



*A Celebration of Life*  
for  
*Josephine Hood Howard*

**SUNRISE**  
September 14, 1923

**SUNSET**  
September 7, 2022



*"For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord.  
So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's."  
– Romans 14:8*

**SERVICES**  
Friday, September 16, 2022 — 11:00 a.m.  
**EARL M. TEMPLE MEMORIAL CHAPEL**  
2801 N. Kelley Avenue  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111

Dr. Kelly R. Booker, Pastor  
New Union Baptist Church  
*Officiating*

## Obituary

Josephine Hood Howard died September 7, 2022. Mrs. Howard was the second child of eleven children born to Joe and Helen Estella Dean in Hendrix, Oklahoma. She was born on September 14, 1923. She became a Christian and joined Calvary Baptist Church in Hendrix at an early age. She received an Elementary education in Hendrix and graduated from Shoemaker High School in Colbert, Oklahoma.

Josephine moved to Oklahoma City, OK in 1944. She attended Langston University, received a teacher's certificate, and taught school in Oberlin, OK. She then moved to Bridgeport, Connecticut, and was employed on a General Electric Radio assembly line making radios for the Navy. She moved back to Oklahoma City, OK, and began a career with the Federal Government at Tinker Air Force Base that lasted thirty-one years. There she met and married Alfred A. Hood. During her career at Tinker AFB, she attended Oklahoma University where she received a BA degree in Liberal Studies and also a Teachers Certificate from Wright-Paterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio. Josephine and Alfred were blessed with a precious baby boy and named him Leon Dewayne Hood. She was happily married to Mr. Hood for fifty-seven years and Mr. Hood passed away in 2003.

Josephine was a widow for three years and later married Mr. TC William Howard. She and Mr. Howard belonged to Tabernacle Baptist Church and were both Civil Service Retirees from Tinker AFB. A long-time friendship became more than friends. They fell in love and were married on November 8, 2007. The two moved into their retirement home in Northwest Oklahoma City and were happily married for thirteen years. Mr. Howard passed away on August 8, 2020. Mrs. Howard sadly became a widow and remained a widow for the rest of her life.

Josephine was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Lester Ray Dean, Lee France Dean, Willie Dean, and Malcolm Dean; and sisters, Imogene Dean, Ruth Wallace, and Joyce Coursey.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her son, Leon Hood of Oklahoma City; three grandchildren: Lauren Hood, Ian Hood, and Eron Hood, all of Georgia; one great-grandson, Braylin Hood; two sisters, Iris Foster (Ronald) of the city and Doris Greenwood, of the city; one brother, Wiley Dean (Francis) of Wichita, KS, one brother-nephew, Stephen Dean, Sr. (Karen) of Atlanta, GA; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

## Active Pallbearers

Leon Hood • Michael Dean • Nicolas Dean  
Stephen Dean, Jr. • Stephen Dean, Sr. • Anthony Richards

## Honorary Pallbearers

Felton Dean • Wiley Dean  
Edward Gaines • Ronald Smith

## Active Flower Bearers

Gayle Gaines • Barbara Graham  
Linda Oakes • Philecia Reece • Angela Woolfolk

## Honorary Flower Bearers

Doris Greenwood • Iris Foster

## Interment

Hillcrest Memory Gardens  
12813 N. E. 50th Street  
Spencer, Oklahoma 73084

Services under the direction of:

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(405) 427-8321 • "We Care" — II Timothy 4:8

## Acknowledgment

The family would like to extend their sincere gratitude to Crossroads Hospice & Palliative Care and their amazing staff: Christian, Lynn, Antonia, Tai, Mindy, Fran, Monica, AJ, Imani, Charles, and Jenny. You created a warm and safe environment in her home until her last breath. Special thank you to Shelley, Gayle, and Barbara for abiding by my wishes and assisting with in-home care.

## When I Come to the End of the Road

By Amy L. Kerswell

When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me.  
I want no rites in the gloom-filled room,  
Why cry for a soul set free?  
Miss me a little – but not too long,  
And not with your head bowed low,  
Remember the love that we once shared  
Miss me – but let me go.  
For this is a journey we all must take  
And each must go alone,  
It's all part of the Master's plan-  
A step on the road to home.  
When you are lonely and sick of heart,  
Go to the friends we know,  
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds.  
Miss Me – but let me go.



## She is Gone

By David Harkins

“You can shed tears that she is gone  
Or you can smile because she has lived.  
You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back,  
Or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left.  
Your heart can be empty because you can't see her,  
Or you can be full of the love that you shared.”



## Order of Service

Processional .....	Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family
Musical Selection .....	Bro. Reginald New
Scripture Reading	
Old Testament .....	Stephen Dean, Sr.
New Testament .....	Stephen Dean, Jr.
Prayer .....	Dr. Kelly R. Booker
Musical Selection .....	Bro. Reginald New
Obituary ( <i>Read Silently</i> )	
Resolutions/Acknowledgment .....	Sister Shauna New
Remarks .....	Michelle Reece
Words of Comfort .....	Dr. Kelly R. Booker
Video Tribute .....	Reeceland Films
Recessional .....	Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family

