

# *Obituary*

Missionary Vidella Slaughter was born December 7, 1927 in Tuskahoma, Oklahoma to Simon and Mary Harris. She was the first born of ten siblings. She accepted Christ at an early age.

Vidella was educated at King Rosenwald School in Tuskahoma, Oklahoma where she graduated as Valedictorian of her class.

Vidella met and married William Fee in 1952. On February 9, 1962, she exchanged wedding vows with Elder Leslie D. Slaughter. They spent 35 beautiful years together until his passing in 1993. This union brought into her life eight stepchildren whom she loved and cared for deeply. She was a homemaker; childcare and home care provider for many years. Although, she didn't bear any children of her own, she loved and cared for her nieces and nephews as if they were her own children. Her love for the Lord was exemplified in the unconditional compassionate love that she displayed for her family and friends. We will always be reminded of her famous words, "if it's the Lord's will, we shall live". Her missionary work carried her all over the country, building churches and training others on how to be a missionary. She sacrificed for others and uplifted them when needed.

She saw herself as the leader of the Harris family, and was a help to all those who called upon her. She was an excellent telephone technician, she loved to talk on the phone and keep in touch with her family and friends. With her Godly wisdom and spiritual knowledge her advice was encouraging. She was the glue that kept the family together.

Vidella was preceded in death by her parents, stepmother, Ruth Harris and two brothers, Leroy Harris and Richard Harris. She departed this life on Sunday September 12, 2010. She leaves to cherish her memories: a sister, Anness (Ralph) Wilson; six brothers: Simon (Mary) Harris, Jr., Floyd (Oweta) Harris, James Harris, Lee (Dorothy) Harris, Sidney (Sheila) Harris, Donnie (Linda) Harris and Bo (Carolyn) Bailey; step children: Ma Joyce Turner, Wilma Jean Wimberly, Wyonna Lynn Smith, Leslie Ann Gaines, Gwendolyn Kaye Mosley, William Morris, III, Charles Satterfield and Craig Arman Morris; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.