

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
Dr. Ruby L. Broadway

Alpha
September 18, 1954

Omega
March 10, 2026



Saturday, March 21, 2026
Fairview Church Of God
Visitation: 10:30 AM
Celebration Service: 11:00 AM

Order Of Service

Musical Prelude.....	Evangelist Joseph David
Presiding.....	Apostle Annette Ross Grace Mercy Cathedral Ministries, Charlotte, NC
Scripture Readings	
Old Testament.....	Rev. Beverly Logan Seigle Avenue Church of God, Charlotte, NC
New Testament.....	Minister Linda Parker Fairview Church of God
Prayer Of Comfort.....	Rev. Columbus Kiser, Pastor Chilsom Grove Baptist Church
Selection.....	Deacon Lula Jackson Fairview Church of God
Special Tribute.....	Dr. Monique Guillory, President Dillard University
Reading of Obituary.....	Mrs. Marlene Richardson

Expressions

Mr. Johnny Covington, Family
Representative Dillard University
Mr. Frank Richardson, Educator
Livingstone College Representative
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Representative

Selection.....	Rev. Anthony Ledbetter, Pastor Piney Grove Holiness Church
Eulogy.....	Rev. Dr. Donna I. McNair, Pastor Fairview Church of God
Parting Glipse	
Committal & Benediction.....	Rev. Dr. Donna I. McNair
Recessional	

Interment

Poplar Springs Baptist Church Cemetery

"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?"

-John 11: 25-26

Her Story

Dr. Ruby L. Broadway peacefully entered her father's presence at the age of 71 on March 10, 2026. Ruby was born September 18, 1954 to the late Bonnie Dickens in Washington, DC. Ruby accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at the Fairview Church of God, Polkton, NC. She faithfully attended church services with her grandparents.

Ruby received her formal education in the Anson County Public School System. After completing her studies at Bowman Senior High School in Wadesboro, NC, she attended Livingstone College in North Carolina where she graduated with honors in Biology. She then received her PhD in Biology from Atlanta University.

Ruby believed that talent exists everywhere, but opportunity does not. She built a remarkable STEM pipeline at Dillard reaching from early childhood through graduate research — founding the Saturday Science Academy, the Young Scholars Environmental Camp, and a Pre-Freshman Engineering Summer Program for middle and high schoolers. At the undergraduate level, she led nationally funded initiatives including MARC U-STAR, U-RISE, MSEIP, and NSF GEOPATH, guiding countless students into doctoral programs, medical schools, and careers in science and public service.

Beyond teaching, Ruby conducted research in lead contamination and leukemia biology, contributing to environmental toxicity and biomedical science. She also served as an adjunct professor at Southern University at New Orleans for more than twenty years.

Her honors included the Distinguished Outstanding Mentor Award from the National Institute of Science, the Faculty Mentor Award from the Louis Stokes Louisiana Alliance for Minorities, and the Presidential All-Star Award — a fitting recognition for a life spent opening doors for others.

Additionally, Ruby was a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. She was initiated on the campus of Livingstone College (Alpha Xi Chapter), April 4, 1974. She was also a member of Alpha Beta Omega Chapter in New Orleans, LA before transferring to general membership. Ruby recently celebrated her 50th year anniversary in the sorority.

In the hearts of those remaining, precious thoughts of her will be cherished forever by two aunts, Mrs. Lucille Covington (Dr. Johnny), Katy, TX, Mrs. Elizabeth Broadway, Washington, DC, sister/cousin Gwendolyn Thomas, The Villages, FL., brother/cousin Johnny Covington III, Katy, TX, Kevin Broadway, Charlotte, NC along with a host of relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her mother, Bonnie Dickens, brother, Omar Dickens, stepfather, Shirley Dickens, grandparents, Henry and Cora Broadway, and many aunts, uncles, and others joyfully awaiting her in heaven.

Acknowledgments

The family of Dr. Ruby L. Broadway would like to express our appreciation and gratitude to so many people for their prayers, best wishes, and outpouring of love and sympathy. We would like to give special thanks to Rev. Dr. Donna I. McNair of Fairview Church Of God, Sister Delores Hammond and the Fairview Church Of God family.

With sincere gratitude,
The family



Comforter

Jesus, who grants grace,
Has gone to prepare a place.
Where the streets are paved with Gold
And God waits for our souls!
Ruby left this world the other day,
We wanted her to stay,
We sometimes question GOD and ask why,
And every day we sometimes cry.
GOD will give us peace,
We know that Ruby has been released.
She was only here for a while,
But GOD came back to claim his child.
We know now she is in the right place,
Now Ruby can see HIS face.

By Nichele H. O'Connor

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