



Pallbearers
Kenneth Lee Perry
LaMan Thomas
Marcus Rhodes
Trenton Bell
CerVantes Edwards
Julius Hemphill
Kenneth Edwards
Donald Ballard

Flower Bearers
Charysse Crawford
Carlisse Crawford
Lisa McMullen Mustin
Bette Lanette Gordon
Lori Ponder
Whitney Ponder
Ronisha Ponder
Prospect Usher Board

Honorary Pallbearers
Bobby Edwards
Clyde Edwards
Bobby Bruner
Joseph Johnson

Interment
Bruner Cemetery
Seminole, Oklahoma

Honorable Flower Bearers
Tara Rhodes
Dallas Davis
Chelsea Wooten
Kendra Rhodes
Mackenzi Martinez
Johnnie Johnson
Daisy Edwards
Lisa Walker

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF



JERALDINE
Edwards Rhodes

Sunrise DECEMBER 17, 1931 *Sunset* MARCH 13, 2023



On December 17, 1931, a beautiful soul named Jeraldine was born to Arch and Irene Bruner Edwards, in Seminole, Oklahoma. At a young age, she moved to Shamrock, Texas and was raised by her Aunt Rena Edwards, along with her brother Freddie Edwards and best friend Lorine Thomas Crawford. Affectionately called “Jewbaby”, many never knew her “real” name. Jewbaby to others, but to her family she was Mama, Big Mama, and even Biggen.

On July 12, 1949, she married J.B. Rhodes and this was the beginning of a blessed union. She was a devoted wife, and proud mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother. Her life will continue to be celebrated by her children Linda Bell (Morris) of Richmond, TX; Kenneth Rhodes of Pflugerville, TX; Donald Rhodes of Arlington, TX; and Carlos Rhodes of Arlington, TX. Grandsons Kenneth Perry (Tamique) of OKC, OK; LaMan Thomas (Candace) of Missouri City, TX; Marcus Rhodes (Amalia) of Houston, TX; and Trenton Bell (Raina) of Guthrie, OK. Granddaughters Tara Rhodes (John Taylor) of Mobile, AL; Dallas Davis of Arlington, TX; Chelsea Wooten (Keith) of Houston, TX; Kendra Rhodes of Pflugerville, TX; and MacKenzi Martinez of Fort Worth, TX. Great-grandchildren Briana, Starr, Kenya, Ciarra, Skyy, Caleigh, Donovan, Saije, Christopher, Kaeden, Marcus, Darien, Keith, Kendall, Carrington, Tyson, London, Camila, Jordan, Maya and Great-great-granddaughter Nataliya.

She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star whose mission is “to make a positive difference in the world with charitable works, lasting friendships, and loving kindness to all mankind.” Jeraldine “Jewbaby” embodied this mission throughout her life. She was loved and respected by all who knew her. She loved to cook, especially for her family. With cooking as her passion, she went from being a waitress at a restaurant to owning that same restaurant, North Forty Steakhouse in Shamrock, Texas. She would keep family recipe secrets close to her heart and would only share with family, but made them promise not to share with anyone else!

She loved taking care of her grandchildren and they all spent spring breaks, summers and holiday’s in Shamrock with their Big Mama and PawPaw. She taught her grandchildren how to play the board game Wahoo (also known as Aggravation) and even had game boards made for them. She taught them how to be “gracious losers”, while also teaching them to think strategically to “best” their opponents.

Jeraldine, “Jewbaby” was a collector of elephants, all colors, shapes and sizes. Stuffed elephants, wooden elephants, gold elephants, silver elephants, glass elephants and even origami elephants...she collected and loved them all.





Jeraldine, "Jewbaby" loved to travel, and even went on a cruise with her good friend Ida Harris. She always wanted to go to New York and after going, she said she was satisfied. When asked recently where wanted to go for vacation, she simply replied "I've been everywhere I've ever wanted to go, and I've done everything I've ever wanted to do".

MAMA, you were stronger than we knew. You loved us, you supported us, you took pride in the legacy you and Daddy created. A mischievous smile, a cackling laugh or a simple "Hmph" when no other answer would do. Unless of course it was her favorite word "Sh**", which she would say anywhere, at any time, for any reason! You would laugh so hard, you couldn't tell us what you were trying to say, which most often meant you probably shouldn't be saying it anyway.

Your journey was your own. This path was your destiny. The epitome of a mother, leading us, showing us how to love...without limits, without boundaries.

BIGGEN - All I can say is thank you. Thank you for everything you've taught me, and every recipe you shared. Thank you for the laughs and the cries. Thank you for always being there to listen. My life won't be the same without seeing your face, but I'll always feel your spirit. Please watch over us with PawPaw and the others. They say a mother's love is unconditional; one thing I'll always be able to say is you showed me what that meant. I thank God every day and always for blessing me with a Big Mama like you, the Queen of our Hearts.

"If I reach out to you like a child do, darling don't let me down. I thank God for the strength that he gave to me for when you go home, I'd still be strong because he knew when you leave this time, you're gone for good. " -B.B.B Your Baby's Baby, MacKenzi

Exodus 20:12: "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you." Today is our final Homage to you Mama. Your mind is at ease and your soul is at rest. It is an honor and a blessing to call you Mama; Big Mama; and Biggen.

Philippians 4:6-7: "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Rest Easy Mama. Rest Well Mama. We will carry on Mama. It won't be easy, but we will carry on Mama.



Life Reflections

Order of Service

Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 12:00pm
Prospect Church
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Prelude

Processional
Ministers, Funeral Directors, and Family

Scripture
Prospect Church

Prayer
Reverend Lawrence Ware

Musical Selection
His Eye is on the Sparrow - Garry Williams

Acknowledgments and Resolutions
Pat Kern

Remarks
2 minute limit please
Family Tribute & Reading of Obituary

Musical Selection
I Won't Complain - Garry Williams

Words of Comfort and Eulogy
Reverend Dr. Lee Cooper

Video

Parting View

Recessional

