

Program

Processional	Mr. Cory Gibson Houston, TX
Prayer	Rev. Larry Banks, Pastor Bethel A.M.E. Church, West Memphis, AR
Scriptures	
Old Testament	Rev. Ruth Holmes, Presiding Elder Eastern District-Oklahoma Annual Conference
New Testament	Rev. Travis Doolin, Pastor Flipper Chapel A.M.E. Church Taft, OK
Epistle	Rev. Marcellus Fields, Pastor Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church
Selection	Oklahoma Conference Choir Accompanied by Mr. Derek Scott
Resolutions/Acknowledgements	Ms. Madien Hurst Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church, Oklahoma City, OK
Musical Tribute	Mr. Cory Gibson Houston, TX
Remarks	Rev. Thomas Webb Brother
	Mrs. Joyce Henderson Former Principal of Northeast High School
	Mr. Anttwain Cox Former Student Northeast High School
	Mr. Wayne Grissom St. James A.M.E. Church, Arcadia, OK
	Pastor Victor Knight, House of Prayer International Holiness Pentecostal Church
	Rev. Dr. Harvey G. Potts, Sr., Presiding Elder Western District-Oklahoma Annual Conference
	Bishop Michael L. Mitchell, Presiding Prelate 12th Episcopal District, A.M.E. Church
Selection	St. James A.M.E. Church, Arcadia, OK Accompanied by Prophetess Cassandra Bennett
Eulogy	Minister Harriet Cooper House of Prayer International Holiness Pentecostal Church
Video Tribute	
Committal	Ministers
Recessional	Temple & Sons

Pallbearers

Donn Bennett	Timothy Marshall
Tyron Bennett	Mark Bennett
Christopher Webb	Paul Bennett

Honorary Pallbearers

Oklahoma Conference Ministers and Stewards

Flower Bearers

St. James A.M.E. Church Missionary Society

Internment

Burns Cemetery
Dover, Oklahoma

Acknowledgement

The family of Cordelia A. Bennett would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone for all of the comforting expressions of sympathy and acts of kindness shown during this time of bereavement.
May God bless each of you.



A Celebration of Life

Maestra

Cordelia Ann Bennett

November 25, 1948 - May 30, 2019



Saturday, June 8, 2019
1:00pm

Allen Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church
1400 Northeast 13th Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111

Reverend Marcellus Fields Pastor	Reverend Gerald S. Patterson Officiating
Reverend Harvey G. Potts Sr., Presiding Elder Western District-Oklahoma Annual Conference	
Bishop Michael L. Mitchell, Presiding Prelate 12th Episcopal District, A.M.E Church	



Obituary

Cordelia Ann (Webb) Bennett, was born November 25, 1948 in Holdenville, Oklahoma to the late Rev. Thomas L. and Eugenia Webb. Growing up as a preachers' kid impacted her life immensely. Observing the roles of her father and mother influenced her leadership in the church and her musical career.

Cordelia began her musical studies at the age of three with her mother. Later, she studied at Corpus Christi Catholic Church under the tutelage of Sister Barbara Ann. She competed, in piano, at numerous competitions receiving the highest ratings. Cordelia was also the accompanist for El Reno High School's Concert Choir until she graduated.

Cordelia attended several universities to include: Langston University, the University of Central Oklahoma, and Oklahoma City University (OCU). While at OCU she studied with the world-renowned Clarence Burg and Inez Silberg. Cordelia was the accompanist for the Silberg Repertoire courses for two years during her studies at OCU. She was also honored to receive the esteemed Burg Music Scholarship. Cordelia has shared her gifts and talents both throughout the United States and while living in Germany. She became fluent in German, and on occasion she would share her mastery of the language with close family and friends.

Cordelia composed and arranged many songs for various organizations. She was the first African American musician to produce, arrange, and compose an educational album for Melody House, Inc., a national educational recording company. The album entitled, My World is Round, was distributed nationally and placed in most daycare facilities and libraries. One of her greatest accomplishments was the formation of The Three Dimensions of Joy. She has played alongside some of the world's greatest musical artists, but none brought her more pleasure than the work she has done in the church. She served as Musician, Director, and Minister of Music for many denominations. Within the African Methodist Episcopal Church she served with diligence on every level of the church, working not only with the youth but the women's missionary society. She was also honored to serve on the Connectional Music Committee, currently known as Music and Christian Arts Ministry (MCAM) where she was able to use creativity to encourage young people to operate freely in their gifts.

After more than 38 years of unparalleled service and dedication to young people, Cordelia retired from the Oklahoma City Public School System. Her passion for mentoring young musicians is evident by the number of former students and performing artists that continually paid homage as a result of her musical excellence.

Cordelia was preceded in death by her mother, father, and her husband the late Rev. Dr. Hugh D. Bennett. She leaves to cherish her memory one brother, Rev. Thomas Webb (Sondra); one sister Clara Stewart Fish; one daughter, Harriet Bennett Cooper (James); and four sons, Mark, Paul, Tony, and Phillip (Lesile); two beloved great-grandchildren of the home, Bethani and Kamilah; and a host of other family and friends.



Reflections of Grandma...

When I think about the things Grandma said or did, it's hard to wrap my head around it all. Between me and Grandma there was never a dull moment. She would get so upset when she couldn't find her glasses or figure out how to turn the TV to the right channel. She would yell "BETHANI COME HELP ME FIND THE CHANNEL I WATCH MY CHURCH SHOWS ON." Grandma would always call Bethani. She looked at me to be the leader in everything; the brains behind the madness. Everytime me and or Kamilah would leave to go somewhere, Grandma would put me in charge of the money and make sure I kept up with Kamilah. It's hard saying goodbye to the one who shielded us all from getting into trouble, being yelled at or even worse from whoopins. But Grandma is in a better place. Even now, when you're gone, I can still hear you in my head telling me to tell Kamilah, clean up your room! What I would give to say bye one last time...love you Grandma...

-Bethani

A Letter to Grandma...

Dear Grandma, thank you for being everything I needed and more. You were a teacher of many life lessons. You taught me kindness and love. You taught me what it meant to be strong. You taught me independence and dependability. You weren't just a teacher you were a diary and a safe place. You gave me comfort in times when we thought there was no comfort to give. You gave happiness in times of sadness. You believed in my when others saw nothing but failure. You were the definition of a Strong Black Christian Woman. You were a provider for many. Your heart was pure. It was filled with love and joy. You touched so many lives in your years. I am very grateful to have had someone like you in my life as a Mother. It wasn't for nothing, your work is done; watch over me, while I walk in your light.

-Kamilah

