



## Mrs. Ruth R. Culp

January 16, 1950 - June 1, 2020

On Monday June 1, 2020 Ruth R Culp of Forestville, MD entered into external rest. Memorial services will be held on June 12, 2020, Viewing from 10-11am. Family service from 11 am to 12 pm at Pope Funeral Home 5538 Marlboro Pike, Forestville, MD 20747. Live streaming available at [www.popefh.com](http://www.popefh.com)

### The Life Story of Ruth Rebecca Culp

Ruth Rebecca Culp's amazing life began January 16, 1950, in LaPlata, MD. Because Ruthie was breach birth, she was the first African American baby born in LaPlata Hospital. She was raised by her loving mother and father, the late Joseph Leroy and Blanche Hill. She was raised in Shiloh, Maryland and then they moved to Washington, DC when she was in grade school. Ruthie was educated in the Washington, DC school system and graduated from Chamberlin Vocational High School in 1968. She continued to work for the U.S. Housing of Urban Development as a Clerk. She had a distinguished career and retired after 25 years from AT&T. Ruthie, as was affectionately called, was the eldest of three girls. Ruthie married Air Force SSgt. John "Kevin" Irvine Culp, May 16, 1972, and moved to Nebraska. In 1974, the couple moved to New Hampshire, where they welcomed their only child, Cherie Michelle Mason. Ruthie returned to Maryland in the 1970's where she enjoyed a full life, filled with loving family and friends. Ruthie departed

peacefully on June 1, 2020.

Ruthie lived a grand life filled with family, close friends, and social events. She had a heart of gold and was a true example of love to everyone she came across. Make no mistake, Ruthie never met a stranger. Ruthie had a host of extended family members, who all loved and adored her. She showered each one with love and affection as if they were her very own.

During the 1970's, Ruthie went to work for AT&T in various Administrative positions. Ruthie's colleagues quickly became lifelong friends, creating many wonderful memories. Her colleagues could tell the funniest stories about their days working in DC and Virginia. After 20 years, she retired as the CSSS of FTS 2000 accounts. She later went on to work part time at Target, where she continued to make more friends and offer superior customer service.

After retirement, Ruthie could be found enjoying time with her immediate and extended family. Ruthie took great joy in spending quality time with her granddaughter, Cierra aka her "BFF". They enjoyed talking on the phone for hours, going out to their favorite restaurants, shopping and even teaching CiCi how to drive. Ruthie cherished her daily phone calls with Cherie during her evening commute home. That was their special time together. Ruthie loved spending quality time and would help organize special "Girls Day" with Cherie and her friends. "Mama Ruth" as Cornell called her, would enjoy many talks about life, as they prepared family meals. Ruthie took great joy in Cornell being such a wonderful husband and father. Ruthie, along with her sisters, enjoyed family group chats and quarterly family events. She really enjoyed going to the casinos, playing lottery, taking long drives to Newburg, MD (her family home), eating crabs and having breakfast at her favorite IHOP (being served by her favorite waitress).

Known for quick wit and fun-loving spirit, Ruthie loved helping people. Ruthie

had a gift of making people feel special. Many times, she'd give her last to help someone and was known to send a "surprise" gift just because. She had a love-hate relationship with the Washington Redskins and could often be found cussing them out during any given Sunday game.

Ruthie was preceded in death by her parents and husband. She is survived by her loving daughter Cherie (Cornell) Mason, granddaughters, Cierra Culp-Mason, Jhamiyia Pleasant, Niche Poindexter; grandson Jhavonte Mason; great-grands Jaxxon Mason, Amari Gibson, Ma'layah Mason, Lakirah Mason; two sisters Marguerite (Benny, deceased) Hill, Betty (Walter "Bud") Jones; nephew Brian (Maria) Jones; great-nieces, Mia Jones, Bria Jones, Janay McCants; a devoted cousin, Lindsey "Buddy" Green; a god-daughter, Simone Haskins; a host of family and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## MARYLAND VETERANS CHELTENHAM

11301 CRAIN HIGHWAY  
Cheltenham, MD 20623

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JUN 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Pope Funeral Home Forestville Chapel  
5538 MARLBORO PIKE  
FORESTVILLE, MD 20747

## Funeral Service

JUN 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Pope Funeral Home Forestville Chapel  
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FORESTVILLE, MD 20747

# Tribute Wall



“ Pope Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Ruth R. Culp



Pope Funeral Homes - June 12, 2020 at 10:52 AM

DF

Love and praying for you and your family Cherie ❤️❤️

Danielle Fenwick - June 12, 2020 at 11:16 AM

JS

What a lovely, intimate service. You can feel the love, heartbreak and memories. I think we all share her feelings about the Redskins and I can vouch for her endearment to strangers. She fit right into the neighborhood from the day she arrived.

JERENE L SHAHEED - June 12, 2020 at 12:02 PM

JS

My sincere condolences to the entire family (and her friends). Hers was a loving and supportive spirit. She is missed.

JERENE L SHAHEED - June 12, 2020 at 12:10 PM

AB

Mrs Culp loving and giving person, she always had a smile on her face no matter what. She will truly be missed and remembered 🙏🙏🙏🌹  
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andre bennett - June 12, 2020 at 12:41 PM

MB

*I'm going to miss your genuine loving spirit! Thank you for spreading love since day 1! 🙏🙏*

**Marlo Lincoln Brown** - June 13, 2020 at 02:35 PM

DC

*Just hearing about Ruth's passing today, June 15th. I send my condolences to Cherie and the entire family. Ruth and I use to hang tight while working at AT&T and I am greatly sadden to hear of her transition. May God bless you all.*

**Daisy Chesley** - June 15, 2020 at 02:57 PM



“ *Mrs. Ruth R. Culp*

January 28, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Mrs. Ruth R. Culp*

January 28, 2023 at 10:26 AM

NB

“ *Nakita Brevard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth R. Culp*



**Nakita Brevard** - June 12, 2020 at 12:35 PM

JH

“ *Ma ma, we're going to truly miss your beautiful loving spirit. Thank u for always loving and accepting us as your own. Were glad your at peace and we know you will always be there watching us We love u so much mama your grandkids mia tae and che*

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**jhamiyia** - June 12, 2020 at 12:13 PM

SG

“ *Shauna Gonzalez sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ruth R. Culp*



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**Shauna Gonzalez** - June 12, 2020 at 11:32 AM

EB

“ *Erika Briscoe lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth R. Culp*



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**Erika Briscoe** - June 12, 2020 at 11:15 AM

CN

“ *Cherry Neal lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth R. Culp*



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**Cherry Neal** - June 12, 2020 at 10:56 AM

BA

“ My heart aches for you and your family during this time. Your mother was such an amazing person and she will truly be missed, My condolences.”

*Barbara Morton*

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**Barbara** - June 12, 2020 at 10:38 AM

JJ

“ Ruthie was a very loving woman. She would share with me (Jo-Ann) met through her sister Betty - many pics of Cierra - her grand daughter whom she adored. She was always smiling - loving and kind when I saw her visiting her sister Betty We would talk long minutes in the parking lot - she was always spunky and cute in her attire. She will be greatly missed. My prayers to her sisters Margarite and my best Betty Boo - but especially to Cherie and Cierra - love you all - Ruthie will always be with you in spirit and Angels are always watching over you

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**Jo-Ann Johnson** - June 12, 2020 at 10:36 AM

NB

“ Nakita Brevard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth R. Culp



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**Nakita Brevard** - June 12, 2020 at 10:26 AM

KP

“ I send my condolences to the family. I love this lady with all my heart. Mrs.Ruth you will always be my love bug. You show me with love was all about. You will truly be missed. I know God has a truly special angel. I love you so much. My life would never be the same without you. You change my life and thank you for everything. Love Kiya your honeybun

Kiya Payton - June 12, 2020 at 10:11 AM

JH

“ Jennifer Herrin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth R. Culp



Jennifer Herrin - June 12, 2020 at 10:01 AM

EK

“ Erika And Kennedy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth R. Culp



Erika and Kennedy - June 12, 2020 at 09:36 AM

LH

“ My deepest sympathy to you all. May the Lord send comfort and love your way.  
Love,  
Keia and family



Lakeia Hardy - June 12, 2020 at 07:36 AM

EL

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Sister Ruth. My love, prayers and sincere condolences to the family. Eunice Lewis

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**Eunice Lewis** - June 11, 2020 at 10:48 PM

EL

“ The "DOVE MINISTRY" of New Hope Baptist Church, Forestville, Md. were saddened to her of the passing of your Dear Mother and our Sister-In-Christ. Sister Ruth were very active with the DOVE MINISTRY and she was our "Personal CHEF" a few times for our Encounter Sessions. We will forever remember her love for each of us. Cherie, please know our hearts are with you and how much we care.

*Prayerfully Submitted: DOVE MINISTRY (Daughters of victory & Excellence)*

*Director: Rev. Joanne White*

*(from the desk of: Deacon Eunice Lewis)*

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**Eunice Lewis** - June 11, 2020 at 10:34 PM

LD

“ Mrs Ruth was a warm and loving person. Every time we see each other in Waldorf we talk just like there was not distant between us. She will be truly missed.

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**Lorie Darden** - June 11, 2020 at 02:41 PM

RW

“ We at New Hope Baptist Church extend our condolences. Ruth was a faithful member of our church family. She will be truly missed.

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**Robert White** - June 11, 2020 at 01:05 PM

BR

“ My dear friend Ruth; what a sweet spirit! You have left our little intimate group with a sweet void. I will miss those frequent calls and chats. Because of another dear friend, we began to end our calls with " I Love You" So until we meet again, I love you.  
Betty Rose

Betty Rose - June 10, 2020 at 09:03 PM

CT

“ Cannon & Andria Tucker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth R. Culp



cannon & andria tucker - June 10, 2020 at 01:42 PM

MJ

“ Marjorie Jolly lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth R. Culp



Marjorie Jolly - June 08, 2020 at 10:43 AM

MJ

“ Marjorie Jolly sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ruth R. Culp



Marjorie Jolly - June 08, 2020 at 10:41 AM

BS

“ To the family, my sincere condolences to each of you. Her loving memory will ALWAYS remain in my heart along with her laughter and smiles. She will continue to be a special person in my life! God bless you all and keep you wrapped in his loving arms. Brenda Gardner-Smith

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**Brenda Smith** - June 07, 2020 at 06:47 PM

TW

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



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**Thomas Widgeon** - June 06, 2020 at 05:43 AM

KF

Our family offers our condolences during this time of loss. Ruthie was a special lady and I was blessed to know her.

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**Kathi Muhammad and family** - June 09, 2020 at 05:12 PM