



## Ms. Rosie Faye Robinson Phelps

January 20, 1950 - January 8, 2022

Rosie Faye Robinson Phelps was a mother of two daughters, and six grandchildren. She stated her children and grandchildren were her most "important attribute".

Her 71 years was filled with many accomplishments! she was educated within the local school system, graduated from Jackson State Community College, and attended The University of Memphis with a major in Sociology. She received her degree in the early 1990's

She ran a successful African cuisine restaurant "The Wooden Spoon" with her husband, Will Robinson and spread African history with her traveling exhibit.

She also hosted her own radio show, "Jackson Nostalgia" in 1994 on WTJS, Jackson's first and oldest radio station. In 1998, she was a freelance artist with Jackson Parks & Recreation. Her genres were storytelling, and one woman plays. African American historical aspects were her specialty.

Rosie was a founding member of S.A.A.C.A, the concerned citizens of the East Jackson Coalition and was a member of J.O.N.A.H. and the N.A.A.C.P.. In 1999, she received an award from the Tennessee Arts Commission for her work in preserving Tennessee history. She ran for City Council two times and in Madison County as well as her tireless work portraying the life of famed

singer, Big Maybelle Smith and who through her work, was recognized with a Tennessee State Historical Marker in 2019.

She was also a clown named Erbie. She was inspired by the works of Bert Williams (An African-American Vaudeville star from the early 1900's) was her persona. She used her motto "Laughter Is the Best Medicine" as she performed for children all over West Tennessee as Erbie gaining smiles, laughs and friends along the way.

She is survived by her daughters: Angela and Charlene. her grandchildren, Layla, Roseanna, Adrianna, Leland, Prince and Lauryn; brothers: Prentice Hunt and Barry Hunt; her best friend/sister, Jessie Chatman. and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and colleagues. she was a local treasure who will be missed by many.

"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'

John 11: 25-26

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 19. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Rosie Faye Robinson Phelps*

January 28, 2023 at 12:37 PM



“ *My prayers & heartfelt sympathy to the entire family. I'll miss your presence on the radio.*



**Guinette Marshall** - January 25, 2022 at 09:01 PM



“ *Rosie was an absolute Jackson treasure. Her work, her conversations, her "Big Maybelle" produced unforgettable moments. A pleasure to know her, a most appreciated presence in this life.*  
*Steve Bowers*

**Steve Bowers** - January 21, 2022 at 12:18 PM



“ *Brenda Cooper Tatum lit a candle in memory of Ms. Rosie Faye Robinson Phelps*



**Brenda Cooper Tatum** - January 19, 2022 at 05:21 PM

MT

“ *Malinda Thompson Talley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Rosie Faye Robinson Phelps*



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**Malinda Thompson Talley** - January 19, 2022 at 01:44 PM

CR

“ *Char Robinson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Rosie Faye Robinson Phelps*



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**Char Robinson** - January 19, 2022 at 12:12 PM

SR

“ *Sarah, Mary, and Katherine Russell purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ms. Rosie Faye Robinson Phelps.*



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**Sarah, Mary, and Katherine Russell** - January 18, 2022 at 09:54 PM

SR

“ *We will miss you, Ms. Rosie! Rest in heaven.*

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**Sarah Russell** - January 18, 2022 at 09:49 PM

SR

“ Sarah Russell lit a candle in memory of Ms. Rosie Faye Robinson Phelps



Sarah Russell - January 18, 2022 at 09:45 PM

EJ

“ Ms. Rosie was a Beautiful person inside and out. A woman filled with knowledge about African American History and Wisdom on so many other things. We have certainly lost a Treasure.

Erma J Johnson

Erma Johnson - January 18, 2022 at 08:47 AM

AN

“ Miss you much, love Angie.



Angie - January 16, 2022 at 02:41 PM

MW

“ Marvin Woods lit a candle in memory of Ms. Rosie Faye Robinson Phelps



Marvin Woods - January 15, 2022 at 12:42 AM

AN

“ Angie lit a candle in memory of Ms. Rosie Faye Robinson Phelps



Angie - January 14, 2022 at 02:04 PM

MM

“ Mary And Danielle Moffitt lit a candle in memory of Ms. Rosie Faye Robinson Phelps



Mary and Danielle Moffitt - January 11, 2022 at 10:36 PM

MB

“ Mary Bailey lit a candle in memory of Ms. Rosie Faye Robinson Phelps



Mary Bailey - January 11, 2022 at 01:41 PM

JC

“ Jessie Chatman lit a candle in memory of Ms. Rosie Faye Robinson Phelps



Jessie Chatman - January 09, 2022 at 08:27 PM

JC

“ *The 1968 Class of East High School extends our sincere sympathy to Rosie’s family. No more pain and suffering on this side.*

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**Jessie Chatman** - January 09, 2022 at 08:27 PM