



## Malvena R Ross

August 4, 1924 - November 12, 2020

Born August 4, 1924 in Florida, Malvena was the daughter of Ed and Harrie Mae Riley. She was predeceased by her four siblings: Harrison, James, Edith, and Ruth. The family moved to South Carolina where she was educated and began to serve the Lord.

After high school, Malvena relocated to Washington, DC to further her education, where she studied to become an LPN. It was in D.C. that she met a gentleman who was determined to make her his wife. Benjamin and Malvena married in the 1940s. Their family grew to include four sons, Benjamin Stanley (deceased), Michael (deceased), Kipling, and Rodney. The entire family joined Walker Memorial Baptist Church under Reverend Smith.

During her working years, Malvena provided daycare for many children. She was employed as a Nurse at the Hebrew Home and the U.S. Soldiers' Home, where she worked as an EKG specialist. Her kindness and compassion for the residents was unwavering. Christian spiritual values guided her caregiving.

At her beloved church, Malvena served God and the members faithfully. Malvena and Ben were excellent cooks. They used their culinary skills for fundraising and hospitality for family, friends and neighbors. She participated in the Ladies Guild, Building Committee, Women's Choir, and Lay Ministers

Team. She established the Benjamin Ross Scholarship Fund to honor her late husband and provide financial aid to college students. She was a dedicated member of the Deaconess Ministry for more than 40 years and was Chairperson for a total of 24 years. She held several positions with the National Baptist Deacons Association and received many awards.

As the matriarch of a lively and loving household, Malvena welcomed kin and friends and made everyone feel special. She was a Christian role model for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A little known fact is that Malvena was a Basketball Player during her High School Years. She would often tell her grandchildren about her basketball days and she would be smiling just remembering the good times she had. Those that knew and loved Malvena know that she was a fashionista, who paired beautiful sharp suits and dresses with stunning hats and gloves! She prided herself on looking her very best from head to toe. She made sure the men in her life - husband Ben and sons - were always looking sharp, as well. Malvena always drove a Cadillac. You would see Malvena beaming and smiling as she drove her Cadillac, with pride. Oh yes, she loved her Cadillacs. In adulthood, her pastimes included gardening, baking and shopping with her sister, Ruth.

Deaconess Malvena R. Ross was peacefully called from labor to reward on November 12, 2020. She will be missed by sons Kipling (Michelle) and Rodney (Pearlie), daughter-in-law Merle, 11 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, two nephews, and two nieces. Extended family, friends, and church family will also miss her.

Deaconess Malvena Riley Ross - A Beautiful Life to Remember



# Cemetery Details

## Fort Lincoln Cemetery

3401 Bladensburg Road  
Brentwood, MD 20722

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

MARSHALL-MARCH FUNERAL HOME OF MD  
4308 SUITLAND ROAD SUITLAND MARYLAND 20746  
SUITLAND, MD 20746

## Service

NOV **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Malvena R Ross, Please Click the Link below.*



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**Marshall-March Funeral Homes** - November 20, 2020 at 10:57 AM

CS

*I will always salute the kind of parent that Mrs. Ross has been over the years. She represented true love and dedication to all of us because it was the right thing to do. I will always be grateful to people like her.*  
*Carrington R. Smith*

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**Carrington R. Smith** - November 24, 2020 at 08:43 AM



“ *Malvena R Ross*

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October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM

DA

“ In reading the family paper there were so many similarities with my family no wonder my grandmother and mother had a lot in common and were the best of friends! Mrs. Ross shared the same birth year as my mom. Mrs. Ross' siblings had the same names as my mother (Ruth) and father (Harrison). Both Mrs. Ross and my grandmother and mother loved God and church and served on the Deaconess Board. Mrs. Ross has now joined them in Heaven I am sure!

*Dr. Gina Allen*

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**Dr. Gina M. Allen** - November 24, 2020 at 11:11 AM

CC

“ To the Ross family.  
I was very sorry to hear about the passing of your Mom. Rodney and Kip, Know that you and the entire Ross family have our deepest sympathy. Our prayers are with you.

*Cathy Cooper and family*

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**Cather Cooper** - November 23, 2020 at 08:24 PM

EW

“ To the Ross Family - A wonderful, moving and touching "Going Home" service for Deaconess Malvena Riley Ross. Thank you for sharing Mrs Ross with us and this uplifting celebration of her life dedicated to Christian Service.

*God's continued blessings on each of you*

*Rest in Power Mother Ross.*

*Edwin and Debora Washington*

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**Edwin D. Washington** - November 23, 2020 at 12:04 PM

DM

“ *My heart is heavy with the loss of someone so dear to me. My prayers are with you during this time of sadness.*

*Doris Hardmon Mac*



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**doris mack** - November 23, 2020 at 11:19 AM

BB

“ *Dear Ross Family,  
Please accept our sincere condolences in the loss of your Mom and Grandmother.  
Mrs. Ross was a kind and caring woman of God... i know you'll miss her so much.*

*May you forever hold the precious memories you share of and with her in your hearts.*

*Rest in heaven Mrs Ross* 🙏🌸

*Love, Brandy, Brandon and Shannon Smith and Family*

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**Brandy Barton-Smith** - November 23, 2020 at 08:17 AM

DD

“ It saddened me to hear of Deaconess Ross, transitioning from her life of labor to her life of reward! My Sympathy is expressed to her entire family. Please know that she may be absent from the body, but she is present with the Lord, in her Heavenly Home. Find peace in the words of our Savior, "I will never leave you nor forsake you". Stand on His Word and Give Him Honor, Glory, and Praise for Blessing you for so many years, with a wonderful Mother, Grandmother, and Friend!!! Be Blessed and Be Safe!!!! RIP, Deaconess Ross!!!

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**Deaconess Carolyn F. Dillard** - November 22, 2020 at 07:29 PM

CO

“ I can still hear Mrs. Ross calling her boys from her front porch. The memories run so deep. The loss of to all of us who knew her is great. Rest well.

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**Clarence Oliver** - November 22, 2020 at 07:13 PM

GW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you & your family may your beloved memories of your beautiful mother grant you some peace! Love , Gloria & William Blanger



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**Gloria Wilks-blanger** - November 21, 2020 at 12:08 PM

EF

“ We would like to extend our condolences to the family. Continue to rely on God and know that he hears your prayers, because he cares for you. Thinking of you all.

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**Evans family** - November 20, 2020 at 05:16 AM

JG

*To the Ross family: I am extremely sorry for your loss. Mrs. Ross was a beautiful individual and she will be greatly missed. You all have my deepest condolences and prayers for your sorrow. Place your trust in the Lord and He will help you. Believe as she did.*

**Josephine Garland** - November 23, 2020 at 12:08 PM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss, Jesus Christ Loves Me,  
We Love You*



**Thomas Widgeon** - November 19, 2020 at 02:19 PM



“ *We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

**Marshall-March Funeral Homes** - November 18, 2020 at 04:24 PM

JT

*My Condolences to the Ross Family.*

*I have a tremendous amount of fond memories of Mrs. Ross. She was a Woman of God and a great inspiration to me and also to her grandchildren Tammy, Kip and Tiffany who affectionately called her Grandma Ross. She is now absent from the body and present with our LORD! HALLELUJAH!*

**Joanne Thomas** - November 23, 2020 at 08:19 PM