

Order of Service

Processional . . . Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family
 Prayer Pastor Paul Everett
 Old Testament Scripture
 New Testament Scripture
 Words of Comfort Pastor Paul Everett
 Closing Prayer
 Recessional



Honorary Pallbearers

John D. Cresap Stanley Williams
 Bernard L. Reese Pastor Paul Everett

Honorary Flower Bearers

Bobbie Nelson Barbara Andrews
 Queenie Raymond Versie D. Alford
 Cheryl Brown

Interment

Resurrection Memorial Cemetery
 7801 N.W. Expressway
 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73132

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

Acknowledgment

The family of Ella Reese wishes to express their sincere gratitude for the many acts of kindness shown during this time of bereavement. Special thanks to Bellevue Health & Rehab Center. May God Bless each of you.

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"We Care"
II Timothy 4:8

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



Ella Pearl Reese

Sunrise
March 11, 1931

Sunset
January 13, 2023

Graveside Service
 Friday, January 20, 2022 - 2:00 p.m.
Resurrection Memorial Cemetery
 7801 N.W. Expressway
 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73132

Reverend Paul Everett, Pastor - Officiating

Ella Pearl Reese

Ella Pearl Reese, or “Pearl” as everyone called her, was born March 11, 1931 in Haskell, Oklahoma to Lee Arthur and Valerie Duncan.



Lee Arthur and Valerie Duncan Ward brought a second daughter into



this world and named her Ella Pearl, after her grandmother’s Ella Duncan and Pearl Ward. Lee Arthur was a Professor in Haskell, Oklahoma. Then later moved his family to Bristow, Oklahoma. Ella Pearl started school in Bristow, Oklahoma, but Mr. Ward wanted more for his family and took a job in Drumwright, Oklahoma.

His two girls went to school there for two years. During that time, he furthered his education and became a Principal in Stillwater. Ella Pearl graduated from Washington High School in Stillwater, Oklahoma. After graduation, she entered Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri and majored in Elementary Education. She was also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority at Lincoln University.



In 1949, she met the love of her life, Robert “Bobby” Reese at Lincoln University and they dated throughout

college. On December 27, 1953, she married Bobby in Stillwater, Oklahoma and on August 20, 1957, they welcomed their only child, Bernard Lawrence Reese.



Ella Pearl’s first teaching job was in Bartlesville, Oklahoma where she taught Typing, Shorthand and General Business and had students who successfully graduated with honors in her field. Pearl later attended Oklahoma State University and received a Master’s degree in Elementary Education. During her 30+ years of teaching, she taught Kindergarten and Second Grade at Culbertson School in Oklahoma City. Her dedication to teaching lead her to be hired as a Learning Center Consultant for the Oklahoma City Public School System at the Board of Education. She later retired in 1986.



After retirement, Pearl remained dedicated to instructing and helping youngsters; she and her fellow teacher, Cam Byrd opened a private learning center and tutored students in reading and math. It was a very successful program. In 1991, Pearl continued to tutor on an individual basis in her home.

In her free time, Pearl enjoyed her couples club,

playing Bridge with the girls, entertaining family and friends, and always out shopping for the latest fashion. If you knew her, you’d know that she never stepped out of the house without looking her very best!



Pearl joined Greater Cleaves Memorial C.M.E. Church in 1961, and remained a faithful member throughout her life. She was a member of Stewardess Board #4, the Chancel Choir, the Arbor Vita Club, and Editor of the Gazette (The Church Newsletter).

Ella is survived by her son, Bernard L. Reese of Oklahoma City, and many cousins, relatives and friends who will miss her dearly.

Ella is preceded in death by her loving husband of 67 years, Robert “Bobby” Reese; parents, Lee Arthur and Valerie Ward; sister, Versie Dale Alford; uncle and aunt, Herman and Gloretha Duncan of Muskogee, Oklahoma.

