

Born Into Time
September 26, 1951



Born Into Eternity
June 4, 2014

My Life Story

On September 26, 1951, a beautiful baby girl, Denise Renea was born to Lais Joseph and Vera Mae Bowen. She was the fourth of ten children.

Mother accepted Christ into her life at an early age, and was baptized at St. John Baptist Church.

Denise attended Star Spencer High School in Spencer, Oklahoma. She excelled in her studies and graduated with honors in 1969. After high school, mother attended Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant, Oklahoma where she obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Education, and was working towards her masters in law.

Denise married John Lee Gaddis and her only child, Tandalah Renea was born September of 1976. Mother enjoyed spending time with family, playing the piano and teaching school.

Denise worked for the State of Oklahoma Vital Statistics until she suffered a brain aneurysm. Mother later moved to Toledo, Ohio with her brother, "Uncle Ricky" to receive the best care. While living in Toledo, Ohio she became a member of Zion Lutheran Church; she also worked as a child care provider part time at Precious One's Home Daycare.

The year 2010, Denise was diagnosed with breast cancer, she fought and won! In 2012, mother returned to her home town of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to be closer to her family. To know Denise was to know LOVE.

On February 2014, mother discovered the breast cancer had returned. She was preparing herself to fight once again. She fought a good fight, and on Wednesday evening, June 4, 2014, the battle ended.

Denise was preceded in death by her father, L.J., and her brother, Calvin Bowen. She leaves to cherish her memory, her mother, Vera Bowen of Oklahoma City; daughter, Tandalah (George) King of Spencer, Oklahoma; grandchildren: Akeyliah Mahmoud, Eriikah Jackson and Kobey King; five brothers and three sisters: Lawrence Bowen, Richard Bowen, Jerry Bowen, Dennis Bowen, Steven Bowen, Karolyn Motte, Sharon Bowen and Christy Bowen; and a host of relatives and friends.