

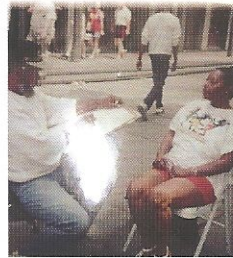
In Loving Memory and Celebration of Life of
Donetta Patterson Rabb Henry



SUNRISE SEPTEMBER 17, 1944
SUNSET DECEMBER 29, 2013

*So go and run free
So go and run free with the angels
Dance around the golden clouds
For the lord has chosen you to be with him
And we should feel nothing but proud
Although he has taken you from us
And our pain a lifetime will last
Your memory will never escape us
But make us glad for the time we did have
Your face will always be hidden
Deep inside our hearts
Each precious moment you gave us
Shall never, ever depart
So go and run free with the angels
As they sing so tenderly
And please be sure to tell them
To take good care of you for me*

—Author unknown



Donetta Patterson Rabb Henry was born on September 17, 1944, in Boley, Oklahoma. Donetta was the fourth born of ten children from the union of Leonard Carl Patterson, Sr. and Emma Rentha Fullbright Patterson. Donetta was affectionately called "sis" by her family. She was preceded in death by both parents, her brothers Leroy L. Patterson, Sr. (Brut), and Leonard (Junior) Carl Patterson Jr. and sisters Ada (Squeak) L. Patterson and Linda (Lukie) L. Patterson Eagle and her daughter Sherry Rabb.

Donetta began her education in Boley and moved to Hanford, California with her family. In December of 1961 Donetta welcomed her son, Buford Henry Rabb into her life. Donetta began her working career and then met and married Nathan Rabb Jr. in 1963. To this union two daughters were born, Rentha Rabb and Sherry Rabb (deceased). Donetta and Nathan went on to raise Buford and Rentha in Los Angeles California until they separated and ultimately divorced. When faced with an unexpected job change in 1981, Donetta decided to continue her education and went on to earn a Bachelor degree from the University of Southern California. Donetta had several jobs during her working career, notably she was an Air Traffic Controller for many years and once she earned her Bachelor degree she went on to become a Financial Analyst for the Los Angeles School District. Donetta decided to give marriage one more try and married Buford Henry Jr, (B.C), the biological father of her son, in 1995. Donetta took early retirement and headed back to Boley to live with her new husband. A short while after arriving in Boley, Donetta opened a local restaurant called Nana's that had the best food around. Once she tired of the restaurant she busied herself with making many needed improvements to the town of Boley. She obtained several grants for the town and became one of the Trustees of the town. Donetta eventually had to leave Boley and move to Oklahoma City due to the failing health of her husband B.C. whom she lovingly cared for until her own health took a turn for the worse in 2011.

Donetta loved to live life. She enjoyed traveling and spending time with family and friends. She was a very determined woman who accomplished everything she set her mind to. She was often sought out for her advice and wisdom.

Donetta leaves to cherish her memory her loving children Buford Rabb of Oklahoma City Oklahoma, Rentha Price (Oscar) of Plano Texas, step-daughters Catherine (Fran) Rollerson (Leon) Tulsa Oklahoma; Sheila McCormick Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Tammie Henry Bogues (Charles) Albany Georgia, three brothers Andrew (Tiny) C. Patterson, Sr. of Palmdale CA, Eugene (Bo) P. Patterson (Brenda), Sr. of Handford CA, and Thirkiel L. Patterson, Sr., of Los Angeles CA, two sisters Emma R. Patterson Oklahoma City OK, Rose (Peggy) M. Patterson-Benson (Charlie) of CA and sisters-in-law Audry Patterson of Los Angeles CA, Joyce Patterson of Fresno CA, Ethelyne Maloy of Chicago IL, Joylyn Burdine (Everett) Midwest City OK and grandchildren Nathan Rabb, Vashti Price, Jonathan Price, Terrell Price, Kyle Johnson, Antwan Johnson, Raphiel McCormick and Daniel Boges, great grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews, cousins, friends and other loved ones.