



Farewell

By Erma's cousin, Ann Marie Weaver

Do not grieve because I'm gone
 My Good Father has called me home.
 The one who knows the best, has called me to rest.
 The script was given, I played the part,
 But, from this life I must depart.
 I lived with passion, that was my fashion.
 I loved beyond reason, through all of the seasons.
 Life was not always grand,
 But, that was in the Master's plan.
 The mountains to climb were often high
 But I thought I had wings and tried to fly.
 I have no sorrow, only hope for tomorrow.
 I loved this life, but I'm happy to go.
 I know I will be in His everlasting arms
 And I can grace heaven with all of my charm.
 So long to you, all my family and friends.
 We will be together again.
 Take your script and play your parts.
 Let my ending be your start.

Celebrating the Life of Erma Jean McFadden



Sunrise
 December 23, 1940

Sunset
 November 10, 2020

Service Held On
 Tuesday, December 1, 2020

Officiating:
 Dr. J.A. Reed, Jr., Pastor

Remembering Erma Jean

WB and Irene Fullbright received an early Christmas present when their first and only child, Erma Jean, made her entrance into the world on Dec. 23, 1940 in Lamesa, Texas. The family later moved to Odessa, Texas where Erma was baptized at Mt. Zion Baptist Church and attended Blackshear High School. California always seemed to call for Erma. She relocated to Oakland to stay with her aunt and uncle, Robert and Lula McFadden. Erma's first job was at Gerber Baby Foods in Oakland, where her future husband, Benjamin McFadden also worked. When her health began to fail, Erma returned to Oklahoma at the request of her mother and stepfather, Junious Roberson. After her recuperation, Erma returned to California. Influenced by her mother Irene, a licensed nurse and business owner, Erma enrolled in beauty school and became a licensed hair stylist. Erma was known to always keep her hair just right. Erma's blessings were the births of her four sons Larry, Billy, Dwaine and Kevin; her pride and joy and her reason for living.

Erma was known to enjoy BINGO, watching the horses at Golden Gate Fields in Berkeley, CA, and listening to her blues and gospel music. She was known for her cooking and especially her baking. Erma's Sunday dinners brought many family members to her table to enjoy her chicken & dumplings, roast, chili mac, and of course her desserts; including her mouth-watering chocolate cake, pecan pie and her 1-2-3-4 cake. Erma loved to visit bookstores, the casinos, and play bid whist with her best friends, Annie and Sista. Erma enjoyed family gatherings the most, where she could be found playing softball. Once at Robert's Park in Oakland, she actually lost her wig sliding into home base!

In 1989 Erma returned to Oklahoma to care for her youngest son, Kevin. Here she resided until her passing. Erma joined Fairview Missionary Baptist Church in Oklahoma City in 2011 where she was an active member until her health prevented her. Erma always looked forward to returning to her adopted state of California over the years and visiting with family, especially for the Christmas parties. She once actually attempted to drive alone to attend her grandson Ricky's wedding. As her health failed, Erma often went to her "happy place" and would tell folks she was in California.

Erma was preceded in death by her mother, Irene Roberson, fathers WB Fullbright and Junious Roberson, and her youngest son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Tracey McFadden. Erma is survived by her son Larry Marshall and his wife Rhoda of Midwest City, OK, her son Billy Marshall of Oklahoma City, and her son Dwaine McFadden and his wife Jacky of California, her 10 beloved grandchildren Derrick, Candace, Ricky, BJ, Dwaine Jr., Deonte, Elyse, Ron, Trevell and Arionne. Erma also leaves 12 great-grandchildren and a host of family members who adore her, especially her Aunt Hazel.

Erma Jean will be deeply missed by all.

Honorary Pallbearers

Derrick Marshall
Billy Marshall, Jr.
Ricky Marshall

Dwaine McFadden, Jr.
Deonte' McFadden
Ron Thompson-Herd

Acknowledgement

We first want to thank God for the many years of love and joy we had with our mother, Erma Jean McFadden. Her quiet spirit and love of family will be deeply missed. We also want to thank all of our family and friends for the sincere outpour of prayer, love, and support we received. We will forever be grateful. Whether you called, sent a card, text, flowers, love token, or gave us your best 2020 air hug and elbow bump, we truly thank you for all the sentiments and condolences we received. Mom will be missed and always remembered.

**Sincerely,
Erma's Boys**

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From Erma's Boys

TRIBUTE FROM LARRY

How is it that I never saw your wings
when you were here with me?
When you closed your eyes and soared
to the Heavens I could hear the
faint flutter of you wings as you left.
Your body no longer on this side
your spirit here eternally I see your halo shine.
I close my eyes and see your multi-colored wings
surround me in my saddest moments and my happiest times.
Mother, my angel, God has given you your assignment
always my mother, forever my angel.
I can no longer hold you in my arms, but in my heart.
You earned those wings dear mother
and you will always be my angel eternal.

TRIBUTE FROM BILLY

My mother was a beacon of light for me as a child
As an adult, her love was always felt doing my trying times.
I could always count on her to be there for me.
I will miss her smile and her beautiful laugh.
But, must of all I am happy she's no longer suffering anymore from her disease.
I will miss her very dearly, but I know God now has her in his hands.
In knowing this, my heart is at ease.
I know our God will take care of us
until we see each other in Heaven one day.

TRIBUTE FROM DWAINÉ

If roses grow in heaven,
Lord please pick a bunch for me,
Place them in my Mother's arms
and tell her they're from me.
Tell her I love her and miss her,
and when she turns to smile,
place a kiss upon her cheek
and hold her for awhile.
Because remembering her is easy,
I do it every day,
but there's an ache within my heart
that will never go away.

We Love You, Mom

Celebration Service

"A gracious woman gets honor..." – Proverbs 11:16

Prelude	Erma's favorite gospel music
Officiating Minister	Pastor Dr. J.A. Reed, Jr. Fairview Missionary Baptist Church
Processional	Clergy & Family
Old Testament Scripture: Psalm 27 New Testament Scripture: John 14:1-4	Rev. Derrick E. Walter, Sr. Min. Johnesse Walter
Prayer	Bro. Billy Marshall
Acknowledgements & Condolences	Bro. Bob Simmons Fairview Missionary Baptist Church
Poem: "Farewell"	Jacqueline McFadden
Resolution	Bro. Bob Simmons
Remarks (2 min. limit)	Congregation
Obituary	Read silently
Eulogy	Dr. J.A. Reed, Jr.
Final Remarks	Bro. Larry J. Marshall, Jr.
Recessional	6' physical distance

