



*Pallbearers*

Curtis Jackson  
Cecil Cole  
Chuck Ford

Sly Cooper  
E. Lewis Nolen II  
Dwight Irving

*Honorary Pallbearers*

Dayvon Cole  
E. Lewis Nolen III

Najee Hurte  
Andrell Ford

*Flower Bearers*

Granddaughters and Family

*Interment*

Arlington Memory Gardens  
Midwest City, Oklahoma

Please drive with your lights on for safety and fasten your seat belts.

*Acknowledgment*

We gratefully acknowledge with sincere appreciation your expressions of sympathy rendered during our time of bereavement. When our load seemed too hard to bare, we looked around and found many people there for us. Your prayers, food, flowers, and other acts of kindness extended to us during this time is greatly appreciated.

The Rhodes Family

*Repast*

Immediately following the Interment at True Vine Ministries

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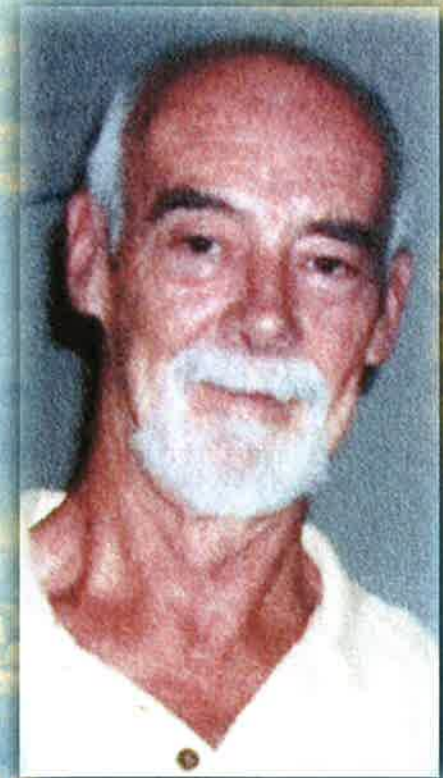
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CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE

OF

*Ralph Eugene Rhodes*



*Sunrise*  
July 25, 1944

*Sunset*  
May 28, 2019

SERVICES

Saturday, June 1, 2019 - 11:00 am

TRUE VINE MINISTRIES

3701 Spencer Road  
Spencer, OK 73084

Pastor C.J. Lubin - Officiating



# Reflections Of Life

Ralph Eugene Rhodes was born to Floyd Harvey and Pearl Earlene Rhodes on July 25, 1944 in Chickasha, OK. He was the third of five children. At an early age, Ralph accepted Christ and was baptized at Central Baptist Church in Lennox, CA. He was active in church, playing the accordion, a member of the church softball team, and he enjoyed his youth group. He grew up and attended school in Lawndale, CA, where he participated in Track & Field and graduated from Lawndale High School, June 1962. He later attended trade school for Auto Paint & Body. Ralph's family returned to Oklahoma City in 1965. Ralph gave 31 years of service to Tinker Air Force Base as a civilian Tool & Dye Operator.



Ralph and Leola met years before they married and were close friends. They confessed Christ as the head of their lives as they united in marriage on June 24, 1978, sharing 41 years together. The two of them affectionately called each other "Honey". They shared many laughs and built a blessed life together. But, if you ask them as a couple about their most prized gifts, they would tell you their children and grandchildren. Ralph enjoyed supporting his children and grandchildren in their activities, such as sports, cheer, and drill team – he was their #1 fan. The grandchildren affectionately call him Pa Pa. Pa Pa will always be known for the cool, strong, and loving guy that taught them how to check/change oil in a car, fish, ride a bike, garden, calculate math in their heads, use tools, and shoot a BB gun. He also took great pleasure in making all of the grandchildren a personal hand made wooden chair until he realized he would need to open a furniture store to keep up. He didn't know he would need to go into business.

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Ralph was a jack of all trades. He also was blessed with an abundance of energy and strength. When God created him, He must have given him his own storage of kinetic energy. Even in his 70s he was still mowing and manicuring an acre of land, climbing the ladder to work on he and Leola's home, and tinkering on cars. His greatest enjoyment was restoring classic cars. The love of his life outside of Leola, was his beloved 1962 Corvette.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, parents, his youngest brother Kerry Ray Rhodes, and his daughter Robin Rhodes Jackson. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Leola Rhodes of the home; his children: Rick Rhodes (Sarah) of Houston, TX, Lolita Smiley of Oklahoma City, OK, Violet Ford (Chuck) of Midwest City, OK, son-in-law Curtis Jackson of Newalla, OK; 14 grandchildren: Cassandra, Chayla, Curstin, De'Ja, Andrell, Jaylen, Cody, Nicholas, Jada, Caden, Najee, Casey, Chase, Ethan; 3 great grandchildren: Amiyah, Kailan, and Chi; 2 brothers: Floyd Halbert Rhodes (Lucy) and Gerald Dean Rhodes (Pat) of Minco, OK; a sister, Karen Morgan of Minco; and a host of other relatives and friends.

## THE BROKEN CHAIN

We little knew that day,  
God was going to call your name.  
In life we loved you dearly,  
In death, we do the same.  
It broke our hearts to lose you,  
You did not go alone.  
For a part of us went with you,  
The day God called you home.  
You left beautiful memories,  
Your love is still our guide.  
And although we cannot see you,  
You are always at our side.  
Our family chain is broken,  
And nothing seems the same,  
But as God calls us one by one,  
The chain will link again.

# Order of Service

Processional ..... Clergy & Family

Scripture Readings

Old Testament ..... Rev David Ramsey

New Testament ..... Rev. Frank Pugh  
New Hope Baptist Church

Prayer ..... Rev. Lonnie Walker

Solo ..... Virginia Pugh

Words of Comfort ..... Rev. C.J. Lubin

Acknowledgments/Resolutions ..... Hermelia Fowler

## "THE BROKEN CHAIN"

On behalf of grandchildren ..... Hermelia Fowler

Musical Selection ... Ronald Barnett & True Vine Choir

Eulogy ..... Rev. C.J. Lubin

Video Tribute

Recessional ..... Clergy & Family