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The Life of a "Prayer Warrior"

Venera Jean Burns was born December 14, 1950. She was the third of five children born to R.T. and Flora Burns in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

She attended Garden Oaks Elementary School and graduated from Douglass High School, Class of 1969.

She united in matrimony with Charles T. Thompson, Jr. right out of high school, and to this union two sons were born: Charles T. Thompson III and Mario J. Thompson.

Venera Attended college and began her career with the State as a Data Entry Clerk.

She gave her life to Christ at an early age and was baptized under the leadership of Bishop W.E. Jefferies, 6th & Jordan, now known as Victory Temple under the leadership of Bishop Malcolm W. Colby.

She later united in matrimony with her soul mate, Dwayne A. Ware on September 20, 2005 in Oklahoma City. He spoiled her with love and took care of her the only way a God fearing husband could. Dwayne and Venera had an unconditional love for each other. They were not only husband and wife but each others best friends as well.

Venera was a devout Christian and had a strong belief in family. She was a loving and kind foster parent, and always led by example, showing that no matter what life throws at us we must always believe that God has a better plan for us!

Venera overcame the statics of sickle cell anemia. Her faith in God's word kept her strong along with Dr. Kanaa, Dr. Kerns, Dr. Woods, and the loving nursing staff on the 4th Floor at Mercy Hospital.

God called her home June 2, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. She was preceded in death by her father, R.T. Burns Sr., her brothers: R.T. Burns Jr., Kenneth Burns, James Burns Sr.; nephew, James Burns Jr.; and sister, Shirley Kerns.

She is survived by her loving and devoted husband, Dwayne A. Ware; her two sons: Charles Thompson III and Mario Jason Thompson (Alvanisha); her mother, Flora Burns; her sister, Belva Douglas (James); her grand-children: Antwine, Brittney, Ty'Lin, DeShawn, Jadin; one great grandson, Tevin; along with a plethora of cousins, nieces, nephews, friends and family.



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