



Palbearers
The BSBC Brotherhood

Flower Bearers
Silver Star Ministry
BSBC WMU

Final Resting Place
Hillcrest Memory Garden
12813 NE 50th St.
Spencer, OK 73084

Services Entrusted to
Temple & Sons Funeral Director
2801 N. Kelley Ave.
Oklahoma City, OK 73111



Acknowledgement

The family of Gladys Coleman would like to extend gratefulness to the many kind and beautiful expressions of love shown during this time of sorrow. For all who have had an active or passive part, we say thank you for your acts of comfort. Special thank you to our church families, Bethlehem Star Baptist Church and Tabernacle Baptist Church, Dorset Assisted Living and Memory Care and Traditions Hospice with a special thanks to Shannon and Shelly.

A Celebration of Love
For

Gladys Arthurette Coleman

Born into Time - October 11, 1924



Born into Eternity - January 24, 2023

Services
Friday – February 3, 2023
11:00 A.M.

Bethlehem Star Baptist Church
2704 N.E. 24th St.
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111

Rev. Rodney R. Payne, Pastor

Celebrating The Life of

Gladys Arthuretta Coleman

On October 11, 1924, Gladys Arthuretta Lawson, the older of two beautiful daughters, was born to the late Elwood and Irene A. Wood-Lawson in Camden, New Jersey.

Her family fellowshiped with the Bethel A.M.E Church in Camden, New Jersey where she was later christened. She later attended the Bethel A.M.E. Church in Woodbury, New Jersey with her mother and sister Alice where she was baptized.

She attended Carpenter Street School and Woodbury High School in Woodbury, New Jersey. Gladys was employed by two companies during her life time. GEX (Government Exchange Corporation) where she was the head bookkeeper. Also Melitta Coffee Company where she once again was the head bookkeeper and from where she eventually retired.

Gladys was brought up in a very religious home and has maintained a love for Christ and her church throughout her life. After John Coleman returned from military service, John and Gladys were married January 22, 1943. They then joined Bethlehem Baptist Church, Woodbury, New Jersey. Gladys worked diligently at the church as an active member, senior choir, Women’s Missionary Union, church trustee and church treasurer. Gladys served faithfully at Bethlehem Baptist Church for over 50 years.

Being the great-granddaughter of the late John H. Lawson who won the Congressional Medal of Honor for heroism while wounded on duty as a U.S. Navy landsman during the Civil War, the foundation for greatness laid and much was required.

Gladys was a seamstress making a large number of her own clothes from casual to formal. She also was a master quilt maker making over 25 quilts. She and her quilting club, Quilt Guild were honored for outstanding quilting efforts throughout New Jersey and by the Philadelphia Inquirer newspaper in 1997.

Gladys loved to travel. She and John along with lifetime traveling friends went on six (6) cruises. She and John traveled to England for 30 days to visit with Ron and his family as Ron served in the United States Air Force. They also traveled to all the states in which Ron was stationed.

She was predeceased by her parents Elwood and Irene A. Wood-Lawson, husband John D. Coleman and Sister Alice Harris.

Gladys Coleman was called home to be with the Lord on January 24, 2023 at six o’clock in the evening. She leaves to celebrate her life and cherish her memory; her son Ronald Coleman (Lorraine) of Midwest City, OK; grandsons Phillip Coleman of Oklahoma City, OK and Brian (Amy) Coleman of Jones, OK; great granddaughter Aneasha Voordoorm of Des Moines, IA; great grandsons Risiah Anderson of Greeley, CO, Terrin Coleman of Scotts Bluff, NE, Mason Coleman and Miles Coleman of Jones, OK; a host of nieces and nephews along with her church families.



Celebration Service

Processional	Funeral Directors, Clergy, Family (Blessed Assurance).
Musical Selection	BSBC Praise Team
Scripture Reading:	
Old Testament	Pastor Frank McClarty
New Testament	Pastor Edward Jefferson
Prayer of Comfort	Rev. Calvin Conner
Solo	Marguerite Stumbaugh
Resolutions / Acknowledgements	
Remarks	Deacon Robert Nicholson Deacon Henry Harris, Jr. Deacon Kenneth Lawson Deacon Arthur Campbell
Solo	Yvonne Starling
Words of Comfort	Rev. Rodney R. Payne
Last Glimpse ‘Til Glory	
Recessional	Funeral Directors, Clergy, Family

