



## Co-Founder Ruthie Mae Curtis

August 12, 1934 - November 19, 2022

A Celebration of life for Co-Founder Ruthie Mae Curtis

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Co-Founder Ruthie Mae Curtis, 88, was born on August 12, 1934, in Jonesville, FL, where she was reared and attended local schools. She was the daughter of the late Allen & Dinah Camps Miles. At a young age, she gave her life to Christ where she developed a deep love for God's word and singing. So much so, she moved to Miami to further her gospel singing career, but God had a different purpose for her life.

All while working for Gate's (GE) for over thirty years, and in acceptance to the call upon her life, Co-Founder began her life's purpose by planting numerous churches and passionately connecting people to Jesus Christ with her husband. The end result, Crusaders for Christ Church, Inc., is where Co-Founder work tirelessly to build the Kingdom of God. She was best known for her quick-witted humor, fierce determination, and generous spirit. She also delighted in empowering women and building strong families through her

straightforward ecclesiastical teachings. You would often find her winning smile on the front row in her high heels and flashy hats playing the tambourine.

To know her was to know a life without limits. She challenged and encouraged those around her and would often push them beyond their limits. Her "you can do it" disposition often brought others to a finish line they didn't know could be crossed.

Co-Founder was authentically and wholeheartedly there for those in her life.

She is survived by her husband Apostle Nathaniel Curtis. Their children: Bishop Ernest Folston, Jr. (Lady Dorothy), Evangelist Earnestine Cannady (Reverend Junior Lee), Bishop Nathan Curtis (Elect Lady Rose), and Pastor Natron A. Curtis (Lady Kenyata)

Her siblings: Elder David Miles (Evelyn), Catherine Nathan (Carl), & Minister Flossie Douglas (Rev. Maggie Dennis, Evangelist Inez Rowe, Mother Josephine Denegal, Bishop Lucy Smith, Rosanna Welch, Bernice Miles, Nathaniel Miles, Rev. Allen Miles, Henry Miles, James Miles, Fain Miles, and Calhoun Miles preceded her in death) As a sister/Niece: Lucille Miles

12 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by three siblings, Serena Long, Robert Miles, and

Evangelist Glovine Smith.

Visitation for Co-Founder Curtis will be Friday, November 25, 2022 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Chestnut Memorial Chapel, 18 NW 8th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, November 26, 2022 at 11:00 AM at Santa Fe High School Auditorium, 16331 US Highway 441, Alachua, FL 32615. Interment will follow immediately in Newnansville Cemetery (Alachua, FL).

Arrangements Entrusted to the Care of Chestnut Funeral Home. Cards may be sent to 18 NW 8th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601. To offer online condolences to the family and to order floral arrangements, please visit [www.chestnutfh.com/obituary/ruthiecurtis](http://www.chestnutfh.com/obituary/ruthiecurtis). Any questions may be directed to 855-5-CHESTNUT or [admin@chestnutfh.com](mailto:admin@chestnutfh.com). "A CHESTNUT SERVICE"

# Tribute Wall

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“ *RIP, you will always be my auntie, deepest heartfelt condolences to the family, Minister Dorothy Cowvins -Thompson*

**Dorothy Cowvins -Thompson** - December 20, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Our Deepest Condolences to the Curtis Family.*

*Carl & Michelle Hathcock*

**Carl and Michelle Hathcock** - November 27, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I will always remember and cherish Auntie Ruthie Mae. She and her sister Josephine would always visit each other. The best memory of Auntie I'll have is when we went to her home to get married at an early age. Uncle Nathaniel married us and Auntie Ruthie Mae gave me "Her Wedding Ring" to use for the ceremony. We've been married for 43 years. She'll truly be missed.*

*Pamela & Laverne "Bubba" Woods*

**Pamela & Laverne "Bubba" Woods** - November 26, 2022 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *Pastor Armstrong, Our prayers are with you and the family may God comfort and strengthen at this hour.*



**Pastor Katie McPhatter** - November 26, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ Growing up, Grandma was my #1 fan. Always positive and encouraging. She always said to me, 'You got it man, you're going places. Keep your hand in God's hand.' I believed her and my life is a testament to the love and support of an amazing Grandma, Ruthie Mae Curtis.

*Henry Armstrong*

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**Henry Armstrong** - November 25, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Anonymous** - November 25, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sending My deepest condolences to the Curtis Family, friends and Crusaders for Christ church.

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**Tramaine Curtis (Qatar)** - November 24, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ Prayers of comfort and strength for the family during this time of bereavement.

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**Evangelist DeTamera McCray Perkins** - November 23, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you for comfort and peace- Apostle Steve and Lady Olivia (Founders) Pastor Gary and Lady LaTanya

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**Anonymous** - November 22, 2022 at 12:00 AM