



*Pallbearers*  
Wildewood Christian Church Deacons  
Grandsons

*Honorary Pallbearers*  
J. W. Franklin  
Earnest Franklin  
Dwight Farmer  
Arnett Patterson  
Dr. William Clark  
Rev. Gene Ford  
Joseph Dukes



*Flower Bearers*  
Wildewood Christian Church Deaconess  
Wildewood Christian Church Women's Fellowship  
Granddaughters

*Interment*  
Hillcrest Memorial Gardens  
12825 NE 50th Spencer, Oklahoma 73084

The repast will take place after the graveside service at Wildewood Christian Church.

*Acknowledgement*

Perhaps you prayed a prayer; or came to visit, perhaps you sent some beautiful flowers, if so, we saw them all. Perhaps you sent or spoke kind words as only a friend would say; Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day; Perhaps you prepared a tasty dish or maybe furnished a car, perhaps you rendered a service unseen near or from afar, whatever you did to console our hearts by words, or a deed, or a touch, please allow us this chance to thank you, thank you so very much.

The family of Ruby Farmer wishes to express their sincere gratitude for all the many acts of kindness. Thank you and may God continue to bless each one of you.

**Please drive with your lights on for safety and fasten your seat belts.**  
**Family Entrusted Final Arrangements To:**

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"We Care" II Timothy 4:8

In Loving Memory of

*Ruby Lee*  
**FARMER**

*Sunrise and Sunset:*

December 30, 1930 - December 18, 2021

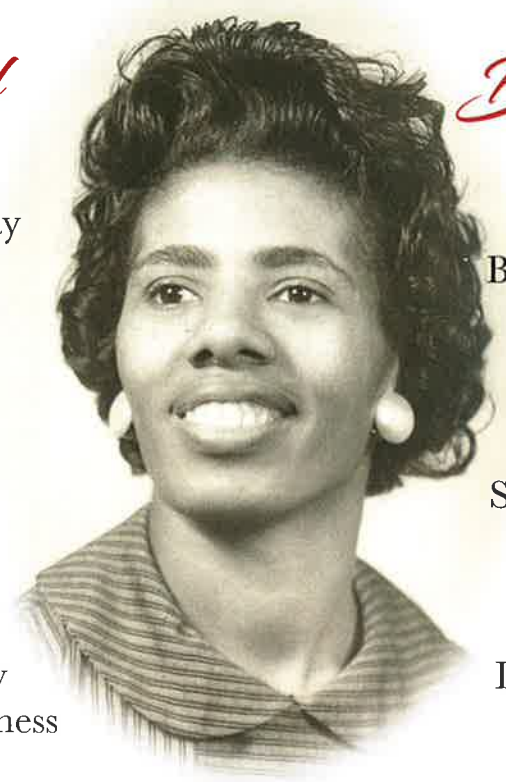
Thursday, December 30, 2021 at 1 p.m.  
Wildewood Christian Church  
6900 N. Kelley Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73111  
Pastor Dwayne E. Rodgers, Officiating



*If Tears Could*

*Build A Stairway*

If tears could build a stairway  
and memories were a lane  
We would walk right up to  
heaven  
And bring you back again.  
No farewell words  
were spoken  
No time to say goodbye  
You were gone before  
we knew it  
And only God knows why  
Our hearts still ache in sadness



and secret tears still flow  
But now we know you want us  
To mourn for you no more  
To remember all  
the happy times  
Life still has much in store  
Since you'll never be forgotten  
We pledge to you today  
A cherished place  
within our heart  
Is where you'll always stay.

*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.

*In Our Hearts*

We thought of you with love today,

But that is nothing new.

We thought about you yesterday

And days before that, too.

We think of you in silence.

We often speak your name.

Now all we have are memories

And your picture in a frame.

Your memory is our keepsake

With which we'll never part.

God has you in his keeping.

We have you in our heart.

*Your Children*



In Loving Memory of

# Ruby Lee

## FARMER

Ruby Lee was born on December 30, 1930, to Roy Beard and Sadie Vernell Carter Beard in Stroud, Oklahoma. Sadie passed away in 1932, and Roy raised his only child, Ruby a precious jewel.

Ruby attended Golden Valley Grade School in Stroud. She completed ninth and tenth grade at Chandler High School, before graduating from Stroud High School in 1949. She moved to Tulsa for work from 1949 to 1950.

Ruby returned to Oklahoma City and married Calvin O. Franklin in 1950, to this union four children were born, Calvin, Jerry, Brenda, and Earnest. Later she met and married Charles Overstreet, in 1968, to this union one child was born, Cotrinna. Then later in life, in 1976, she met and married Sam Farmer, where she became a loving stepmom. This marriage increased her family, adding children and grandchildren, whom she loved dearly.

Ruby was a founding member of Wildewood Christian Church after spending several years at East Sixth Street Christian Church. She was a dedicated usher and Deaconess. She served as the president of the Wildewood usher board for 41 years. She faithfully served on many other auxiliaries, displaying God's unconditional love in every encounter. She remained faithful until her death, achieving a number of accolades.

She loved to travel, was an avid bowler and a skilled domino player. Ruby never met a stranger. She provided stern guidance and straightforward wisdom to all who had the opportunity to come across her path.

Ruby departed this life on Saturday, December 18, 2021. On this day she closed her eyes, leaving behind a beautiful legacy. Preceding her in death, her devoted husband Sam Farmer; her son Calvin Franklin Jr., her father, mother and grandparents, her stepmother, and grandson, Marcel Emery.

She leaves to cherish her pleasant memory, four children, Jerry W. Franklin, Brenda K. Dukes (Joseph), Earnest L. Franklin, and Cotrinna Y. Overstreet. She also leaves behind a daughter-in-law Gail M. Franklin (Calvin Jr.), 14 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren, her special nephew and niece, godchildren and god grandchildren, a host of friends, cousins and those who affectionately called her Bigmoma. Ruby was a precious gift that God graciously placed in our lives; our foundation of love, courage, passion, inspiration, and tenacity all came from her.

**FAITH** doesn't always take you out of the problem, it takes you through the problem.  
**FAITH** doesn't always take away the pain; it gives you the ability to handle the pain.  
**FAITH** doesn't always take you out of the storm; it calms you in the midst of the storm.



### *Expressions*

A heart of gold stop beating,  
 Hard working hands at rest,  
 God broke our hearts to prove to us,  
 He only takes the best.

God knows you had to leave us,  
 But you did not go alone,  
 For parts of us were with you,  
 The day he took you home.

To some you are forgotten,  
 Others just part of the past,  
 But to us who loved you,  
 Your memory will always last.

### *When I am gone*

When I am gone, release me – let me go  
 I have so many things to see and do.  
 You must not tie yourself to me with tears  
 Be happy that we had so many years. I gave you love,  
 you can only guess, how much you gave me in happiness.  
 I thank you for the love each have shown,  
 but now it is time I travelled alone.  
 So grieve awhile for me if grieve you must,  
 then let your grief be comforted by trust  
 It is only for a while that we must part  
 so bless those memories within your heart.

“You have fought a good fight  
 You have finished your course,  
 You have kept the faith.”  
 II Timothy 4:7

# When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me  
And I'm not here to see  
If the sun should rise and find your eyes  
Are filled with tears for me  
I wish so much you wouldn't cry  
The way you did today  
While thinking of the many things  
We didn't get to say  
I know how much you love me  
As much as I love you  
And each time you think of me  
I know you'll miss me too  
But when tomorrow starts without me  
Please try to understand  
That an angel came and called my name  
And took me by the hand  
And said my place was ready  
In Heaven far above  
And that I'd have to leave behind  
All those I dearly love  
But when I walked through Heaven's gate  
I felt so much at home  
When God looked down and smiled at me  
From His great golden throne  
He said this is eternity  
And all I promised you  
Today your life on earth is past  
But here it starts anew  
I promise no tomorrow  
For today will always last  
And since each day's the same way  
There's no longing for the past  
So when tomorrow starts without me  
Don't think we're far apart  
For every time you think of me  
I'm right here in your heart



# Order of Service

## *Prelude*

Reginald Butler, Wildewood Christian Church

## *Processional*

Ministers, Funeral Directors & Family

## *Musical Selection*

Wildewood Christian Church Choir

## *Scripture Readings*

Old Testament  
Pastor William Simms  
Pastor Emeritus, Wildewood Christian Church

New Testament  
Elder Melvin Tukes  
Pastor, Bold Springs CME Church, Jackson, GA

## *Prayer*

Dr. Phillip Ward, Sr., Senior Pastor,  
Destiny Worship Center, Lancaster, TX

## *Musical Selection*

Etta Walter

## *Resolution and Acknowledgement*

Dr. Nancy Alexander

## *Musical Selection*

David Carter, Sr.

## *Presentations*

City Wide Ushers

## *Musical Selection*

Vicky Hodge

## *Musical Selection*

La'Jeune James and Micah Adkins

## *Words of Comfort*

Pastor Dwayne Rodgers  
Senior Pastor, Wildewood Christian Church

## *Video Tribute*

## *Final Viewing and Recessional*

