



Ballbearers

Lenard Russell
Kendrick Johnson
BJay Russell
Latavion Johnson

Eric Marigny
Roy Marigny
Lenard Ward
Elijah Marigny

Honorary Ballbearer

Simon Russell Jr.

Flower Bearers

Roi'Janah Marigny
Daz'eria Russell

Briannia Marigny
Brandy Johnson

Honorary Flower Bearer

Jane Russell

Interment

Trice Hill Cemetery
5101 North Coltrane Road
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73136

Please drive with your lights on for safety and fasten your seat belts.

Acknowledgement

The Russell family would like to give our sincerest gratitude for all acts of love and kindness bestowed to us.

Repast

Dinner will b served promptly after the graveside service
at Trinity Missionary Baptist Church.

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Obituary

Verdia Russell was born June 27, 1945 to Carl Walker Sr. and Pauline Walker, both parents preceded her in death. Verdia was the second eldest of this union, she had three brothers, John A. Johnson, Carl Walker Jr., who preceded her in death, and Elmer Walker of Lubbock, Texas. She had six sisters: Annie Jefferson, Roberta Sims and Peggy Walker who preceded her in death; Rosie Lawson (Bobby) of Lubbock, Texas; Ida Gamble of Oklahoma City; Linda Walker of Modesta, California.

Verdia confessed her faith at Church of the Living God, and continued her work for the Lord at Trinity Missionary Baptist Church.

Verdia received her education in Petersburg Public Schools. She went on to receive her GED in Oklahoma City. She met her husband, Simon Lee Russell Sr. as a young girl. As they grew up, so did their love for one another. At a young age of 18, her and Simon married and shortly after, they moved to Oklahoma. To this union three children were born: Jane Russell of Edmond, Oklahoma, Simon L. Russell Jr. of Oklahoma City and Lenard Russell of Oklahoma City. She had seven grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren that she loved and adored. A host of nieces and nephews.

Verdia past time was full of car racing with her husband and grandchildren; Little League Football with her son's grandsons and great grandson. She loved to go to Flea Markets and Thrift stores shopping. She loved working in the yard with her great granddaughter. She enjoyed playing with her three year old great grandson. She loved the color purple and butterflies, so whenever a butterfly crosses your path, smile, because she may have just sent it your way.

Footprints

One night I dreamed a dream. I was walking along the beach with my Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from my life. For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonging to me and one to my Lord.

When the last scene of my life shot before me, I looked back at the footprints in the sand. There was only one set of footprints. I realized that this was the lowest and saddest times of my life. This always bothered me and I questioned the Lord about my dilemma.

“Lord, You told me when I decided to follow You, You would walk and talk with me all the way. But I’m aware that during the most troublesome times of my life there is only one set of footprints. I just don’t understand why, when I need You most, You leave me.”

He whispered, “My precious child, I love you and will never leave you, never, ever, during your trials and tests. When you saw only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you.”

Crossing Over Oh

Please don't's feel guilty it was just my time to go
I see you are still feeling sad
And the tears just seem to flow.
We all come to earth for our lifetime
and for some it's not many years,
I don't want you to keep crying
you are shedding so many tears.

I haven't really left you even though it may seem so
I have just gone to my Heavenly home
and I'm closer to you than you know.
Just believe that when you say my name,
I'm standing next to you
I know you long to see me but there's nothing I can do.
But I'll still send you messages and hope you understand
that when your time comes to "cross over,"
I'll be there to take your hand.

Order of Service

Friday, December 17, 2021 - 11:00 a.m.
Trinity Missionary Baptist Church
320 Northwest 79th Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73114
Pastor David Brooks - Officiating

- Processional Trinity B.C., Funeral Directors, Family
- Prayer Bobby Lawson
- Old & New Testament Scriptures Pastor Jasper
- Song Selection “Amazing Grace” - Mahalia Jackson
“I Remember” - Shirley Ceaser
- Remarks Please limit to 2 minutes
- Resolutions/Cards Sister Bolds
- Obituary Sister bolds
- Song Selection . “If I Could Hear My Mother Pray Again” &
“Precious Lord” - Mahalia Jackson
- Eulogy Pastor Brooks
- Parting View Temple & Sons Funeral Directors
- Recessional Trinity B.C., Funeral Directors, Family