



## Safely Home

by Author Unknown

I am home in heaven, dear ones;  
Oh, so happy and so bright.  
There is a perfect joy and beauty  
in this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief is over,  
every restless tossing passed;  
I am now at peace forever,  
safely home in heaven at last.

Did you wonder I so calmly  
Trode the valley of the shade?  
Oh, but Jesus' love illuminated  
Every dark and fearful glade.

And He came Himself to meet me  
in the way so hard to tread;  
And with Jesus' arm to lean on  
could I have one doubt or dread?

Then you must not grieve so sorely,  
for I love you dearly still.  
Try to look beyond death's shadows;  
Pray to trust our Father's will.

There is work still waiting for you,  
so you must not idly stand.  
Do it now, while life remains;  
you shall rest in Jesus' land.

When that work is all completed,  
He will gently call you home;  
Oh, the rapture of that meeting;  
Oh, the joy to see you come!



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## Celebrating The Peaceful Homegoing Service Of



**MRS. RUTH E. CARROW GRIMES**

Sunrise  
March 13, 1940

Sunset  
August 12, 2024

Tuesday; August 20, 2024

12:30 p.m.

**Gregory Funeral Service Chapel**  
601 N. York Street  
Gastonia, North Carolina

Rev. Dr. Julian Pridgen, Senior Pastor,  
St. Mark AME Zion Church, Durham, North Carolina  
Officiating

# Order of Celebration

## Opening Hymn

Blessed Assurance"

## Opening words of consolation & prayer

Min. Serman Parker

## Musical Selection

"His Eye is on the Sparrow"

## Scripture Reading

Old Testament

Proverbs 3:5-6

Mrs. Mary Falkenstein

New Testament

1 Thess 4:13-18

Mrs. Phyllis Henderson

## Condolences & Acknowledgements (3-minute limit):

- Special Dedication by the Loftin Montcross Bible Group
- "Sisterly Love Reflection" by Ms. Gena Surphlis (Niece)  
on behalf of Mrs. Dorothy Grace Surphlis (Sister)
- Dedication & Poem by Mr. Daman De Leon (Son)

## Obituary Reading

Mrs. Rulisa Galloway-Perry

## Musical Selection

## Homegoing Eulogy

Rev. Dr. Julian Pridgen, Senior Pastor,  
St. Mark AME Zion Church, Durham, North Carolina

## Mortuary Closing Remarks



In lieu of flowers the family would like for all donations to be made to the Post-Polio Health Awareness Foundation.

<https://post-polio.org/support-us/donate/>



# Eulogy

Ruth Ellen Carrow Grimes was born on March 13th, 1940, in Kinston, North Carolina, to the Rev. Eli Edward Carrow and Addie Mae Brewer.

At the tender age of 5 years, Ruth displayed resilience and strength when stricken by Polio. She was eventually able to develop functional ability and continue life with the cheerful optimism and bubbly, ecstatic personality she became known for.

Ruth received her education in the Lenoir County Public School System, attending Adkin High School where she was an active Cheerleader, and graduating in the Class of 1958.

Ruth married John Earl Galloway, a fellow Kinstonian, and the two relocated to New York City during the tumultuous 1960s. At a time when racial tensions in the U.S. were at an all-time high, she embarked on a career in civil service, serving in the Dept. of Social Services, as well as the 44th Precinct of the New York City Police Department. She also served as an Emergency Dispatcher/Communications Specialist during her tenure in both the NYPD as well as the Kinston PD.

Upon relocating to Kinston in 1987, Ruth joined the St. Augustus AME Zion Church. A piously devout woman who loved the Lord, she exercised her faith diligently through her work in the "Buds of Promise" (a ministry focusing on the Christian Education and development of children and youth). She also balanced this same passion to serve in her professional life as well, as a DT (Developmental Technician) Employee at the Caswell Center in Kinston, which is a state-operated facility that houses and cares for youth, adults, and seniors with special needs.

Ruth's sweet, southern-belle persona and her melodramatic sense of humor was infectious to everyone she encountered. She had several hobbies and pastimes she enjoyed, most of which involved critical thinking mind exercises. She loved to crochet, and would create clothing and material to donate to needy children and homeless shelters during the holiday periods. She was also a known "Scrabble Queen", and would routinely play and "take on all newcomers" as she would put it.

Ruth remained strong and battled through many adversities in her life, and persevered as her mobility began to slowly deteriorate due to the post-polio syndrome she battled later in life. She transitioned into glory to be with her Lord on August 12th, 2024, expeditiously. She was preceded in death by her parents, and grandson: Kevin Galloway and is survived by her children: Daman De Leon of Charlotte, NC, Rulisa Galloway-Perry of Middletown, NY. Son-n-law Shawn Perry, Siblings: Dorothy Grace Surphlis of Farmington, NY, Edward Carrow of Newark, NJ, Phyllis Victoria Henderson of Laurel, MD, Katrina Norfleet of Frederick MD, and Charles Norfleet of Laurel, MD. Grandchildren: Anthony, Prince Cinquel, and RasMakonnen. Great-grandchildren: Faith. As well as an innumerable host of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, and friends.

Ruth will forever be remembered, and cherished within the hearts of those who knew her.