

Order of Service

Processional

Funeral Directors, Ministers, Family
Organist, Reverend Herman Richmond

Congregational Selection

"Amazing Grace"
led by Maria Guess-White

Scripture Readings & Prayer

Old & New Testaments
Reverend Karen Green

Solo

"Walk Around Heaven All Day"
Maria Guess-White

Resolutions & Acknowledgements

Mary Adamson

Obituary Reading

Please Read Silently

Remarks

Donna Todd

Video Tribute

Eulogy & Words of Comfort

Reverend Senator George Young

Benediction

Recessional

Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family
"Jesus Lifted Me"
Organist, Reverend Herman Richmond

Pallbearers

Frederic Cato Jr.
Omarkio Collins
Ion McKinney
Evin Morris
Ian Morris
Dr. Bolaji Sofola

Honorary Pallbearers

Grandsons
Great Grandsons
Nephews

Flower Bearers

Ladies of Greater New Zion

Honorary Flower Bearers

Grandaughters
Great Grandaughters
Nieces

Interment

Hillcrest Memory Gardens, Inc.
12813 NE 50th St, Spencer, OK 73084

Acknowledgment

The family of Geraldine Lavelle Keels-Coulter would like to express sincere gratitude for the many acts of kindness during this time of loss. Special thanks to Gina, Aunt Kay, Betty, and Pam.

Family Entrusted Final Arrangements To:

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FUNERAL DIRECTORS, INC.

2301 North Kelley Avenue • Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111

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"We Care" II Timothy 4:8

Celebrating the Life of

"Geri"

Geraldine
Lavelle Keels-Coulter

Sunrise & Sunset

November 7, 1924 - March 22, 2021

Wednesday, March 31, 2021 | 11:00 am

Greater New Zion Baptist Church

1005 NE 28th Street • Oklahoma City, Ok

Reverend Kenneth F. Sherrill, Sr. | Officiating

Geraldine Keels-Coulter

JOURNEY OF LIFE

On March 22, 2021, Geraldine LaVelle Keels-Coulter transitioned from the darkness of this world into the marvelous light of Heaven and into the arms of her savior, Jesus Christ.

Geraldine (Geri) was born on November 7, 1924 in Kansas City, Kansas to her loving parents, Booker and Bessie Jackson. She is the eldest of their 10 children. After her birth, the family moved to Oklahoma where Geri attended Booker T. Washington School in Sand Springs, Oklahoma which educated from kindergarten through High School. She was an outstanding student and a member of the school's marching band, playing the clarinet. She also played the violin for the school orchestra. The school was integrated in 1964 and subsequently closed.

After high school, Geri was trained at Langston University to be employed as a welder at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City; contributing to the country's needs during WWII. Geraldine's true calling began when she attended St. Anthony's School of Nursing receiving her LPN, and the highest grades in her class. Geri's love of education made learning easy. She often spoke of her being blessed to not have to study for exams as lectures were committed to memory. She later attended Rose State College and the University of Oklahoma, receiving her RN. Geri spent most of her more than 30-year nursing career as a charge nurse in the Psychiatric Unit of St. Anthony Hospital, OKC.

Geraldine participated in various civic and community activities. She recognized her responsibility to do what she could to assist with desegregation issues in OKC, occasionally working with civil rights leaders of her day. She was also a member of the OKC Historical Society and in 2019 was interviewed by BlackSpace Oklahoma, to give a firsthand account of early community life along 4th Street and then, segregated NE Oklahoma City. You can hear her account of those times by searching the Oklahoma City Metropolitan Library's Special Collections NE Oklahoma City Storytelling Project in Collaboration with Black Space Oklahoma.

Shortly after her retirement in 1994 at 70 years of age, she was immediately asked to return to her nursing duties to assist with triage needed as a result of the tragic Oklahoma City bombing. With a committed servant's heart, she readily responded without hesitation.

Geraldine enjoyed her involvement as a good steward in church life over the years. As a member of Greater New Zion Baptist Church, she was part of the Nurses Ministry, Pastor's Aide, Prison Ministry, and a member of the church choir.

Geri was a devoted Mother, Sister, and Friend. She loved her family and was always concerned about the well-being and needs of the deaf community. She was a resource of help, support, and comfort offering love and advice (even when you didn't think you needed it).

Geri is preceded in death by her parents: Booker and Bessie Jackson; Son: Richard; Daughter: Cynthia Gail; Sisters: Evelyn and Velma; Brothers: Booker Jr, Ray, and Baby Boy Jackson; Husbands: Desper Keels and Henry Coulter; Nephews: Allen, Dwight, Bernard, and Bennie.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her children: Linda Fowler (John) of New Jersey, Sandra McKinney of Oklahoma City, DeEsper Jackson, Sr of Oklahoma City, & Michael Jackson (Arenita) of Oklahoma City, 13 Grandchildren, 30 Great-grandchildren, and 6 Great-Great-grandchildren. She also leaves to cherish her memory: four (4) sisters: Kay Sofola, LaVeria Caldwell, Mattie Frazier (Willard), Barbara Jackson; and a host of Nieces, Nephews, Cousins, Relatives and Friends.

A void has been opened in the world, only filled by God's love. She will be greatly missed by all who loved her.

