

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid you see.
I took His hand when I heard him call
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee
God wanted me now; He set me free.

The family of Vella "BB" Blakely wishes to acknowledge with heartfelt appreciation your acts of kindness, prayers and sympathy. A special thank you to Rev. Robert L. Champion Jr from People's Church and Temple and Sons Funeral Directors.

In loving memory of



Vella L. Blakely

Sunrise

March 13, 1938

Sunset

January 18, 2023

Services

Friday, January 27, 2023 - 1:00 pm

TEMPLE & SONS FUNERAL DIRECTORS, INC

EARL M. TEMPLE MEMORIAL CHAPEL

2801 North Kelley Avenue

Oklahoma City, OK

Rev. Robert L. Champion Jr. - Officiating



Obituary



Vella "BB" Lawrence was born on March 13th, 1938 to Oscar and Zella Lawrence in Newalla, OK.


Vella accepted Christ into her life early on and was baptized at Morning Star Baptist Church in Anadarko, OK. She later became a member of Church Of The Living God (CWFF) in Anadarko. She was also a member of Kelly Ave Christian Church for many years before returning back to Church Of The Living God.

She graduated from Anadarko High School with honors and was a member of the girls' basketball team. After graduating from high school she went on to receive her nursing license and worked in many hospitals in an around Oklahoma City. She also received her cosmetology license and later became an instructor where she even taught one of her nieces.

One day while walking to the local convenience store, she met her soon to be husband. On March 20th 1970 in Guthrie, OK they were wed and together raised six children.

Vella was a very lively person who tried to see the good in everyone and would open her home up to anyone. In her spare time, she enjoyed doing jigsaw puzzles, crocheting, sewing and playing card games with her family especially bid whist and spades.

Vella was preceded in death by her parents, Oscar and Zella Lawrence, one sister, Luberta Yeager, five brothers, Earnest Lawrence, Hoover Lawrence, Wallace Lawrence, Jake Lawrence and Ezra Lawrence. One daughter, Gayetta Odgen and one son, Marcus Lawrence. She is survived by her husband James Blakely Sr., three daughters, Rochelle Walker, Yletha Hart (Barron) and Hope Blakely, two sons, James Blakely Jr. and Oscar Blakely all of Okla. City. Two sisters, Arnell Lawrence, Debra Buchanan, three brothers, Morris Lawrence, Ambrose Lawrence and MacArthur Lawrence. Ten grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, other beloved relatives and friends.



Order of service



Processional.....Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family

Scripture Reading.....Pastor Shelby Johnson
Old and New Testament

Prayer.....Keith Lawrence

Musical Selection.....Princella Crittenden

Remarks.....Please limit to 2 minutes

Obituary.....Please read silently

Eulogy.....Rev. Robert L. Champion Jr.
Campus Pastor People's Church

Video

Recessional

23rd Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

