

*Pallbearer*

Donald Antwine, Tony Burris, Harold McCoy, Eric Riddick, Lee "E.Z." Daniels, Leonard Long

*Flower Bearer*

Rashana Cox, Lena Davis, Lesli Williams, Yvetta Hicks

*Honorary Pallbearer*

Donald Baker, Armani Gray, Nial Gray, Bryan Jones Jr, Kiilu Wells, Dhani Baker, Husain Abdul-Qayyum, Hajjaj Abdul-Qayyum

*Honorary Flower Bearer*

Erin Gray, Xoia Lee, Korrin Karim, Kiyelle Baker, Hanaa Abdul-Qayyum

*Interment*

Riverside Gardens Cemetery  
4720 NE 36th St. Oklahoma City, OK 73121

*Acknowledgment*

The family of Velma Lee Alford would like to thank family and friends. Perhaps you sent a card, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you prayed a sincere prayer, or perhaps you sang a cheerful song. Whatever you did to console our hearts, by words or deeds, whatever kind part. WE THANK YOU SO VERY, VERY MUCH.

*Sunrise & Sunset*  
October 25, 1930- November 22, 2021



CELEBRATING  
THE LIFE OF

*Velma*  
LEE ALFORD

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Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 1:00p.m.  
Earl M. Temple Memorial Chapel  
2801 N. Kelley Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73111  
Pastor Derrick Scobey-Officiating



# Order of Celebration



## *Musical Prelude*

Marcus Williams, Saxophonists

## *Processional*

Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family

## *Opening Prayer*

## *Scripture Reading*

Old Testament Isaiah 40:28-31  
New Testament Romans 8:38-39

## *Musical Selection*

## *Resolutions/Acknowledgements*

## *Musical Selection*

## *Poem*

Dana (Baker) Riddick

## *Special Remarks*

Please limit to 2 min

## *Words of Comfort*

Pastor Derrick Scobey  
Ebenezer Baptist Church

## *Reflections of Life Video*

## *Parting View*

## *Recessional*

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# Velma's Life and Legacy

Velma Lee (Moore) Alford was born October 25th, 1930 in Oklahoma City, OK. She entered the perpetual presence of God on Monday, November 22nd, 2021 at the young age of 91. She was the first born of 6 children to the late Leroy and Odessa Moore. She was raised in Oklahoma, where she attended Oklahoma City Public schools.

Velma met Roosevelt Theodore Alford soon after they were united in holy matrimony. They were blessed with four children: Karon Baker, Roosevelt "Butch" Alford, Judie Alford, and Frankie Alford.

Velma gave her life to Christ at a young age, at the St. John Baptist Church. She loved and ministered to children and everyone around her. She was a shining light to everyone who met her. She was a hair pressing and curling super star. She loved playing gin rummy, you could find score pads all over her house. She was a dancing machine. You could always catch her moving and grooving. Her doors were always open for a warm place to stay and a hot meal to eat to anyone in need. She was for sure a caretaker. She was an amazing life and legend. She was loved by all. Oh and don't mention the Casino, she would move faster than you'd ever seen an "elderly lady" move. Velma loved hanging with her best friend, as she would say, "That's my grandchild, but she's my best friend too". She would grab that hat, lipstick, and fashionably, be on her way.

Velma was preceded in death by her mother and father, Leroy and Odessa Moore; two sisters, Cheryl Boone and Rose Burdine; her husband, Roosevelt Alford; son, Frankie Alford; grandson, Hakim Alford.

Her beautiful life will forever be cherished by her three children: Karon Baker, Roosevelt Alford, and Judie Alford; her grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren: Danielle McCoy-Harold McCoy(husband) (Dhani-child), Dorian Baker (Xoia-child), Dana Riddick-Eric Riddick(husband) (Hanaa, Husain, Hajjaj, and Hafsa-children), Donald Baker (Kiyelle, Kailiany, and Talia-children); Shyvonne Giggers (Emerald and Helen-children); Ashley Pavon and Jerry Watson (Bonus grandchildren); Michelle Johnson (Armani, Ni'al, and Erin-children), Shirin Karim (Bryan, Korrin, and Ashanti-children), Amedah Alford (Mariah and Kiilu), her brother Freddie Moore; two sisters Dora Jones and Henrietta Boone; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and treasured friends.

# *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God has laid you see.  
I took His hand when I heard him call  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee  
God wanted me now; He set me free.



We had a wonderful grandmother,  
One who never grew old.  
Her smile was made of sunshine  
and her heart was solid gold.  
Her eyes were bright as shining stars.  
In her cheeks fair roses you would see.  
We had a wonderful grandmother  
and that's the way it will always be.  
She's still keeping an eye on all of us,  
let's make sure our grandmother  
likes what she sees.

*Erin*





# Velma's Family

