



Honorary Pallbearers

Richard Basden Jr. Nicholas Basden
Carlos Bell Jeff McKinney
Joe Pease Ricky Brown

Melvin Pruitt

Honorary Flower Bearers

Fusha Roberts Lisa Roberts
Tachaya Flen Vickie Collins
Donna Lee Nicki Brown
Rose Almon Myrtie Thornton
Larona Harris Clarese Amadi

Shirley Peas

Acknowledgment

The family of Essie Roberts Brown wishes to express their sincere gratitude for the many acts of kindness shown during this time of bereavement. May God Bless each of you.

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Christ Temle Community Church
2717 North Kelley Avenue
Oklahoma City, Okloahoma 73105
(Right next door to Temple Funeral Home)

SERVICES UNDER THE DIRECTION OF

TEMPLE AND SONS FUNERAL DIRECTORS, INC.
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"We Care"

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Celebrating The Home Going
of
Essie Roberts Brown

Sunrise
June 7, 1940

Sunset
October 13, 2019

Services
Wednesday, October 23, 2019 - 11:00 a.m.
Temple & Sons Funeral Directors, Inc.
Earl M. Temple Memorial Chapel
2801 North Kelley Avenue
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Minister Sylvia Watson Baker - Officiating

Obituary

Essie Beatrice Roberts Brown was born on June 7, 1940 to Mary and John Roberts in Harris, OK. She was the second of five children.

Essie attended Booker T. Washington High School in Idabel, OK where she excelled academically. She graduated as valedictorian of her class in 1957. She then pursued higher education at Draughn College in Tulsa, OK and Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, OK.

Her life's journey brought her to Oklahoma City where she met O.T. Brown. The two united in marriage on December 27, 1961. To this union one son was born, Antonia "Tony" Brown. Tony fathered what many know as Essie's most prized possession, her grandson, Antonio "Woo" Evans. She devoted her latter years to raising her beloved grandson whom she often referred to as the "apple of her eye."

Mrs. Brown was a beloved employee of the state of Oklahoma. In 1986, she received an achievement award from the United Way. She worked as an affirmative action officer for 36 years before she retired around 1998. Her relentless work ethic led her to continue employment at Saint Anthony Hospital.

In her free time, Essie loved reading, gardening, cooking, and fishing. She and husband O.T. curated a phenomenal garden in northeast Oklahoma City which earned her the Outstanding Grower Award that was presented by Governor Mary Fallin on February 9, 2013. She was also a member of Bass Baggers NCAA, a national fishing club.

Essie was loved by all who made contact with her. She was preceded in death by her parents Mary and John Roberts, and her brothers Clemmie and Charles Roberts. She leaves with her memory husband O.T. Brown, son Tony Brown, beloved grandson Antonio "Woo" Evans, sisters Claudette Crawford (Midwest City, OK) and Johnnie Basden (Peoria, AZ), sisters-in-law Debra Brown (Commerce, TX) and Elouise Pruitt (Sulphur Springs, TX), and a host of nieces and nephews.



Order of Service

- Musical Prelude
- Processional Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family
- Prayer Verleria Grant
- Scripture Reading Sylvia Baker
- Musical SelectionDestiny Roberts
- Silent Reading of the Obituary
- Musical Selection Orlando Lee Jr.
- Words to the Family (limit 2 minutes) . . Family and Friends
- Musical Selection Trina Bert
- Home Going Message Min. Sylvia Watson Baker
- Video Tribute Temple & Sons Funeral Directors
- Final Viewing Temple & Sons Funeral Directors
- Recessional

IN OUR HEARTS

We thought of you with love today,
 But that is nothing new.
 We thought about you yesterday,
 and the days before that too.
 We think of you in silence,
 We often speak your name.
 Now all we have is memories,
 and your picture in a frame.
 Your memory is our keepsake,
 with which we'll never part.
 God has you in His keeping,
 We have you in our heart.