



## Ms. Ruby Lee Avance

December 22, 1957 - May 6, 2023

Ruby L. Avance was born on December 22, 1957 to Retha Mae McKinnon and John Taylor. Ruby was reared by Elon and Poly Edwards in St. Pauls, NC. Ruby was called home on May 6, 2023 at home under the care of Cape Fear Hospice Home Care.

Ruby gave her life to Christ in 2006, and recently joined New Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Michael Cromartie. Ruby loved attending church on Sundays and weekly bible study. She was family oriented and loved to laugh and joke with family and friends. Ruby was a giving woman, a strong woman, a loving woman and a God fearing woman. Ruby, who'd sometimes go by Brenda, received her GED in 1979 from Georgia Department of Education. She graduated from Atlanta Job Corps. on May 20, 1979 as a Clerk Typist. Additionally, she earned a Leadership Program Certificate in 1979.

Ruby was preceded in death by her mother, Retha Mae McKinnon; daughter, Charlena Avance, grandson, Da'quanshaun Avance; sister, Kim McKinnon; and brothers, Alvin and Samuel McKinnon, Phillip Edwards and Robert Wickerson.

She leaves to cherish her memory: two kids, her son, Romaine Avance and daughter, Ashante Avance (Geoffrey) of Fayetteville, NC; her significant other with 40 years of love and support, Juan Sowell of

Fayetteville, NC; six grandchildren, who were the apple of her eye,  
Morgan Avance, Ja  
'Dea Advance, Romaire Wooten, Ra  
'quel McNeil,  
Ashanti Avance  
-Lumpkin and Geoffrey Lumpkin, Jr. all of Fayetteville,  
NC; sisters, Juliet Robins, China McKinnon and Tonya Edwards all of  
St. Pauls, NC; two brothers, David and Matthew Edwards of St. Pauls,

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAY 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel  
2010 Murchison Road  
Fayetteville, NC 28301

## Funeral

MAY 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Ruby Lee Avance



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - May 12, 2023 at 03:52 PM

ME

“ My heart is broken from the lost of my friend Brenda. She was soooo funny and loving!! I'm going to miss talking and laughing with her. I'm praying that God will give the family peace during this difficult time.

Marilyn Embree - May 12, 2023 at 11:52 PM

TN

“ MY CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY PRAY  
GOD COMFORT YOUR HEART 🙏🙏🙏



Tamika Nowell - May 12, 2023 at 11:29 PM

MS

“ Such a wonderful woman of God! Always so sweet. Sincere in everything she did it said. I will miss her dearly. You made it in. Rest in the arms of Jesus Ruby!

Monica Smith - May 12, 2023 at 02:58 PM

LS

“ My condolences to the family of Ruby (Brenda) Avance. She will be missed.



Lela Shaw - May 12, 2023 at 02:04 PM

RR

“ Ruby will truly be missed she was a bright light. May God comfort and strength her family.

Regina Robinson - May 12, 2023 at 06:42 AM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Ms. Ruby Lee Avance.



May 11, 2023 at 08:54 PM

PC

“ There was only one Avance. You will be truly missed. You take your rest my friend ❤️ Sending prayers 🙏 to the family.

Patricia Cromartie - May 11, 2023 at 08:10 PM

MM

“ *My Condolences to the Family and Friends of Miss Ruby. I called her Brenda. She was a wonderful person to be around and I enjoyed our talks and laughs throughout the years. Brenda will be Missed at Church and when she would be at our Family gatherings. Take Your Rest Brenda and I will never forget you!*



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**Ms. Regina McLaughlin** - May 11, 2023 at 02:44 PM