



Annie Ruth Gillespie

December 25, 1921 - December 14, 2017

Mrs. Annie Ruth (Bradley) Gillespie, 95, departed this life on December 14, 2017, at Mountain States JCMCH in Johnson City, TN. She was born on December 25, 1921, in Jonesborough, TN and raised by her grandparents, the late Arthur and Agnes (Stuart) Dean. Her mother, Kathleen Bradley, husband, Eugene W. Gillespie, Sr. and four brothers, Arthur (Jen) Dean, Dudley (Betty) Dean, Hugh (Grace) Dean, and Bill (Corene) Dean all precede her in death.

She attended Booker T. Washington School in Jonesborough, where she played basketball and the Langston High School in Johnson City.

She was a den mother for Cub Scouts pack #41. She worked at East Tennessee Teacher's College as a head cook. Then she worked for Dr. C. T. and Shirley Underwood at the home and office for over 50 years. She was not afraid of hard work, and she stayed busy until her health failed her. She loved gardening, canning, cooking and baking. She was known for her pound cake and her dry sense of humor.

Annie Ruth loved the Lord and loved Grace Temple Eternal Life Center, from Roan Hill to Garden Drive. She was a Sunday School teacher, a choir member, on the usher board, the prayer band, a part of the missionary ladies, and Superintendent of Sunday School for over 30 years.

She will be missed by those left to cherish her memory: two sons: Eugene (Georgia) and Luther (Kim); two grandchildren who called her Little Granny: Anna Denise (Chris) Neal and Reginald (Kimberly) Gillespie; five great-grandchildren: Jadon, Enoch, Jace, Isabella and Issa; step grandchildren: Emily, Michael, Drew, and Tanner; sister-in-law: Teretha Akins; the daughter she never had: Angela (Fields) Driver. There are many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and special neighbor: Billy 'Boo' Williams, who will miss her, also.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00pm Thursday December 21, 2017 at Grace Temple Church in Johnson City, TN. The family will receive friends from 12:00pm until 1:00pm at the church prior to the service. The family will receive friends at Luther and Kim's home, 703 Brookfield Drive., until the day of the service. In lieu of flowers, you may make donations to Grace Temple Eternal Life Center Sunday School.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **21**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Grace Temple Church
208 Garden Dr.
Johnson City, TN 37604

Service

DEC **21**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Grace Temple Church
208 Garden Dr.
Johnson City, TN 37604

Interment

DEC **21**. 2:30 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

Mountain Home National Cemetery
53 Memorial Ave
Mountain Home, TN 37684

Tribute Wall

MD

“ *Margo Drakeford lit a candle in memory of Annie Ruth Gillespie*



Margo Drakeford - February 01, 2018 at 09:31 AM

DS

“ *Rest In Peace family and thanks for those stern moments of guidance as I grew up. You will always be dear to me.*



Dr Charles Stuart - January 13, 2018 at 10:59 PM

RF

“ *Reneè Forney lit a candle in memory of Annie Ruth Gillespie*



Reneè Forney - December 29, 2017 at 01:57 PM

NZ

“ *Nzinga(Vanessa)AmaLinton lit a candle in memory of Annie Ruth Gillespie*



Nzinga(Vanessa)AmaLinton - December 29, 2017 at 09:40 AM

JC

“ *John Collins lit a candle in memory of Annie Ruth Gillespie*



John Collins - December 23, 2017 at 11:02 AM



“ *Dearest Family,
We are saddened by the loss of your beloved mother. Mrs. Ruth was a wonderful lady who served her family and community well. She will be sorely missed. Red, Georgia, Luther, and Kim, we are praying that GOD comforts you all now and forever.
Love,
Ron & Gwen Smith*

Gwendolyn Smith - December 23, 2017 at 10:31 AM

JW

“ *Mrs Ruth I send my respect and love from the Watkins family. Thank you for all the love you show me over my life time. May you RIP. James Watkins.*

James Watkins - December 22, 2017 at 05:55 PM

CR

“ *Clinton & Pamela Rollins lit a candle in memory of Annie Ruth Gillespie*



Clinton & Pamela Rollins - December 22, 2017 at 02:12 PM

EF

“ *Evangelist Marcella Fennell-Kinard lit a candle in memory of Annie Ruth Gillespie*



Evangelist Marcella Fennell-Kinard - December 21, 2017 at 04:18 PM

DC

“ *Debra Crum lit a candle in memory of Annie Ruth Gillespie*



Debra Crum - December 21, 2017 at 11:25 AM

HB

“ *Hattire Barkley lit a candle in memory of Annie Ruth Gillespie*



Hattire Barkley - December 21, 2017 at 09:55 AM

CS

“ *Charlie Stahl lit a candle in memory of Annie Ruth Gillespie*



Charlie Stahl - December 21, 2017 at 08:21 AM



“ *Deepest sympathies and prayers.
Stanley and Donna Daniels*



Dona Daniels - December 21, 2017 at 05:15 AM

DM

“ *Darrell & Janice Murphy lit a candle in
memory of Annie Ruth Gillespie*



Darrell & Janice Murphy - December 20, 2017 at 08:16 PM

JB

“ *Jackie Briscoe lit a candle in memory of Annie
Ruth Gillespie*



Jackie Briscoe - December 20, 2017 at 09:32 AM

KT

“ *So sorry I can't be there for the services but know that my thoughts
and prayers are with you all. One thing for sure, Annie Ruth was a
pillar on West Chilhowie Avenue and she never hesitated to correct
you when she felt you were in the wrong. I, as I'm sure many, will
miss her loving spirit. May the Lord wrap His arms around each of
you and give you peace. Much love to you all!!*

Keitha Thompson - December 19, 2017 at 03:47 PM

KT

“ Keitha Thompson lit a candle in memory of
Annie Ruth Gillespie



Keitha Thompson - December 19, 2017 at 03:32 PM

NP

“ Nancy Posey lit a candle in memory of Annie
Ruth Gillespie



Nancy Posey - December 18, 2017 at 01:50 PM

CA

“ Cissy Anderson Allen lit a candle in memory
of Annie Ruth Gillespie



Cissy Anderson Allen - December 18, 2017 at 10:42 AM

LS

“ Linda E. Schofield lit a candle in memory of
Annie Ruth Gillespie



Linda E. Schofield - December 18, 2017 at 08:41 AM

AS

“ *Andre Stevens lit a candle in memory of Annie Ruth Gillespie*



Andre Stevens - December 18, 2017 at 07:05 AM

CW

“ *Cecelia Williams lit a candle in memory of Annie Ruth Gillespie*



Cecelia Williams - December 17, 2017 at 04:32 PM

JC

“ *John Collins lit a candle in memory of Annie Ruth Gillespie*



john Collins - December 17, 2017 at 02:06 PM

BH

“ *Bob Hall lit a candle in memory of Annie Ruth Gillespie*



Bob Hall - December 17, 2017 at 09:50 AM

Arthur
Coleman
Sr.

“ Arthur Coleman Sr. sent a virtual gift in memory
of Annie Ruth Gillespie



Arthur Coleman Sr. - December 17, 2017 at 01:53 AM

CB

“ Chandra Bridwell lit a candle in memory of
Annie Ruth Gillespie



Chandra Bridwell - December 17, 2017 at 12:36 AM

PD

“ Pauline Douglas lit a candle in memory of
Annie Ruth Gillespie



Pauline Douglas - December 16, 2017 at 06:50 PM

ED

“ Evelyn Debro lit a candle in memory of Annie
Ruth Gillespie



Evelyn Debro - December 16, 2017 at 06:15 PM

AN

“ Angelo Newman sent a virtual gift in memory of Annie Ruth Gillespie



Angelo Newman - December 16, 2017 at 06:13 PM

Mary Rollins

“ Mary Rollins sent a virtual gift in memory of Annie Ruth Gillespie



Mary Rollins - December 16, 2017 at 02:14 PM

CR

“ Cecil & Clara Rutledge lit a candle in memory of Annie Ruth Gillespie



Cecil & Clara Rutledge - December 16, 2017 at 12:33 PM

AC

“ Anna Collie lit a candle in memory of Annie Ruth Gillespie



Anna Collie - December 16, 2017 at 07:50 AM



“ *Melvin Drumgoole sent a virtual gift in memory of Annie Ruth Gillespie*



Melvin Drumgoole - December 16, 2017 at 07:36 AM



“ *Fred Jackie Fields lit a candle in memory of Annie Ruth Gillespie*



Fred Jackie Fields - December 16, 2017 at 07:29 AM



“ *Marea Hamilton lit a candle in memory of Annie Ruth Gillespie*



Marea Hamilton - December 16, 2017 at 12:50 AM



“ *Shelia Bagwell lit a candle in memory of Annie Ruth Gillespie*



Shelia Bagwell - December 15, 2017 at 09:16 PM

SI

“ *Susie Inman lit a candle in memory of Annie Ruth Gillespie*



Susie Inman - December 15, 2017 at 07:45 PM

JC

“ *James And Brenda A. Charles lit a candle in memory of Annie Ruth Gillespie*



James And Brenda A. Charles - December 15, 2017 at 07:32 PM



“ *Lori Parks lit a candle in memory of Annie Ruth Gillespie*



Lori Parks - December 15, 2017 at 07:17 PM

VS

“ *Vanessa & Ronald Stephens lit a candle in memory of Annie Ruth Gillespie*



Vanessa & Ronald Stephens - December 15, 2017 at 06:30 PM

SA

“ *Sandy.Sylvers sent a virtual gift in memory of Annie Ruth Gillespie*



Sandy.Sylvers - December 15, 2017 at 05:18 PM

WS

“ *Willie And Liz Scott sent a virtual gift in memory of Annie Ruth Gillespie*



Willie and Liz Scott - December 15, 2017 at 04:53 PM

GF

“ *Gary And Moricina Fain lit a candle in memory of Annie Ruth Gillespie*



Gary and Moricina Fain - December 15, 2017 at 04:15 PM

VP

“ *Viola Pattton lit a candle in memory of Annie Ruth Gillespie*



Viola Pattton - December 15, 2017 at 04:09 PM

JW

“ *Janice Wells lit a candle in memory of Annie Ruth Gillespie*



Janice wells - December 15, 2017 at 03:12 PM

JW

Sorry for the loss of your mother, luther,gene, harlan,janice wells family

Janice wells - December 15, 2017 at 03:14 PM