



## Ruby Sowell

October 19, 1950 - December 13, 2015

RUBY SOWELL was born in 1950 in Mc Bee, South Carolina to the late Booker T. and Willow Sowell. As one of eight children, she and her siblings were raised in a timeline, where sharecropping was a means for many families to make a living. Her education was cultivated when she attended Pine Forest High School in Mc Bee, South Carolina. In 1963, she relocated to Union Street in New York and continued her education at Eastern District High School in Brooklyn, New York. In the mid 70's Ruby attended The Wilfred Beauty Academy where she proudly received her license as a Beautician from the State of New York. In her later years, she worked at the Brooklyn Developmental Center as a Special Needs Aide for the Developmentally Disabled.

Although she had a passion for beauty and fashion, the true love of her life were her two children Deidre and Donisha. As a devoted mother, she worked two jobs and long hours to provide for her children and their well-being.. If you knew Ruby, affectionately, known in the neighborhood as "Ms. Ruby", you knew her to be quite protective of what she referred to as her "Empire". Later her "Empire" expanded with the birth of her "Grandbaby" Nyla who became the center of her attention.

One of her later achievements was to stop smoking and she in fact fulfilled her goal in favor of a healthier lifestyle for her granddaughter Nyla. She then

became an Advocate for The Smokers Cessation Program and was awarded a certificate for her achievement. Ruby was a comforter to family and friends. She was a blanket of comfort to many. Her door was always opened unconditionally. She was out spoken, very Straight Forward, No nonsense, and always spoke the truth. She enjoyed gospel music and reading and studying the word of the Lord.

Ruby Red a gem of value, with class and style the name we speak of value.

She is laid to rest with her beloved mother and her three brothers Booker T., James and J. Howard Sowell.

She leaves to cherish her memory: two daughters Deidre S. Sowell and Donisha N. Sowell; one granddaughter the love of her life Nyla; brother Jervey of Brooklyn, New York; three sisters: Sarah of Brooklyn, New York, Rebecca and Vicky of Queens, New York; one son-in-law Jerome A. Bridgman; her dear friend of many years Cecilia Thomas in addition to many close family and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Pinelawn Memorial Park and Garden Mausoleums

2030 Wellwood Avenue  
Farmingdale, NY 11735  
(631) 249-6100

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 18. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

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## **Burial**

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ruby Sowell*

November 11, 2022 at 12:38 PM



“ *Now I understand what you were telling me! I hope to become as wise as you were.*



**Dedre Sowel** - March 31, 2016 at 10:00 AM



“ *Hi Ruby,  
Please forgive me for not making the time to come visit you as promised. Although you have transitioned your spirit is still alive. I was so filled with joy when I saw Nikki and Nyla. Girl you did that, you raised those beautiful ladies and that beautiful grand baby Nyla.*

*Nikki showed me your pictures. Girl, I didn't expect anything different. They definitely ensure that your style, class and dignity was represented. Now all that's left is beautiful memories of laughter. I gotta find our pictures together.*

*Well, Nikki has my number and she knows she can call come here anytime. Don't worry I'll check on her.*

*Rest In Paradise, my diva friend!*

**Tammara Tillman** - January 28, 2016 at 05:50 PM

DS

“ *Danisha Sowell lit a candle in memory of Ruby Sowell*



Danisha sowell - January 25, 2016 at 04:21 PM

DS

“ *Danisha Sowell sent a virtual gift in memory of Ruby Sowell*



Danisha sowell - January 25, 2016 at 04:20 PM

DS

“ *Hey , Mommy miss & love you. I know your a Diva up in Heaven Watching over your Family &Friends with your Heavenly Father. Me and Nyla , Dee think about you all the time,And will never forget the memories we shared with you .You were My Best of Every Thing. My Gift from GOD. My Protector,My Friend,MY Room mate, My Blanket .My Love Every thing that we have learned from your wisdom ,We will continue the legacy of making you proud ....P.S Grandma your the Best Grandma A Grand Daughter could have love you. RIP(Cherry PEPSI) Later Aligator,after while crocodile*



Danisha sowell - January 25, 2016 at 04:15 PM

MM

“ What can I say? Ruby an I met about 12 years through a mutual friend Sandra Ashwood and we created a phone friendship.As all who knew Ruby she was dedicated to her daughters her grand daughter who she adored. She was a people person and a straight shooter. We had many silly any serious conversations we laughed a disagree but at the end we respected our difference of opinion. I will miss our talks. RIP my friend.



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**Monica Matthews** - January 20, 2016 at 08:36 AM

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“ Deidre sent a virtual gift in memory of Ruby Sowell



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**Deidre** - January 18, 2016 at 10:48 PM

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“ Deidre lit a candle in memory of Ruby Sowell



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**Deidre** - January 18, 2016 at 10:44 PM

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“ THE VOICE OF RUBY SOWELL..... I KNOW WHO YOU ARE.....IT'S OK..... YES DEATH MUST MEET US ALL..... MY ADVISE.... KNOW THE LORD AND TRUST IN HIM. DON'T WORRY BOUT WHAT OTHERS SAY OR DO... JUST "TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND DO NOT LEAN UPON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING. TAKE NOTICE OF HIM AND HE WILL MAKE YOUR PATHS STRAIGHT. PROV 3:5-6." I'M FINE....HOW BOUT YOU? ARE YOU OK?



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**DEIDRE** - January 11, 2016 at 11:51 PM

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“ *Deidre sent a virtual gift in memory of Ruby Sowell*



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**deidre** - January 11, 2016 at 11:39 PM

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“ I hear your words at times and know you are near. I really didn't think it would be that time of year! Life is short, this is true, I'm so glad God gave me to you. It's your time to Chill sit back and just Watch, you left the script and showed us how to March! We love you Mommy! Deidre and Nikki and Nyla!



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**DEIDRE** - January 04, 2016 at 06:42 PM

SH

“ Shavon sent a virtual gift in memory of Ruby Sowell



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**shavon** - January 02, 2016 at 04:25 AM

SH

“ Shavon lit a candle in memory of Ruby Sowell



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**shavon** - January 02, 2016 at 04:23 AM



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**Grace Funeral Chapels** - December 17, 2015 at 10:47 AM