peace and inner solace we felt after a visit. Aunt Ruth lived her life as a true Christian and practiced what she preached.

God bless all,
Shelby Jean and Ken Rycroft

Ken Rycroft - July 18, 2018 at 05:36 PM



“ So glad that as a child I got to meet Sister Ruth and her sister Sarah. She and Mrs.Sarah were my first introduction to the Lord . We would go to their church and sometimes afterward would eat dinner at their homes. I will never forget their kindness and their smiles.They were like my true aunts even though they were not blood related. She was always kind to our family and was always there for anything tragic that happened. I know you are in eternity and paradise with your beloved family, what a re-union that must have been and how happy you are now. I will see you again one day Aunt Ruth and may you always rest in eternal peace in your new home.

Pamela Rengering (related to the Sweat Family)



Pamela A Rengering - July 18, 2018 at 09:48 AM



“ Dwayne and Marcella
We are thankful for God allowing us to meet Sis. Ruth in her last years. We were always blessed with her testimony of her Lord. She served her God no matter the troubles or trials. Thank you for sharing your mom with us. She will surely be missed but the memories no one can take.
Jerry & Susan Boney

Jerry Boney - July 17, 2018 at 11:02 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Ruth Styles.



July 17, 2018 at 06:00 PM



“ She was a sweet and loving lady and I just want to say that I am a Christian today BC of her prayers and her encouragement over the years to stay true to the Lord and not give up when the enemy was trying to get me to give up

Tonya Adams - July 17, 2018 at 05:33 PM



“ The sweetest woman I ever met. I will never forget walking through the woods as a child to get to her house just to see her smiling face. She was genuine. She was real. She is now an angel.

Windy Neeley Rawl - July 17, 2018 at 01:24 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss . Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Avery K. Bartlett - July 17, 2018 at 12:59 PM



“ Dwayne and Marcella, Linda and I have got y'all in our prayers. Your Mom was a a very sweet lady and we know she will be missed, but one day we will all be together singing and praising God. Love Herb and Linda Freeman

Herbert Freeman - July 16, 2018 at 08:13 PM



“ Dwayne and Marcella, Jack and I are thinking and praying for you and the family. What a wonderful feeling, when you know there is no more pain and suffering. May God be with all of you. Love, Jack and Carolyn Fortner

Jack and Carolyn Fortner - July 16, 2018 at 01:45 PM



“ It is said to be a blessing to die on your birthday, I know this lady is walking the streets of Gold, She was one of the most spiritual ladies I have known in my life. Prayers for the family on your loss but Heavens gain. Thanks for all your love Ruth, you touched my life in your beautiful words. Thanks for sharing. You told me in your last note that next time you move would be up and that you look forward to it. Loved you and will miss you.

Debbie Sloan - July 16, 2018 at 07:51 AM



“ She will be missed very much by the Shelton family. We forever hold in our hearts all the visits, the baked goodies, hugs, prayers and more of all just seeing the smile on her face. She was such a caring person. Fly high with the angels and watch over us. We love you dearly.

Wendy Shelton - July 15, 2018 at 10:11 AM