

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF
RUTH ANITA CARTER-LEWIS**



Monday, April 21, 2008

**Visitation
11:00 a.m.**

**Service
1:00 p.m.**

**A. R. Leak & Sons Funeral Home
7838 South Cottage Grove
Chicago, Illinois**

I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free. I'm following the path God laid for me. I took His hand, when I heard Him call. I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day to laugh, to love, to work or play. Tasks left undone must stay that way. I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, ah yes, these things I too, will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow. I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full, I savored much, good friends, good times and a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me. God wanted me now. He set me free.

PALLBEARERS

Nephews

Our love for you will live on in our hearts forever. You have touched our lives in so many ways and for this we say "Thank You."

FLOWER BEARERS

Nieces

Your Family

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of Ruth Anita Lewis wishes to acknowledge with sincere appreciation for the many prayers, messages, floral arrangements and other expressions of kindness shown during our time of bereavement. May God richly Bless each of you!

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OBITUARY

RUTH ANITA CARTER-LEWIS was born to Geneva Carter and Homer Cunningham, Sr. in Vaiden, Mississippi on August 27, 1936. She was the first-born sibling.

Ruth was called to her eternal home by her Lord and Savior on Sunday, April 13, 2008. She confessed her faith in Christ at an early age at Hudson Missionary Baptist Church in Mississippi. Most recently, she became a member of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, located in Evanston, Illinois under the leadership of Reverend Taurus Scurlock.

She was united in holy matrimony to Robert "Blood" Lewis. However, no children were born into this union, but Ruth bestowed many acts of kindness upon her family and friends. This included, but not limited to, tuition for private schools and colleges, trips, clothing and much, much more. She wanted children to be the best they could be through education.

Ruth had many great qualities. Therefore, she has worn many hats throughout her life, and did an excellent job with all of them! Among her accomplishments, she was the proprietor of the very well known nightclub "Sheba Disco" on Chicago south side. She was a great professional Fred Astaire ballroom dancer and won many awards. Ruth enjoyed the glitz and glamour of being sophisticated and fashionable and wanted others to share the same beauty. Definitely not to be forgotten, she loved experimenting with cooking and enjoyed the excitement of others trying her delicious dishes.

She leaves to cherish her memories, husband, Robert Lewis; loving mother, Geneva Cunningham-Lockhart; special friend, Alton Belcher, Jr.; seven sisters: Annie Virginia (Herman) Fields, Joann (Freddie) Burns, Sharon (Marshall) Nickelson of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Wardeen Jones, Mary Johnson-Fairweather of Chicago, Illinois; Delores (Fred) Williams, Frances (Russell) Taylor of Freeport, Illinois; three brothers: Homer Cunningham, Jr. of Washington, D.C.; Ezell Cunningham of Chicago, Illinois; Ronnie (Clarissa) Lockhart; one aunt: Mrs. Everlena Davis of Vaiden, Mississippi; sister-in-laws: Laurena Cunningham, Rosalie Lewis of Chicago, Illinois; Ruth's father and four brothers (A.J. Cunningham, Howard Lockhart, Homer Cunningham II, Roy Cunningham) preceded her in death. Ruth will be greatly missed by a host of relatives and friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude.....	Musician
Processional.....	Minister and Family
Scripture and Prayer.....	Reverend Taurus Scurlock
Selection.....	William Lacy
Expressions of Love and Comfort.....	(2 Minutes)
Obituary.....	Read Silently
Selection.....	William Lacy
Eulogy.....	Reverend Taurus Scurlock

Funeral Director In Charge

Recessional.....	Minister and Family
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Interment
Mount Hope Cemetery
11500 South Fairfield
Chicago, Illinois

Repast
East of The Ryan
912 East 79th Street
Chicago, Illinois

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Romans 6:23