

Obituary

Thelma J. Lewis was born on October 13, 1933 in Byars, Oklahoma to Henry (Lucky) and Rubessie Lewis. She was preceded in death by both parents, one sister, Hazel Moore and her husband, Oreelious Lewis. She was baptized at an early age at Red Rock Baptist Church in Byars, Oklahoma.

Upon graduation from Purcell High School in 1952, she lived in Oklahoma City most of her life and later entered into matrimony with Oreelious Lewis in 1990.

Thelma was employed at University Hospital for over 17 years as a nursing assistant, providing patient care and performing care giving tasks. She had great skills with her patients and doctors, and later at St. Anthony Hospital for over 20 years before retirement.

She attended Church on the Rock; and would attend Bible study on Wednesday night with her neighbor, Stacia Rector at Unity Baptist Church. In the Garden Addition Community where she lived, she was a nurse on call when someone became ill due to her affiliation with the hospital. She poised exceptional culinary skills whom many requested their special item to prepare for them.

Thelma was called home to glory on Saturday evening, November 8, 2014.

She leaves to cherish her memory one daughter, Linda Lewis-Love, and three sons: Michael Lewis, Billy Ray Lewis of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Ricky Lewis (Christina); nine grandchildren: Dornisher C. Smith (Patrice), Jermaine N. Smith, Shaun Hayden, TreVon Tipton, Michaela Lewis, Cora Johns, Brittany Johns, Chris Johns, Ieshia Bailey; 8 great grandchildren: Tara Galbreath, Kimberly Johnson, Christina McKinney, Sharmaine Burris, Danielle Kohler, DeAngelo Neal, and Aundre Major; eight great, great grandchildren all of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; five sisters: Melva Lewis, Chrislene Fletcher (Charles), Ora Berry (Carl), Mary Fletcher, and Betty Green (Steve); five brothers: Joe Lewis (Esther), Edward Lewis, June Lewis, Leon Lewis, and Elroy Lewis; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.