



Mrs. Ruthie Powell

March 27, 1955 - June 29, 2019

Ruthie Powell, age 64, of Alpharetta, died on Saturday, June 29th 2019. She is survived by her husband, Alan Powell, her son and daughter in law, Ryan (Grace) Powell, Seattle, WA, her grandsons, Samuel, Charlie, Henry and William Powell her sister and brother in law, Gale (John) Cowan, New York, New York; mother-in-law, Grace Foster of Dunwoody ; sister-in-law, Sara Foster of Tucker and other extended family. Ruthie was born March 27th, 1955 in Greensboro, N.C. to the late Leonard and Kay Phillips Waas. She was a graduate of Callaway High School in Jackson, MS and Mississippi State University. She was the founder of The Ruthie List in 1997. Ruthie was a longtime member of Alpharetta First United Methodist Church. A memorial service to celebrate Ruthie's life will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, July 13th, 2019 at Alpharetta First United Methodist Church with Rev. Brad Greene officiating. In lieu of flowers please make memorial contributions to The Alpharetta First United Methodist Church Blanket Ministry.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

Alpharetta First United Methodist Church
69 North Main Street
Alpharetta, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Ruthie Powell*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy for your family! Ruthie helped me find a job and helped me feel like I could do anything I set my mind to.*

Linda Frschilla

Linda C Frschilla - February 18, 2020 at 09:37 AM



“ *Ruthie helped me find a job during the Great Recession. I still pass along pointers she gave us during her class at RUMC. She was one of a kind. A true angel when she lived here on earth.*

Mary - July 21, 2019 at 03:44 PM



“ *The Ruthie List was a staple for all HR professionals. She eventually expanded her service to include all industries. She will be truly missed.*

Monte Dixon - July 15, 2019 at 07:24 PM



“ *My condolences in the loss of precious, treasured Ruthie. She will be missed by me and so many. She was so generous and selfless - a true delight.*



Wendy Kembel - July 14, 2019 at 07:24 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ruthie Powell.*



July 12, 2019 at 01:47 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ruthie Powell.*



July 10, 2019 at 12:48 PM



“ *Love Ruthie and all that she stood for. She helped me more than I could have ever repaid. Already missing her.*

Alan Stewart - July 08, 2019 at 02:18 PM



“ *Scarlet Pettit lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruthie Powell*



Scarlet Pettit - July 08, 2019 at 09:09 AM

VB

“ *The last of a breed who sincerely was called to help others...and then did it. Ruthie was generous in hand and heart. She leaves a legion of admirers and friends.*

Vicki Black - July 07, 2019 at 03:45 PM

MC

“ *My condolences to Ruthie's family. Ruthie selfishly helped others, including myself, over the years. I was so happy when I was able to help return the favor and hire her for a project I was working on. May others continue to learn from her and give back.*

Marsha Chisolm - July 05, 2019 at 03:58 PM

AE

“ *I remember my acceptance to join Ruthie's List on yahoo groups, circa 1997. I found two great contract positions from her posting my resume on her list. My mother and sister also found great positions through Ruthie's List. I never met her in person, but know she had an unbelievable network of good people and great opportunities. She gave us hope in finding a job to support our families. Hope with dignity and respect - very thankful for that.*

Audrey Lorenz Emery - July 05, 2019 at 02:20 PM

NG

“ *Nicol Green lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruthie Powell*



Nicol Green - July 05, 2019 at 11:44 AM

MJ

“ There truly is only one Ruthie! Ahead of her time, compassionate, and giving. If the value of one’s life is how many people they touched and helped, Ruthie lived 1,000 lives. Her family, friends, The HR/talent community, and Atlanta will miss this amazing woman. Rest in peace, Ruthie.

Monica Johnson - July 05, 2019 at 11:44 AM

NG

“ My prayers go out to the family and friends of Ruthie Powell. She has impacted many of our lives and will always be remembered!

Nicol Green - July 05, 2019 at 11:44 AM

MI

“ Wow, we lost a legend in the Recruiting industry. Ruthie was an extraordinary woman and touched so many lives. I aspire to be like her. Prayers for her family and friends. She was loved by many.

Michelle - July 05, 2019 at 11:40 AM

TL

“ Wow truly a legend in the TA world. It’s so weird that I just went through some old emails a couple of days ago and saw an old Ruthie’s list advertising. #RIH

Tiarra Lewis - July 05, 2019 at 11:31 AM

BH

“ I still have Ruthie emails saved in my box. Her incredible legacy of passing it forward will stand the test of time. She was a great encourager and connector for those seeking jobs and seeking candidates and ahead of her time for social recruiting. Thank you Ruthie

beth herndon - July 05, 2019 at 11:19 AM

DF

“*Ruthie was an inspiration. She touched so many lives. My thoughts and prayers are with her family as they cope with this loss.*

Diane Ford, SPHR

Diane Ford - July 03, 2019 at 07:04 PM

HB

“*A beautiful heart with a matching smile who was a friend to us all. My image of Ruthie today is her walking on the streets of gold without pain... healed, loved, and at home with her Savior. #ohana (means family, family means nobody gets left behind..or forgotten)*



Holly Bail - July 03, 2019 at 03:40 PM

LS

“*Ruthie was like our SHRM Atlanta God Mother. She was always helping others find jobs, find candidates, listen to our concerns etc. What a wonderful person she was!! The Ruthie List will always be near and dear to my heart and memories.*

Linda A. Diaz, SPHR

Linda A. Diaz, SPHR - July 03, 2019 at 10:31 AM

AJ

“*Ruthie was truly an example of Christian values - she strove to help others even during times when she was in need of assistance. Heaven gained another angel.*

Athena Jones - July 03, 2019 at 09:46 AM

KB

“*Ruthie Powell was one of the first REAL HR/Recruiting networkers. She started Ruthies List as a way to list jobs free or low cost also had a great spot for HR and Recruiters to share resumes. Ruthie was the original LinkedIn for HR, plus her networking and how-to seminars were great. Always helpful, open, and creative. She was an Angel on earth and now has a permanent spot in Heaven. R.I.P. Ruthie.*



Kercea Beckwith - July 03, 2019 at 09:13 AM