



Norma Louise Carruthers



Sunrise
March 12, 1932

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August 25, 2020

Worship Celebration Service

Tuesday, September 1, 2020
11 am

Temple & Sons Funeral Home

2801 N. Kelley Ave.
Oklahoma City, OK 73111

Remembering Norma Louise Carruthers

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven... Ecclesiastes 3:1

A time to be Born...

Norma Louise was welcomed into the world by her parents Columbus and Mattie Bass, March 12, 1932. As a result of her premature arrival and small stature she was given the nickname "Toy" by her grandparents. She was the oldest of eight children. Norma is preceded in death by her husband John Williams Carruthers Jr., her parents Columbus & Mattie Bass, her maternal grandparents Clyde & Letha Platt, and two sisters Claudia Leach and Annie Lee Bass. Her spiritual birth took place at the Rayfield Baptist Church in Muskogee, OK, under Rev. Dyer. She was a current member of New Bethel Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor James Greenwood.

A time to Embrace...

Norma was raised by her grandparents in Muskogee, OK, where she attended Muskogee Public Schools. She completed her secondary education at Manual Training High School. She took pride in attending the historic Manual Training and was a proud cheerleader. In 1950, Norma began her formal education at Langston University, completing her Freshman year, then devoted her life to her family.

A time to Love...

Norma met and married her college sweetheart John William Carruthers Jr, at Langston. They united in marriage, July 29, 1951. To this union five children were born. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great & great-great grandmother. Blessed through five generations! She was a Godly mother with unwavering faith. She admonished her children to always put Christ first. Her life exemplified her love for the Word of God and people. She expressed her love by willingly giving of herself.

A time to Plant...

Norma planted her gifts at Mercy Hospital, where she served in the in the Nursing field. She later launched a new career at Tinker Airforce Base as a Key Punch Operator. Her career spanned over a period of 33 years, where she advanced in the Information Technology Industry, before retiring. She was a pillar in the Church and Community. She served in the Evangelism Street Ministry, Women's Ministry, Widow's Ministry, and organized multiple Food Pantries, just to name a few. She volunteered in many capacities PTA, Voter Registrar, Team Mom, Neighborhood Association, Philos Club, and was a Toast Master. Determined to keep her promise to herself and husband, she went back to Langston and graduated at the age of 75, earning a Bachelor's of Art in Multiculturalism.

A time to Die...

She departed this life August 25th, 2020. Celebrating her new life are Norma's daughter and son-in-love, Sheila and Archie Douglas, Jr. of Oklahoma City, OK; four sons and daughters-in-love, Victor and Brenda Carruthers of Oklahoma City, OK, Claude and Sallie Carruthers of Oklahoma City, OK, Daryl and Toni Carruthers of Plano, TX, and Marcus and Dionne Carruthers of Edmond, OK; 19 grandchildren, VeLissa Lewis, Tre' & Kelly Carruthers, DaShea Carruthers, Daryl Carruthers II, TiAndra Crawford, Daryn & Tonya Carruthers, Marrae & Kevin Wade, RaShon Carruthers, Shaunte' Crawford, Carmen & Kennedy Germany Jr., Damon & NaTeshia Carruthers, Sh'lynn Carruthers, and John-Macus Carruthers. 21 great grandchildren and 1 great great granddaughter. 3 Sisters Bobbi Mann, Sonya Lamfu, and Linda Bass, 2 brothers Joe Platt, Malcolm Platt; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins. nieces. nephews and friends.

Worship Celebration

Officiating

Rev. Claude Carruthers

Prelude

Processional

Prayer

Pastor James Greenwood

Scripture

Old Testament

Rev. David Hall

New Testament

Rev. Lawrence Kirk

Selection

Tiffany Finley

Resolution & Acknowledgements

Sherri Coleman

Obituary

Read in Silence

Remarks

Two Minute Limit Please

Selection

Tiffany Finley

Eulogy

Rev. Marcus Carruthers

Video Tribute

Royalty Xpressions

Recessional



Psalms 91

- ¹ He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
- ² I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.
- ³ Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.
- ⁴ He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.
- ⁵ Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;
- ⁶ Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.
- ⁷ A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.
- ⁸ Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.
- ⁹ Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;
- ¹⁰ There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.
- ¹¹ For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.
- ¹² They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.
- ¹³ Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.
- ¹⁴ Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.
- ¹⁵ He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.
- ¹⁶ With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.



Legacy of Love

A wife, a mother, a grandma too,
This is the legacy we have from you.
You taught us love and how to fight,
You gave us strength,
you gave us might.
A stronger person
would be hard to find,
And in your heart,
you were always kind.
You fought for us all in one way
or another,
Not just as a wife,
not just as a mother.
For all of us you gave your best,
Now the time has come for you to rest.
So go in peace,
you've earned your sleep,
your love in our hearts,
we'll eternally keep.



Life affords no greater responsibility, no greater privilege,
than the raising of the next generation.
- C. Everett Koop

Expression of Gratitude

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair;
Perhaps you sent beautiful flowers, if so, we saw them there.
Perhaps you sent or spoke the kind words, as any friend could say;
Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.

Perhaps you prepared some tasty food or stopped by;
Perhaps you rendered a service unseen, near at hand or from afar.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We thank you so much whatever the part.

The Carruthers Family

Pallbearers

Victor Carruthers
Marcus Carruthers

Daryl Carruthers
Archie Douglas, Jr.

Claude Carruthers
Malcolm Platt

Honorary Pallbearers

Tre' Carruthers
Damon Carruthers
Kennedy Germany, Jr.
Tre'Shaun Akins

Daryl Carruthers II
John-Marcus Carruthers
Tion Walker
Jeremiah Barnett
Micah Carruthers

Daryn Carruthers
Kevin Wade
Kalen Wade
Daryn Carruthers II

Flower Bearers

VeLissa Lewis
TiAndra Crawford
Shaunte Crawford

Kelly Carruthers
Marrae Wade
Carmen Germany
Jhordyn Patton

DaShea Carruthers
RaShon Carruthers
Sh'lynn Carruthers

Honorary Flower Bearers

New Bethel Women's Ministry

Philos Sorority

Interment

Trice Hill Cemetery — Oklahoma City, OK 73111

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