

Obituary

Sunrise
September 3, 1957

Sunset
September 23, 2014

Rita Jimmie Ann Simms was born to Earnest and Willie Mae King (deceased) on September 3, 1957 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Ogerita Butler and Ernest became guardians of Rita at the age of 3 years old, and continued to raise Rita until adulthood.

Rita accepted Christ at an early age and united with the Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Rita began her education at Creston Hills Elementary School, John F. Kennedy, and Douglass High School, Class of 1975, taking pride in being a Trojan Cheerleader. After high school, Rita attended Central State University (now known as OCU) majored in Business Administration for 3 years. She served as a volunteer with the Opportunity Industrialization Center for 5 years.

She married Kerry Simms and from this union one godchild, Denisha Jones was added.

Rita was employed at AT&T Technology as a production worker for 16 years.

Rita enjoyed family and friends gatherings, shopping was a must. Rita enjoyed life everyday to its fullest.

Rita was preceded in death by her mother, Willie Mae King; grandparents: Emma Mae and Jimmie Lorenzo Caldwell; uncles: Leo Caldwell and Robert Caldwell (Darlene), and Ellis Caldwell; aunts: Mary Lee Caldwell, Alfreda Caldwell and Jimmie Lee McFadden (Jack).

Rita leaves to cherish her memory her godchild, Denisha Jones; her mother, Ogerita Butler; two brothers: Ralph Davison and Earnest King; aunts: Anna Heath (James); Bernice Caldwell and Mae Ora Caldwell; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and special friends who continue to show love.