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Deacons

*Flower Bearers*  
Deaconess

*Interment*  
Hillcrest Memory Gardens  
12825 Northeast 50th Street  
Spencer, Oklahoma

*Acknowledgments*  
Time is never measured by the time that you live, but by the deeds that you do and the joy you give. With humbled hearts, we, the family of Irene Howard Kennedy, would like to extend our heartfelt thank you to everyone for all the love, care and concern you have shown during our time of bereavement. Your words of sympathy, prayers, phone calls, text messages, visits, and cards have comforted us beyond what we can express in words. Thank you for your sympathy and God bless you for your thoughtfulness.



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IN LOVING MEMORY OF



*Irene*  
HOWARD KENNEDY

*Sunrise*  
June 3, 1927

*Sunset*  
December 30, 2020

Friday, January 8, 2021 at 1:30pm  
Earl M. Temple Memorial Chapel  
2801 N. Kelley Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73111



# *The Life of Irene H. Kennedy*

On June 3, 1927, a wonderful baby girl, Irene, was born to Cornelia McWilliam and Charles Warren of Wewoka, Oklahoma. She was the eighth of nine children.

Irene professed the love of God at a very, very young age. She united with the St. John Missionary Baptist Church under the direction of Rev. J.W. Johnson and Rev. W. K. Jackson, when the church was located on Northeast Second and Phillips Street

Irene loved the Women's Missionary Union (WMU) and was a faithful member. She served as Treasurer and as a member of the Decoration Committee for the Pastor's Anniversary. She also worked with the Social Committee and spent many hours in the kitchen helping to prepare meals for the St. John membership and the community we serve.

She loved young children and senior citizens. She was generous and shared her time and energy to help them any way she could.

Irene married Willie Howard of Arkansas. They raised three children, Lloyd Howard, Linda J. Howard, and Isaac Taylor Howard. Irene later married Wilson Romeo Kennedy of Oakland, California. Both, Willie and Wilson preceded her in death. All of her siblings, four sisters and four brothers, also preceded her in death.

Irene lived a long and prosperous life and touched the lives of many people and events along the way. She loved to laugh and have people laugh with her. She was a great cook and often hosted dinners in her home.

Irene leaves a host of nieces, nephews, and friends to cherish her memory and celebrate her homegoing. She will truly be missed.



## *Wires of a Cage*

When we take the wires of a cage apart,  
we do not hurt the bird, we help it. We let it out of prison.

So it is with death. This world is full of sin,  
sorrow, pain, and suffering.

No condition in life is proof,  
against the immortality degree of God.

Into dust thou shall return.

The sorrow of this death cast a shadow over  
the domestic circles so deep that only Jesus,

The Light of the World, can remove it.

We pause today to shed a tear in memory of one so dear,  
whose life stands forth as a guiding star.

Her many words and kindnesses, and her tender  
grace and personality will ever be remembered by us all.

## *Order of Service*

### *Processional*

Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family  
"I'll Fly Away"

### *Scripture Reading*

Old Testament ~ Rev. William Myles  
Dewayne Heath ~ Rev. Dr. Lawrence Kirk

### *Prayer*

Rev. Lee Cooper

### *Musical Selection*

Rita Watson

### *Resolutions*

Kim Tomlin

### *Musical Selection*

Rita Watson

### *Words of Comfort*

Rev. Dr. M.L. Jemison

### *Recessional*

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