



Mrs. Wanda Bass Rudd

October 14, 1958 - June 16, 2018

It pleases Almighty God to call from this earthly labor to eternal rest, the soul of our loved one, Mrs. Wanda Bass Rudd, Saturday, June 16, 2018. Although she endured a devastating illness, Mrs. Rudd exhibited strength, kindness and love for others.

Mrs. Wanda Bass Rudd, a devoted and caring daughter of the late Julious Bass and Myrtle Bass, was born October 14, 1958. She received her formal education in the Durham County schools and attended North Carolina Central University (NCCU) and The University of North Carolina at Greensboro. In 1982, Wanda earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry at Chapel Hill. While attending NCCU, Wanda became a member of the illustrious sisterhood of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Mrs. Rudd later employed with Wake County and worked as a dental hygienist for several years.

July 9, 1994, Wanda was united in Holy Matrimony to Dr. Samuel Rudd. This union was blessed with a precious daughter, Amanda Briel, a senior at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Professing her life to Christ at an early age, Wanda was baptized and became a member of Community Baptist Church, Durham, N.C. She and her family later united with St. Joseph African Methodist Episcopal Church, Durham,

N.C. where she participated in various auxiliaries including the Inspirational Singers Choir. Wanda remained a faithful member of St. Joseph until her health declined.

As an avid supporter of public school education, Wanda volunteered extensively throughout Amanda's schooling at Parkwood Elementary, Rogers-Herr Middle and Hillside High Schools. She served as president of the Hillside PTA for many years and held the office even after the graduation of her daughter. She was concerned about a quality education for all students and advocated tirelessly on their behalf. To that end, she often attended and spoke passionately about the needs of all students at the Durham Public Schools Board of Election meetings. Additionally, Wanda was a loyal and consistent volunteer at her church, reporting for 'duty' in its administrative office each Friday.

Among all her notable roles, her devotion and commitment to her immediate family were most noteworthy. Wanda cherished and dearly loved Samuel, Amanda, Myrtle, Julious and Tony. Her actions were a daily testimony of her loving devotion and commitment to her family.

Mrs. Wanda Bass Rudd leaves to cherish her special memories her devoted husband, Dr. Samuel Rudd, daughter, Amanda Briel, mother, Mrs. Myrtle Bass and stepson, James Elliott Rudd. Wanda was preceded in death by her father Julious Bass and brother, Julious Antonio Bass. Her surviving aunts and uncles include Gertrude Morrow (Calvin), Greensboro, N.C.; Olivia Guest, Atlanta, G.A.; Walter Nash, Greensboro, N.C.; Glovenia Thomas, Sparkhill, N.Y.; Eunice Gist (Jimmie), Charlotte, N.C.; Larry Bass (Joyce), Raleigh, N.C.; Gus Maulsby, Rougemont, N.C.; Dovie Bass, Durham, N.C.; Agnes Bass, Greensboro, N.C. Also surviving are Wanda's father-in-law, Calvin Yates, Enfield, N.C.; brothers-in-law, Karl Rudd (Pam), M.D.; Travis Rudd (Debra), Missouri, and Carter Williams (Mary), M.D., and a host of cousins, other

relatives and special friends.

Cemetery Details

Beechwood Cemetery

3300 Fayetteville St
Durham, NC 27707
(919) 560-4154

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN **22**. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Joseph AME Church
2521 Fayetteville St
Durham, NC 27707
(919) 683-1379

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Wanda Bass Rudd*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *May God continue to strengthen you through this difficult time and as you forever cherish fond memories of Wanda.*

*Stephanie, Hamid & Persia
Greensboro, NC*



Ghotbi-Taheri Family - July 07, 2018 at 12:53 PM



“ *Michael And Sandra Rudd lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Wanda Bass Rudd*



Michael and Sandra Rudd - June 26, 2018 at 06:34 PM



“ *Sandra Campbell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Wanda Bass Rudd*



Sandra Campbell - June 21, 2018 at 12:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Wanda Bass Rudd.*



June 21, 2018 at 11:00 AM



“ *I got to know Wanda and her husband as the three of us were employed at Wake County Human Services. We had many delightful conversations about family and anything else that we chose to talk about. Wanda was a dedicated caregiver, wife, mother and Christian. She will be missed, but prayerfully, her family will be sustained by our Heavenly Father and their many wonderful memories.*



*Lois Hinton
Raleigh, NC*

Lois Hinton - June 21, 2018 at 08:55 AM



“ *From the first time I met Wanda, I knew she was special. Whether she was rescuing an Alzheimer's patient wandering away from the residence across the street from WCHS or arguing over 25 cents on a breakfast tab in a hotel, she epitomized kindness, caring and frugality. Wanda, you did not deserve the suffering you have been through. You will be missed by so many people whose lives you have touched. You deserve an eternity of peace and rest.*

Dianne L Keyser - June 21, 2018 at 07:34 AM

RK

“ *Dr. Rudd,
May fond memories of Wanda bring you comfort during this time.
My condolences to you and your family.*

Rochon Kearney

Rochon Kearney - June 20, 2018 at 02:58 PM

EG

“ *Wanda was the first of nieces and newphews born into the Sylvanus Bass Family. She was a precious Jewel. I recall purchasing her first winter coat. She really looked like a Diva. Her memories will remain with our family for eternity.*

*Lots of Love,
Auntie Eunice Bass Gist
Charlotte, NC*

Eunice B. Gist - June 19, 2018 at 12:13 PM

LH

“ *May God bless you with the precious memories of Wanda--her beautiful smile, love for God and the wonderful times you shared with her--to comfort you during these most difficult times in your lives. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; And lean not to your own understanding; but acknowledge Him in all your ways; And He will direct your path". Proverbs 3:5,6*

Lottie G. Hayes - June 19, 2018 at 10:04 AM

BE

“ *For many years Wanda and I worked together. I will treasure the memories of conversations, fun times and the knowing of a special lady. Our paths crossed and I am blessed by God that they did.*

Betty Evans - June 18, 2018 at 09:12 PM