

*Celebrating The Home Going
of
Betty Rae Crawford Caldwell*



*Sunrise
May 14, 1943*

*Sunset
April 7, 2014*

Services

Tuesday, April 15, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

Unity Baptist Church

1701 North Nebraska

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111

Pastor L. Mike Woodberry - Officiating

Obituary

Betty Rae Crawford was born on May 14, 1943 in Lehigh, Oklahoma to Edgar and Ethel Crawford. She was preceded in death by both parents and three siblings: Joyce and Janet Harlan and Emmitt Crawford, Sr.

At a young age, Betty moved to Ada, Oklahoma and attended Napier School. She accepted Christ at an early age and was a member of Philemon Baptist Church. When she was a teenager, Betty moved to Oklahoma City with her Aunt Mary Williams. She attended Douglass High School and graduated in 1960. Betty attended Central State (now known as the University of Central Oklahoma) briefly.

Betty married Raleigh Caldwell in September 1962 and to this union two children were born: Marcus Sr. and Marcena.

In the early years, Betty worked at Dickie's Work Clothes. She was employed at the phone manufacturer plant Western Electric (later known as AT&T and then Lucent Technologies) from 1969 to 2001 as a production technician. After retirement, she began to really enjoy her grandchildren, church work, cooking for others, planting flowers, reading and working crossword puzzles. She loved music and dancing and talked about winning dance contests with her baby brother. Betty was an avid shopper and her home was always stocked with food. She was blessed to acquire a lot, but she gave even more.

Betty joined Unity Baptist Church under Pastor Eric A. Mayes, Jr. She served faithfully and tirelessly in several auxiliaries including the WMU, Public Relations Committee, Ladies Chorus, and Chairperson over the Greeters for many years. She also helped with the youth department in drama presentations. Betty loved kids and was always passing out candy. The church kids loved her and addressed her as Mrs. Caldwell. Betty continued in the work of the church under Pastor L. Mike Woodberry until her health failed. She was a fighter who kept the faith until the very end!

Betty leaves to cherish her memory Raleigh; children: Marcus Sr. (Kim) of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and Marcena Hooks (Larry) of Carson, California; five sisters: Ella and Carla Harlan and Barbara Osborne of Ada, Oklahoma; Martha Harlan of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and Carmen Wright (Reggie) of Seminole, Oklahoma; a brother, Cecil Jr. of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; nine grandchildren, seven great grandchildren; one uncle, Robert "Jack" Williams; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.