

Obituary

Gwendolyn Sephus born March 15, 1934 to the parents of Nathaniel Thompson and Eleeror May Thompson in Los Angeles California. At an early age their family moved to Oklahoma City.

Gwendolyn completed her formal education at the original Douglass High School on 4th Street. Gwendolyn was very outgoing and active. While in school she had the distinguished honor of being a drum major. Due to her academic accomplishments she received a four year scholarship to Wiley College in California. Many years after graduating from Douglas High School, she was given the honor of participating in the ground breaking ceremony for the second Douglas High School on 10th street.

Being the adventurous person that she is, Gwendolyn decided to relocate back to California to pursue her goal of being a singer. With much determination she produced a single 45 LP record entitle "Dearest Darling"; she also met the love of her life. Gwendolyn and James Lee Banks united in holy matrimony and to this union three children were born, Kevin, Carolyn and Jerl Banks. After the death of her first husband, she married Joe Leandro Sephus.

In 1977 she relocated to Oklahoma, where she worked for the Department of Transportation as a Data Entry Operator, until she retired in 1999. She also served as a faithful member of Crossroads Cathedral for 15 years and Harvest Church for two years under the leadership of Pastor Mike Sheaffer.

Her hobbies consisted of singing, going to garage sales, thrift stores and upholstering furniture.

Preceding her in death are her parents, Nathaniel Thompson and Eleeror May; one Brother Kenneth Thompson, Sr.; husbands James Lee Banks and Joe Leandro Sephus and one son Jerl Banks.

She leaves to cherish her memory one son, Kevin Banks and a daughter Carolyn Banks, six nieces, Courtney Thompson, Blair Thompson, Kimberly Thompson and Kenneth Thompson, Jr., along with a host of other relatives and friends.