



Ms. Lathan Ruth Langley

August 11, 1947 - May 5, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Lathan Ruth Langley, a beloved mother, friend, and community member, who transitioned on May 5, 2025, at the age of 77. Born on August 11, 1947, in Wilson, North Carolina, Lathan lived a life characterized by love, dedication, and unwavering support for those around her.

Lathan was known for her warm spirit and generous heart. She dedicated many years of her life as a cafeteria worker for DC Public Schools, where she served nourishing meals and brightened the days of countless students and staff. Her commitment to caring for others extended beyond her work; Lathan was a treasured figure in her community, always ready to lend a helping hand or share a kind word.

Lathan is survived by her devoted daughter, Valerie Langley-Cook, who carries her love and legacy forward.

A funeral service to celebrate Lathan's life will be held Thursday May 22, 2025 at Alfred Street Baptist Church, providing an opportunity for family and friends to gather and reflect on the joyous moments she brought into their lives. Following the service, Lathan will be laid to rest with dignity and grace, embraced by the love she shared during her lifetime.

In this time of sorrow, we honor Lathan's memory with gratitude for the love she gave and the lives she touched. May she rest in peace, surrounded by the compassion she demonstrated throughout her life.

She leaves behind a legacy of love and resilience through her daughter, Valerie Langley-Cook (John Cook Sr.), and five grandchildren: Christopher (Desiree) Langley, Joshua (Taylor) Langley, Tempest Langley, John Cook II, and Taylor Cook. She is also survived by her beloved great-granddaughter, Taylor Rae Langley, all of the Washington, DC metropolitan area.

She is mourned and remembered by her three sisters-Faye (Willie) Moore, Ethel Louise Langley, and Delois Jean Daniels, all of North Carolina; one uncle, KD Hester; and one aunt, CeWillie Hester (widow of the late Donald). Ruth was a devoted and nurturing mother and grandmother, a beloved aunt to many nieces and nephews, and a cherished member of her extended family, church, and community.

Cemetery Details

Rock Creek Church Cemetery / St. Paul Church

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Alfred Street Baptist Church
301 S. Alfred Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Funeral Service

MAY 22. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Alfred Street Baptist Church
301 S. Alfred Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Tribute Wall

BG

“ *My heart is sad a wonderful love one w e have lost may she rest in peace.*

Buddy gardner - May 22, 2025 at 05:59 PM

SP

“ *Rest peacefully, Cuz. Love you always.
The children of the late Cousin Carrie
Gardner (Buddy, Fannie, Sarah, Don -
Grimesland, NC, Greenville, NC, Brooklyn,
NY)*



Sarah Gardner Pritchard - May 22, 2025 at 02:16 PM

DS

“ *My Cousin Babe Ruth, I have so many memories of her. One of things that really stand out was the wisdom she carried and the stories shared. She taught me something that is instilled in me today, I have never forgotten and I use it. She was definitely a hard worker. She really loved all her family dearly. I can hear voice saying this is my cuz! She was so proud of you Valerie and her grands. Her Legacy will definitely live on through you all. I love you cousin and I cherish your memories forever. Deborah*

Deborah Smith - May 22, 2025 at 07:42 AM

GD

“ Lathan Ruth and I were elementary classmates at G.R. Whitfield in Grimesland, NC. She was so funny and keep us laughing. As time passed and we went our separate ways, we did cross paths later in life during special events. She still had that sense of humor and would leaving me laughing as we departed. I'll always remember the "good old days" and the laughter she brought into my life. Rest in peace, Dear Classmate. We love you but God loves you best!
Sincerely,
Gerelene Fleming Dixon
Vanceboro, NC

Gerelene Fleming Dixon - May 21, 2025 at 07:40 PM

MM

“ I will forever miss you. My heart is heavy right now. But I know you're with our heavenly father. No more pain and suffering. You will forever be in my heart. ❤️ your sister Faye

Mae Moore - May 21, 2025 at 05:06 PM



“ I Have You In My Heart Plush Blanket was purchased for the family of Ms. Lathan Ruth Langley.



May 21, 2025 at 11:53 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ms. Lathan Ruth Langley.

May 21, 2025 at 11:53 AM

AF

“ Missing you Ms. Langley. You had the most jovial personality with such witty sayings. Your smile and laugh were infectious.

Anita Ford



Anita Ford - May 21, 2025 at 07:22 AM

DT

“ I will always remember my Aunt Ruth she was an amazing and loving woman. Auntie you will be truly missed and loved always. Lay-Lay, Love you!! 🥰

Delanna Thomas - May 20, 2025 at 08:35 PM



“ Southern Magnolia Tree was purchased for the family of Ms. Lathan Ruth Langley.



May 19, 2025 at 10:37 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ms. Lathan Ruth Langley.

May 19, 2025 at 10:37 PM

GG

“ Lathan was my classmate. Her humor was contagious. My last memory of her was when Phyllis, Clementine & myself, were together. May her memory last a lifetime.

Geraldine Graves - May 18, 2025 at 07:47 PM

DT

I will always remember my Aunt Ruth for being an amazing and loving woman. Aunt Ruth you will be truly missed and loved. Lay-Lay, Love you

Delanna Thomas - May 20, 2025 at 08:27 PM

CL

“*Latham was my best friend, we went to school together we had good times every time she come home from DC, always can by to see me as I did her, she was a loving and caring person and witty always had me laughing, even when she was sick she still had me laughing, I love this young lady all the world and then some. I am going to miss you my best friend, take your rest, may God be with your family for who I love so dearly.*”

Clementeen Little - May 16, 2025 at 06:50 PM



Latham, an outspoken classmate and friend will be missed. God Bless Love Iris Williams-Clemons

Deborah L Coleman - May 17, 2025 at 06:06 PM

VC

Thank you so much Ms. Clementeen! My Mom always “lit up” hearing your name. I only wished life allowed your sisterhood to reconnect... please continue to pray for me and our family. Love always, Valerie

valerie cook - May 18, 2025 at 09:07 PM

MB

*To: The Langley Family:
Faye, Delois and the entire family, please know that Lathan Ruth was well loved.*

When I resided in D.C. and Maryland, our paths would cross periodically and we would hug and reminisce about the good old days growing up in N.C., during our childhood days, riding the same school bus together.

It was brought to our attention that we were cousins.

We shared a bond for many years after.

May grant your daughter, sisters and the entire family the strength to tunnel through the difficult days that lie ahead.

I love u all, sorry that won't be able to attend the homegoing but you are being carried in my heart..

God bless each of you. ❤️🙏

Mrs. Joyce Greene Benjamin - May 19, 2025 at 05:09 PM

MB

The last post is from Mrs. Joyce Greene Benjamin

Mrs. Joyce Greene Benjamin - May 19, 2025 at 05:11 PM

MM

My favorite sister in law. I ❤️ you but God love you best. May you rest in peace 🙏🕊️

Mae Moore - May 19, 2025 at 08:16 PM

MM

Baby Ruth my favorite sister in law. I ❤️ you but God love you best. May you rest in peace. ❤️ your brother in law Willie Jr

Mae Moore - May 19, 2025 at 09:02 PM

MM

Thank you Jesus for your word is true. You give life and you take it away. Thank you for giving me my sister Ruth for many many years. She has been a great inspiration in my life. She will be truly miss and love forever. This is not goodbye, but I see you later. She will forever be in my heart. With love your sister Faye Aka "sig"

Mae Moore - May 19, 2025 at 09:16 PM

RH

This post comes on the day of Lathan Ruth Langley's homegoing service. She was a classmate with a nice personality and were loved by her peers. May continuous blessings be rest upon the family.

Reverend Wilton Hardy - May 22, 2025 at 12:04 PM