



CELEBRATION OF LIFE

For

DEACON BRUCE ROBERTS SR.

Sunrise

September 7, 1953

Sunset

August 18, 2020

Services

Saturday, August 29, 2020 - 11:00 a.m.

Fairview Baptist Church

1700 N.E. 7th Street

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73117

Reverend J. A. Reed Jr., Pastor

Bishop Malcolm W. Coby

OKSE Jurisdiction Prelate, Officiating



Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Deacon Bruce L. Roberts Sr.

Master of Ceremony: Pastor Jeremiah Jones

Prelude: Sis. Christine Ellis

The Processional:

The Jurisdictional Chief Adjutant
The Jurisdictional Bishop

District Superintendents
The Administrative Assistant

The Pastors
The Elders
The Family

The Prayer Pastor Chris Nubine - *Pastor of Miracle Revival Center*
 The Old Testament Scripture Elder. Madison Campbell
 The New Testament Scripture Elder Raymond Hernandez
 Selection Holy Ghost Fire Sisters - *"Dry Bones"*

Reflections and Tributes:

Douglass Class of '71
 Special Sisters Claudia Johnson / Sharon Stripling
 Representing the God Children Shonda Mosley
 Family Friend Eddie Myres
 Work Partner Ezell Morris
 Sibling Presentation Song Charene Henderson - *"I Look To You"*
 V.T. Deacon Department Deacon Trae Slaughter
 V.T. Trustee Department Deacon Calvin Broom
 Children Remarks and Tribute Bruce Roberts II & Ann Booze - *"Amazing Grace"*

OKSE Usher Department Tribute Missionary Verna Gaines Jackson First Assistant to the Jurisdictional Supervisor
 Video Remarks Mother Patricia A. Crisp - Jurisdictional Supervisor, Department Of Women

OKSE Usher Department Salute
 Selection Holy Ghost Fire Sisters - *"Tell Heaven"*

Resolutions Sis. Vivian Smith

The Presentation of the Bishop Superintendent Sinada Banks

Sermonic Solo Lady Bernae Richardson

Proclamation of Hope Bishop Malcolm W. Coby PH.D., Prelate, Oklahoma Southeast Jurisdiction

Video Tribute

Recessional

Letter to my Love To Bruce Roberts, Sr.

My Husband, My Love, My Best Friend, My Cuddly Bear, My Babies Daddy, Bruce Lee Roberts Sr. From the time we met you were a gentleman opening doors and leaving at the appropriate time (10:00 p.m.). The first time I noticed you I thought you looked like a bum. The second time I noticed you, you were dressed so fine! The third time I met you it was at a church convention and you got up and let me sit down next to your sister Donna. The fourth time I met you, you brought your sister Donna to the OKC COGIC Sunday School Service, she had to sit up front. I invited you to come and sit with me. We talked through the whole service not remembering a word that was said that night. You asked me if it would be OK if you called me, I said yes! From then on, we fell in Love.

On your Birthday, September 7, 1979 you asked me to Marry you, of course, I said Yes! That was the first time we kissed! We got married the following year April 12, 1980, stars were shining brightly in our eyes! We made a vow to each other that day, "Through richer or poorer, sickness or health, we would stay together no matter what comes our way, our love would last though out time." Our honeymoon was in Florida to Disney Land, Epcot Center and Sea World one of the best trips ever. Two and a half years later a bouncing baby girl came into our lives. You held her hand so she would not scratch herself while the family waited to know if the baby and I were alright. Then 4 years later your name sake (twin) was born. Looking like you carried him and not me. Your vow to take care of your family never wavered. Over 40 years you were there working to pay the bills, family trips, softball, baseball, basketball, football, tennis and church functions. Throughout the years your love for GOD, your family, your Church family and friends never faltered. Now the time has come for me to bid you farewell my love, with tears of sadness that you are gone and tears of happiness that you are free until we meet again.

Your one and only,
Loving Wife, Gwenda Lee Roberts



Acknowledgement / Tribute

In Loving Memory

The Legacy of a Man of Valor

Deacon Bruce Lee Roberts Sr. was born on September 7, 1953 to Columbus B. Roberts and Helen Faye Brown (Roberts) in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at St. Anthony's Hospital. He was a door keeper, brother, husband, father, godfather, cousin, friend, and associate.

Educational and Career Journey

Deacon Bruce Roberts attended Edwards Elementary, Kennedy Jr. High, and graduated from Douglass High School, Class of 1971. He attended Oklahoma Christian University then decided to go a different route in education, attending Frances Tuttle Vocational School and becoming the first African American to graduate from the Independent Electrical Contractors, a 4-year program as well as becoming a Certified Electrical Coding Teacher at Francis Tuttle. He worked for Harrison Electric, Cobb Electric, OU Medical Center, Frontier City, General Motors where he retired after 29 years of service. He also owned his own business called Roberts Electric.

A Legacy of Love

Deacon Bruce was a God fearing man, who loved God with all his heart, and acknowledged him in all his ways, he received Christ at an early age and attended Evangelist Temple, Church of God in Christ in 1953 under the pastoral leadership of Elder J.R. Sapp, he and his family later joined, Sixth and Jordan, COGIC under the Pastorage of Bishop W.E. Jefferies. After Bishop Jefferies' passing, he furthered his spiritual journey with Victory Temple, Church of God in Christ World Ministries Center Incorporated under Bishop Malcolm W. Coby. Over the years he has served in many capacities: Local, District, State, and National Usher Board for the Church of God In Christ. He started ushering at the age of eleven. On January 3rd, 2004

he became the State Usher Board President of the Southeast Jurisdictional Church of God In Christ. His favorite scripture was, "For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness" (Psalm 84:10 KJV). He also served as a Local Y.P.W.W. President, a Deacon on the Deacons Board, Church Facilities Coordinator for Victory Temple, COGIC, Vacation Bible School, Trustee Board and lastly started the Media Team at Victory Temple, COGIC World Ministries Center Incorporated, which was one of his favorite areas to work.

From Labor to Reward

Deacon Bruce was such a loving, kind-hearted, hardworking, and giving person, he had a heart to do for many. He was a man of few words but when he spoke, it was full of wisdom and jokes. He was a great example of a servant leader to all that he could and was allowed to serve. Whether in Corporate America or being self-employed. He was a family man who believed in taking care of his family and leaving a legacy that it is better to give than to receive. He Loved being a part of a CB (Citizens Band Radio) Club called Night Riders and his nickname was Sugar Bear. He loved going on dates with his wife, taking pictures, fishing, spending time with his children and grandchildren, his church family, and having family time.

Deacon Bruce was preceded in death by his parents, Helen and Columbus Roberts, his sisters Brenda L. Roberts and Donna A. Roberts, and one brother Glenn R. Roberts. He leaves, his loving wife of over 40 years, Gwenda L. Roberts, his children; Ann-Etta H. (Norman) Booze, Bruce L. (Brittany) Roberts II; two grandsons: Bruce L. Roberts III (Trip), Elijah A. Booze, two granddaughters: Abriel N. Booze, Brooklyn M. Booze; one sister, Sharon D. Roberts (Texas), in-law Mother C.E. Dunlap, four brothers-in-law: Bennie Henderson (Texas), Ivan (Alba) Henderson (Ohio), Sammy (Cora) Henderson (Texas), Jimmy Henderson (Oklahoma); four sister-in-laws Linda Henderson (Oklahoma), Charene Henderson (Michigan), Zynthen Norman (Oklahoma), Renee Henderson (Arkansas); four spiritual sisters Claudia Johnson, Sharon Stripling, Angela Germany, Loretta Mortan, and a host of Nieces, Nephews, Cousins, godchildren, extended family members and friends to Cherish his memories and Legacy.

In Loving Memory



Bruce Robertson II, Oklahoma City, Okla., watches the parade from Bruce Robertson's shoulders at the corner of Penn and Main. Left: Richard Renner, Overland Park, had a bird's-eye view of the Neewollah Parade crowd.

Acknowledgement

The family of Deacon Bruce L. Roberts Sr. wishes to express their sincere gratitude for the many acts of kindness shown during this time of bereavement. May God bless each of you.

The Family



Active Pallbearers

Devonte Wilson
Terrell Wilson

Isaiah Thomas
LaTraye Peteet

Jason Pitman
Joseph Pettiford

Cameron Wilson

Honorary Pallbearers

Larry Barker
Robert Barker
Wayne Brown

OKSE Jurisdiction Usher's
Danny Barker
Joseph Barker
Kenny Brown

Victory Temple Deacon's Board
Eugene Brown
Tony Brown

Frankie Barker
Henry Brown

Active Flower Bearers

Eva Peteet
Connie Smith

Rhonda Robinson
Sharon Stripling

Deanna Brison
Monica Austin

Claudia Johnson
Ettalon Dunlap

Honorary Flower Bearers

Pearlene Barker
Mary Ann Barker

Sharon Barker
Malissa Tunstall

Tamicha Barker
V. T. Deaconess

Interment

Trice Hill Cemetery • Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Please drive with your lights on for safety and fasten your seat belts.

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