



Pallbearers

Trevor Wallace
James Riley

Trevor Wallace II
Larry Marshall

Donald Brown

Honorary Pallbearers

Donald E. Burns, Jr.
Willie Flowers

James Neal
Anthony Wilson

Fairview Men's Ministry

Flower Bearers

Angela Scruggs
Deneen Reed
Raylene' Edwards
Kim Todd-Wilson

Michelle Carter
Tianna Pullen
Sharon Pullen
Sereniti Irish

Honorary Flower Bearers

Helma R. Gentry
Amanda Riley (Ashley)
Porsche Wallace
Brittany Burns

Marva Work
Alene Dunlap
Myra DeBose
Terri Stewart

Fairview Women's Ministry

Interment

Trice Hill Cemetery
5101 North Coltrane Road
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73121

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

Acknowledgement

The family of Barbara A. Burns wishes to express appreciation and gratitude for prayers, visits, and all deeds of kindness shown to us as we mourn the loss of our family Matriarch. We are forever grateful for you all.

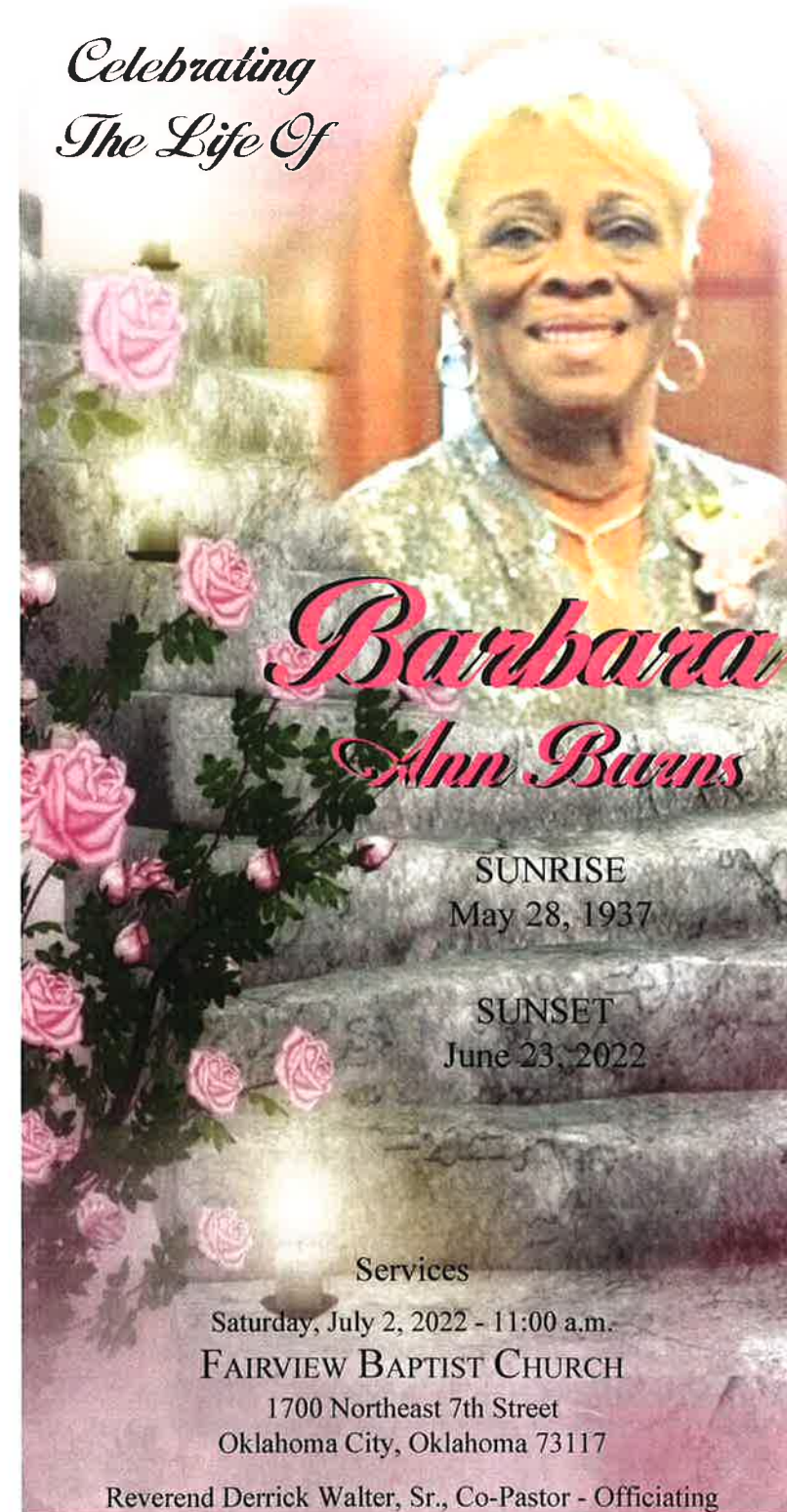
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Celebrating The Life Of



*Barbara
Ann Burns*

SUNRISE
May 28, 1937

SUNSET
June 23, 2022

Services

Saturday, July 2, 2022 - 11:00 a.m.
FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
1700 Northeast 7th Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73117

Reverend Derrick Walter, Sr., Co-Pastor - Officiating

Obituary

Barbara Ann Burns, who recently celebrated her 85th birthday, was the only child born to Dr. Willard L. and Bertha Moore (Evans) on May 28, 1937, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She passed from this life peacefully in her sleep the morning of June 23,2022. She is survived by her children, Helma Gentry and Donald Burns Jr., her grandchildren, Amanda Riley (James), Porsche Wallace (Trevor), and Brittany Burns, and her great-grandchildren, Ashley Riley, Trevor Wallace II, and Sereniti Irish. She is preceded in death by her father, mother, and husband of 30+ years, Donald E. Burns, Sr.

On July 15,1963, Barbara and Donald Sr. were married and the Burns family established themselves as a fine couple in the Oklahoma City community. Barbara and Donald loved the Lord, music, dancing, and celebrating with their dear friends of Oklahoma City and Wichita, Kansas where they often traveled for golf tournaments. They also enjoyed spending time with their three granddaughters.

Barbara loved to learn, she attended Dunbar and Edwards Elementary and graduated from Douglass High School in 1955. Because of the patience, love, and care of her fifth-grade teacher, selecting a career path wasn't a difficult decision. She knew she wanted to become a teacher and after graduating high school, she attended Fisk University in Nashville, TN where she studied Elementary Education and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree.

After college, Barbara became a fifth-grade teacher for the Oklahoma City Public Schools District. Her 21-year teaching career led to Culbertson, North Highland, Polk and Longfellow Elementary Schools. Barbara continued her education and earned Master's degree in 1971 from Central State University in Edmond, Oklahoma. Some of her prize students were Rev. Robert Hubbard, Jr., Rev. Donnie McKnight, Rev. Jeff Mitchell, Rev. Kim Brown, Rev. Tony Rhone, and Rita Spears. She deemed this the most exciting and meaningful time of her teaching career.

In 1982, she was promoted to an Elementary Title I Supervisor with the Oklahoma Board of Education, where she worked for 14 years. She retired in January 1996.

Barbara joined Fairview Baptist Church in 1963 and became a member of multiple ministries within the church including, the Library Ministry, Sunday School, and the Finance Committee. She loved her Fairview family like her own including her godchildren Larry and Rhoda Marshall, Deneen Reed, Tianna Pullen, and Derrick Walter Jr. She also enjoyed spending time with her close friends Ms. Alene Dunlap, Ms. Jo Reed, Mr. Bob Simmons and a host of many others.

As the matriarch of the Burns Family, she led through ups and downs and trials and tribulations with grace and elegance. We will cherish her life and her memory forever.



UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

A light from our lives has gone
A voice we love is still.
A place is vacant within our hearts
Which never can be filled.
A bouquet of beautiful memories
Sprayed with a million tears.
I wish God could have spared you
If just for a few more years.

We hold you close within our hearts,
And there you will remain.
To walk with us throughout our lives
Until we meet again.

So, rest in peace dear Grannie
And thanks for all you've done.
We pray that God has given you
The crown you've truly won.

Your vacant place no one can fill
We miss you now and always will.

Order of Service

- Processional Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family
- Officiant Reverend Derrick Walter, Sr.
- Musical Selection Reverend Shree Walter
"Amazing Grace"
- Scripture Reading Reverend Derrick Walter, Sr.
- Prayer Reverend Arthur Crawford
- Resolutions/Acknowledgement
- Special Remarks Helma Gentry, Larry Marshall
- Musical Selection Reverend Shree Walter
"Blessed Assurance"
- Eulogy Dr. John A. Reed, Jr., Pastor
- Video Tribute Temple & Sons Funeral Directors
- Recessional Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family

