



Callbearers

Fairview Men's Ministry

Flower Bearers

Fairview W.M.U. Ministry

Interment

Riverside Gardens Cemetery
4720 N.E. 36th Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73121

Acknowledgment

We the family, would like to thank each and everyone for their love and support during our time of bereavement. May God richly bless you.

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II Timothy 4:8



*In Loving Memory
of*

Evie Joyce Morris

Sunrise: July 16, 1938 - Sunset: September 27, 2021



Services

Wednesday, October 6, 2021 - 11:00 a.m.

Fairview Baptist Church

*Dr. Reverend John A. Reed, Jr., Senior Pastor - Officiant
1700 Northeast 7th Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111*

Obituary

Evie Joyce Morris was born to Reverend Percy Ville Richardson and Grace Barnett Richardson, July 16, 1938. Her father and mother preceded her in death, as well as an older sister, Grace Mae Duke Anderson.

Evie Joyce united with the Antioch Baptist Church in Luling, Texas and was baptized at the age of three by the late Reverend Robinson, Pastor. After accepting the Lord, she began her service through singing in the children's choir, providing secretarial support to the Sunday School Department, and progressing into an Usher as well. Later, she started playing the piano and she was the first youth choir musician for the Friendship Baptist Church of Luling, Texas. She studied music under the late Cleo Hyshaw who was a music and school teacher. After completing elementary school, she moved to San Antonio, Texas and attended St. Peter Claver Academy, where she graduated from high school at the age 16. Evie then moved to Los Angeles, California, July of 1956 to live with her aunt (name sake) Aunt Evie to attend college. Immediately upon arriving in Los Angeles, she united with the Morning Star Baptist Church, where Reverend P.J. Ellis was pastor. While there, she continued to sing and play piano while providing choral support to the Youth Choir. She received an A.A. degree in business from Los Angeles City College. Following graduation from City College, she enrolled at Sawyer School of Business where she received a diploma as an "Intensive Secretary of Science." While attending school, she met and married Leroy Gaddis/ To this union two children were born, Marva Annette and Jerrell Petrosky. Years later, she met and married Aris G. Morris. To this union one child was born, Sheila Denise. Later, she began directing choirs all over the greater Los Angeles area, including the New Landmark District Association of the Western Baptist State Convention, Los Angeles, California.

Evie worked for the Federal Government for 32 years at the West Los Angeles medical Center (Veterans Affairs

Hospital), where she worked until retiring November 29, 1996. She received numerous awards during her service.

Her father, mother, sister, aunts, uncles and grandparents, all preceded her in death. She is survived by three children: Marva Annette Marshall of Culver City, California; Jerrell Petrosky and wife Laura Gaddis of Tigard, Oregon; and Sheila Denise and husband Leonard Watkins of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; six grandchildren: Arisha Denise Nabors, Alexis Re'Nee' Unica Marshall, Kristine Marie Watkins, Le'Kisha Re'Nee' Watkins, Parker Jerrell Gaddis, Peyton Joell Gaddis; eight great grandchildren: Jason Toiysean Nabors, Elijah Ry' Sean Lillie-Nabors, Elisha Le'Nee' Lillie-Nabors, Isaiah Alexander Lillie, Kristian Nehemiah Nabors, Kendall Ray Jackson, Jr., Annabella De'Nice' Nabors and Aiden Nykolas Nabors; great-great grandson, Ja'Vaughn Nabors; and her first cousin, Percy James Richardson; and a host of relatives and friends.

*Yesterday was my birth and my dreams were being planned.
Tomorrow is a vision of the reading of my contract of my
heavenly home; that was purchased just for me. But today
well lived, it makes every yesterday a dream come true; and
every tomorrow a shower of praise, as I walk into glory to see
my Savior face-to-face.*

- Craig Moss / Sheila Watkins

Evie wrote this for her family, "God Bless my children, my grandchildren, great grandchildren, and my great-great grandson."

"If you miss me singing down there, come on up to bright
Glory, I'll be singing up there."

- Evie

Memorial Service

Processional Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family

Scripture - Psalms 27 Reverend Cleo McGlory

Prayer Reverend Arthur Crawford

Acknowledgments Cards, Telegrams and Resolutions

Song Brother Anthony Ziegler

Remarks 2 minutes only
Marva Marshall
Jerrell Gaddis
Alexis Marshall
Sister Delores Stephens
Kristine Watkins
Jason Nabors
Last speaker Sheila Watkins

Solo Minister Johnneese Walter

Eulogy Dr. John A. Reed, Jr., Senior Pastor

Recessional