



HER JOURNEY'S JUST BEGUN

Don't think of her as gone away -
Her journey has just begun
Life holds many facets
The earth is only one
Just think of her as resting
From the sorrows and the tears
In a place of warmth and comfort
Where there are not days and years
Think how she must be wishing
That we could know today
How nothing but our sadness
Can really pass away
And think of her as living
In the hearts of those she touched
For nothing loved is ever lost
And she was loved so much

Pallbearers

Friends of the Family

Flower Bearers

Friends of the Family

Interment

October 18, 2022 at 1:00 pm
Arlington Memory Gardens
3400 N Midwest Blvd.
Midwest City, OK 73141

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude for the many acts of kindness shown during this time of bereavement. We love and thank you. May God bless you.

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Celebrating the Life of
Charlotte Eleanor Brinkley

Sunrise
December 18, 1938

Sunset
October 8, 2022



SERVICES

Monday, October 17, 2022- 1:00 pm
Shorter Chapel A.M.E. Church
405 North Central Avenue
Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447

Reverend Freeman Culver, Pastor-Officiating

Celebrating the Life of Charlotte Eleanor Brinkley



Charlotte Brinkley was born in Mounds, Oklahoma on 12/18/1938 to Mattie Lou (Jackson) and Leroy Brinkley. An only child, Charlotte, was named after her maternal grandmother, Charlotte “Lottie” Jackson. Shortly after her birth, she and her parents moved to Beggs, Oklahoma to live in the home of her great uncle, Samuel Daniel (S.D.) Sneed, his wife, Francis, and her paternal grandmother, Ida Sneed Nall. The family attended Handy Chapel AME church in Beggs where she was christened and attended church services. Charlotte, was a very exceptional child as she was always eager to learn and to investigate things around her. Her parents gave her a tricycle which she rode so fast her father, Leroy, had to run to the mile section to catch her. As is often the case with many bright children, she was also very curious. There was a well near the house in the yard and Charlotte often overheard her mother caution her father about not letting her play to close to it. One day Charlotte stayed outside longer than usual so her mother called out “Charlotte where are you?” Charlotte replied “I’m in the well!” Her mother broke out in a cold sweat and Charlotte peeked out from under the porch. Her mother, Mattie, was a teacher and she spent a great amount of time reading to her, teaching her plays/speeches and music. At age three she could play-act like an 8 or 9 year old child and could read complete sentences. At that age she accompanied her mother to the school where her mother was teaching (Prairie View #1) and she began correcting the students when they gave incorrect answers to questions they were asked. There was never a dull moment when Charlotte was around!

She and her parents relocated to Okmulgee when she was in junior high school. The family began worshipping at Shorter Chapel AME Church. Charlotte attended Banneker and the historic Dunbar High School. She participated in several school activities. She became the head majorette and was band queen during her senior year (1956). After graduation she married Robert House, a high school classmate, and as a result of this union, two children were born, Robbie and Robert S. “Rusty” House, Jr. Both were christened at Shorter Chapel AME church. She and her children relocated to Tulsa after she divorced in the mid 1960s. She was employed in the medical field as a doctor’s assistant for the late Lawrence Reed, MD, as a medical community outreach worker for Moten Health Center, as a nursing assistant at St. Francis Hospital and as the supervisor of the Checking Service Department at the First National Bank of Tulsa.

After both of her children graduated from high school and left to attend college, she decided to complete her degree at the University of Oklahoma. She had previously attended Oklahoma State University, Bacone College and Tulsa Junior College graduating with an associate degree. Her last semester of college she decided to work as a dorm supervisor and to complete

the remaining credits at Langston University, her mother’s alma mater. She proudly graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1979 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Recreation and a Social Work Minor. After graduation she took several additional social work classes at Northeastern University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. She was employed at the Okmulgee Youth Shelter as a counselor, a Recreation Worker and Recreation Supervisor at Hissom State School, and as a Social Worker at OKDHS- Tulsa County. She resigned from her position at OKDHS to become the full-time caregiver for her mother. She continued to work part time in various positions, Interim Special Education Teacher and Substitute Teacher for Okmulgee Public School System, LIEAP Worker, Okmulgee OKDHS and as a receptionist at the Okmulgee Red Cross.

She was a diligent worker in the church, serving as a Steward, Sunday School Superintendent and Church Secretary for several years until her health no longer permitted her to do so. Charlotte was always willing to do the Lord’s work. Additionally, she led neighborhood fundraising drives for various charities. She was a sports enthusiast. She enjoyed watching professional and college football and basketball, especially the University of Oklahoma basketball and football teams and professional tennis. Kevin Durant was her favorite professional basketball player and Serena Williams was her favorite professional tennis player. She rarely missed watching “The Bold and the Beautiful.” She knew Thomas Forrester could never be trusted!

Jesus Christ called Charlotte into eternal life on October 8, 2022. She was predeceased by her parents, Mattie and Leroy Brinkley, her son, Robert S. House Jr. and son-in law, Reverend Lee E. Fleming. Her daughter, Robbie Charlon House Fleming (Edmond, OK), several relatives, close friends, church members and neighbors will continue to cherish her life and memories.



Twirling Squad
Kneeling: Axaline Archie.
First row left to right:
Erma Jean Gouthier, Leanora Franklin, Yvonne Hubbard, Marie Harris, Yvonne Overstreet, Exzetta Washington, Peggy Phillips, Dubie Lee Nelson, Alice Fay Moore, Mrs. A. L. Dyer. Second row: Crayola DeVillie, Dorothy Baker, May Ola Bush, Ray Ann Hill, Charolette Brinkley, Marjorie Mitchell, Walter Jean Johnson, Carrie Mae Biglow, Rosetta Wilson, Mary Ann Tillis.

Order of Service

THE HOLY BIBLE: KING JAMES VERSION

2 TIMOTHY 4: 7-8

I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course. I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only but unto all them also that love his appearing.

Processional Ministers, Funeral Directors, and Family

Old Testament Minister

New Testament Minister

Prayer of Comfort Minister

Musical Selection Renee Peterson

Obituary Please read silently

Resolutions/ Acknowledgements Church Secretary

Expressions of Comfort Please limit to 2 minutes
Family and Friends

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Eulogy Reverend Freeman Culver,
Pastor, Shorter Chapel A.M.E.

Prayer of Commitment Reverend Freeman Culver

Benediction Reverend Freeman Culver

Final Directions Funeral Directors

Recessional Ministers, Funeral Directors and Family