

OBITUARY

EULA MAE FINLEY was born September 17, 1948 to Haywood and Elizabeth "Lizzie" Thornton in West Memphis, Arkansas. Her parents, husband and two sisters preceded her in death.

She was baptized at Old St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church in West Memphis, Arkansas. After moving to Oklahoma City, she joined the Redeemed Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Dr. L. R. Drinkwater, Sr. where she served faithfully in different Auxiliaries including Mission President, Kitchen Committee Chairman, Nursery Worker, Youth Choir Sponsor and she worked diligently in any capacity that she was needed until her health failed. Even in her illness, her desire and love for the Lord, her Church and her Pastor was evident to anyone who she came in contact with.

She was united in Holy Matrimony to James Louis Finley and to this union, a daughter was born.

Eula worked in various jobs but it was not until she was employed at VA Hospital that her love for cooking flourished and after a while her hard work and dedication allowed her to be promoted to Supervisor in the Canteen where she remained until she retired.

On Friday, September 19, 2014, Eula Mae entered into eternal rest after an extended illness.

She leaves to cherish her memory; one daughter, Tara Finley; one grandson, D'Aaron Lee Robinson both of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; six brothers, Ollie "Big June" Ward, Jr., of Schiller, Illinois, Matthew Thornton of West Memphis, Arkansas, Robert Thornton and William Thornton, both of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Walter Thornton of Mansfield, Ohio; James Thornton of East St. Louis, Illinois; three sisters, Effie Bell of Ft. Bragg, North Carolina; Sallie Paige of West Memphis, Arkansas and Fannie Medlock of Memphis, Tennessee; a special great granddaughter, Tatanna Carroll of Dallas, Texas; and a host of other relatives and friends.

MY GRANNY TO ME

She was the first person to see me when I was a baby.

She was the best Mother to my Mom.

She gave me money.

She helped my Mom when she was little.

She is in a better place now and I know that God is going to protect her.

She is the best Granny I ever had.

I LOVE HER AND I KNOW THAT SHE LOVED ME.

D'Aaron