

## Thank You

Thank you for the many calls, texts and messages. Your thoughts, prayers and expressions of love have been really appreciated; and have helped us through our pain. We will never forget your kindness and ask abundant blessings upon you.



*Older men are to be temperate, dignified, self-controlled, and sound in faith, love, and perseverance. Older women, likewise, are to be reverent in their behavior, not slanderers or addicted to much wine, but teachers of good. In this way they can train the young women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled, pure, managers of their households, kind, and subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be discredited*

~Titus 2:2-4

## PALL BEARERS

Thaddeus Molden  
Lawrence Roberts  
Don Thompson

Cayman Johnson  
Jesse Pereida  
Quinton Quaye

## HONORARY PALL BEARERS

Robert Gillan  
Gregory Gillan

Anthony Matthews  
Michael Matthews

Floral Bearers  
TCI Women's Ministry

Internment Hillcrest Memory Gardens  
12813 NE 50<sup>th</sup> Street  
Spencer, OK 73084

**Those following the funeral procession,  
please turn your lights on for safety.**

Services have been entrusted to  
Temple and Sons Funeral Services  
2801 N Kelley Ave,  
Oklahoma City, OK 73111  
Phone: 405-427-8321



*In Loving Memory*

**Laverne D. Owens**

November 23, 1948                      October 6, 2019

**TRANSFORMATION CHURCH INTERNATIONAL, INC.**  
**3000 NW GRAND BOULEVARD**  
**OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73116**  
**CLARANCE & TANYA JOHNSON, SENIOR PASTORS**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2019**  
**1 PM**  
**DR. CLARANCE JOHNSON, OFFICIATING**

## *Reflection of a Life Well Lived*

Laverne Diane Matthews-Gillan-Owens was born the second of six children to Adam James Matthews, Jr. and Mimey Smith Matthews on November 23, 1948 in Fort Sill, OK.

Laverne attended Douglas Elementary in Lawton, OK before moving to Ansbach, Germany where she attended Jr. High School and later returned to Lawton, OK to finish her secondary education at Lawton High School. After High School, she attended classes at Cameron University and later graduated from Minnesota Graduate School of Theology with her bachelor's degree.

In addition to a few small jobs, Laverne spent 38 years working in civil service across the United States and Germany before retiring in October 2014.

Laverne professed her belief in the Lord as a young adult. She was very active in the church; i.e. Biblical teacher, drama director, usher board president, hospitality leader, Sunday school teacher and superintendent. She enjoyed studying the word of God.. Laverne was a very jubilant lady. She loved spending time with her family and friends. She enjoyed attending plays, movies and church conferences.

To celebrate and cherish her legacy, Laverne leaves her beloved husband, William Owens, OKC, OK; Parents: Adam and Mimey Matthews, Lawton, OK; Children: Robert Gillan Jr., Oslo, Norway; Gregory Gillan, Boley, OK; Crystal Pereida (Jesse), Yukon, OK. Siblings: Geraldine Parker, OKC, OK; Wanda Graham (Terry), Carrollton, TX; Adam Matthews III, Lawton, OK; T. Anthony Matthews, Dallas, TX; Michael Matthews (Chung Ha), Henderson, TN; Grandchildren: Kaitlin McWold, San Diego, CA; Anju Gillan, OKC, OK; Haseena Amani Gillan, FL; William Gillan, Oslo, Norway; Nieces: Olivia Scott (Gerald), OKC, OK; Christina Brown, Tulsa, OK; Nephews: Matthew and Michael Graham, Carrollton, TX; Great nieces: Joy and Grace Scott, OKC, OK; God daughter: Keisha Armstrong (Sidney), Dallas, TX; A host of cousins, other family members and very close friends.

Laverne will be dearly missed by everyone that knew and loved her. Her legacy :

*"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."* ~2 Timothy 2:15

## *Poem*

### **A Million Times**

You never said I'm leaving  
You never said good-bye  
You were gone before I knew it  
And only God knew why  
A million times we've needed you,  
A million times we've cried.  
If love alone could've saved you,  
You never would have died.  
In life we loved you dearly,  
In death we love you still.  
In our hearts you hold a place,  
No one else will ever fill.  
It broke our hearts to lose you,  
But you didn't go alone.  
Part of us went with you,  
The day God took you home



## *Celebration of Life*

**Musical Prelude**  
**Brother Charris Ramsey, Musician**

**Prayer**

**Old Testament Reading – Minister Thaddeus Molden**

**New Testament Reading – Sister Lisa Rose**

**Solo – Brandy Runnels**

**Obituary, Acknowledgements/Resolutions Read**  
**Chara Stephens**

**Eulogy – Dr. Clarence Johnson**

**Solo – Mary Simmons**

**Video Tribute**

**Parting Glance**

**Recessional**

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**Repast at TCI following internment**

