




Celebration of Life
for
Dr. Sheron Ruth Dewberry House

SUNRISE
December 7, 1963

SUNSET
September 11, 2019



SERVICES
Saturday, September 21, 2019 — 12:00 p.m.
GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
1005 N. E. 28th Street • Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111
Rev. Kenneth Sherrill, Sr., Senior Pastor, *Officiating*
Dr. James H. Tucker, Pastor Emeritus



Administrator of the Year in 1995, receiving the James Burnett Distinguished Principal Award in 2015, and her beloved Will Rogers named a recipient of the Oklahoma Educational Technology Trust Grant. She developed countless strategies and solutions within the elementary school system. She was an innovator, a mentor, and a friend to so many in the profession. Most recently, she was promoted to the district's board office as Edmond Public Schools Learning and Professional Development Coordinator.

Sheron met and married the love of her life Dr. Wilbur Clayton House on June 25, 2004. To this union one child was born, Callie Grace House. Sheron also inherited a son, Rashaad House.

She leaves to cherish her loving memory, her husband, Dr. Wilbur Clayton House; her daughter, Callie Grace House of Moore, Oklahoma; a son, Rashaad House (Lindsey) of Chicago, Illinois; her mother, Kathryn Colene Todd Dewberry of Edmond, Oklahoma; two sisters, Faith Eaton (Patrick) of Richardson, Texas, and Margaret Mosely (Phelgar) of Mansfield, Texas; two brothers, John Dewberry of Edmond, Oklahoma and Lowell Dewberry (Tara) of Edmond, Oklahoma; two brothers-in-law, Wayland House of Fayetteville, North Carolina, Maurice Sharpe (Marie) of Orlando, Florida; a sister-in-law, Gwen Sharpe of Wichita, Kansas; and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. She is preceded in death by her father, Rev. Frank Dewberry Jr.

Sheron also leaves to cherish a group of beloved friends she regarded as part of her family. To her long-time childhood friend, Virginia Laguros, you were by her side until the very end and she loved you like a sister. You will forever be a part of this family. In her own words, Sheron acknowledged the following special people in the presentation of her Doctoral Dissertation:

"The encouragement and prayers of my friends Dr. Barbara and Bob Streets, Patti Aiken, and Jovanna and Larry Gobert, served as a source of support throughout the duration of this project.

My dear friend and voice teacher, Dr. Marilyn Govich was a "tower of strength" for me during times when I needed guidance. I sincerely appreciate her constructive comments and advice.

Finally, I would like to express my profound love, admiration, and respect for the late Professor Emeritus, Dr. Bruce M. Govich. Dr. Govich was much more than my voice teacher, mentor, and friend. He exemplified the characteristics of wisdom, foresight, and excellence that enabled me to discover the special qualities that lay within me. No other person has had such an impact on my life. I dedicate this work to him. He was the greatest of teachers and the best of men."





God Saw

God saw you were getting tired
and a cure was not to be,
So he put his arms around you
and whispered, "Come with Me."
With tearful eyes, I watched you
and saw you pass away.
And though I loved you dearly,
I could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating;
your beautiful smile was put to rest,
God broke my heart to prove to me,
He only takes the best.

Tribute

She was the first and the finest, the best and the brightest. She set the bar high so that not many could reach. To us, she was the maker of donuts and chef extraordinaire. She was a born leader. We needn't look for a role model in magazines or movies, for ours was among us. She was excellence personified. She never met a book she didn't read or a fact she didn't convert to memory. Lover of all things British, the literature, the history, the fashion and the films. Her magnanimous persona called others to a higher standard; for how could you accept mediocrity in the presence of superiority. She was a teacher to many, but her lessoning began at home, with us. And in true inaugural fashion, she went first to clear the way and shine a light to guide us home to our father. For we know that you are now a Superintendent for Jesus and we will see you again someday.....

Love, Your Brothers and Sisters



Order of Service



- Prelude
- Processional Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family
- Selection St. Paul Baptist Church Choir
- Scripture Reading
 - Old Testament Rev. Elvin Todd
 - New Testament Rev. Don Horton
- Prayer Rev. Elvin Mack, Pastor
Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, OK
- Selection — "When I See Jesus" Trenda Dewberry
- Resolutions/Acknowledgement Dr. Linda Toure
- Selection — "Soon I Will Be Done" Rachel Jacobs
- Remarks (Please limit to two minutes) Penny Dill
Cara Jernigan
Bret Towne, Superintendent
- Selection Clay Dewberry
- Eulogy Rev. Kenneth Sherrill, Sr.
- Video Tribute
- Recessional Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family



Obituary

Dr. Sheron Ruth Dewberry House was the eldest child of Kathryn C. Dewberry and Frank Dewberry, Jr. was born December 7, 1963 in Chandler, Oklahoma. Her family made their home in Guthrie, Oklahoma. She learned to read at the age of three and from the cart, she would read the names of the cereals as she and her mother traveled down the grocery store aisles. Nothing made her happier than a good book. She professed a hope in Christ at an early age and was baptized by her father at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Arcadia, Oklahoma.

Sheron received her musical training from Mrs. Flora J. Mack; skills she used playing for the choir at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, of Meridian Oklahoma, where her father pastored.

Sheron was a true worshiper and her voice was that of an angel. She was an All-State Vocalist and won numerous awards, competitions, and accolades for her music and academic accomplishments. During her time at Guthrie High School she was a member of Chorus, Drama Club, Marching Band, was an All-State Clarinetist and leader of the Flag Core. Sheron thrived for perfection in every avenue of her life. Her academic stellar gained her membership to the National Honor Society and upon her graduation from Guthrie High School, she was accepted to the renowned University of Oklahoma.

While at the University of Oklahoma, she studied music under the vocal instruction of Dr. Marilyn Govich and the late Dr. Bruce Govich. Early in her singing career, Sheron won a vocal competition which assisted with paying for her education. Sheron was an Oklahoma Sooner through and through, accomplishing many accolades to her name. Sheron was on the President's Honor Role (1985), the Deans Honor Role (1983-1985), and achieved the Highest Grade Point Average—College of Fine Arts (1983-1985). She was a member of the prestigious Phi Kappa Lambda National Music Honor Society (1985), received the Mary Clarke-Miley Minority Scholarship Award (1984), and was named the Carol Brice Outstanding Music Student (1983). Sheron receive a Bachelors (Summa Cum Laude) in Music Instruction and Education(1985). She later received her Master's in Musical Education (Summa Cum Laude, 1988). Sheron went on to receive her Doctorate Degree (Summa Cum Laude) in Education Administration and School law on May 10, 2003.

Sheron began her career in education as a music teacher for Madison Elementary in Norman, Oklahoma. She went on to become the Chief Choral Director and Music Teacher for Brink Jr. High, of the Moore Public School District. During her time with Moore Public Schools, Sheron went on to become the assistant principal for Red Oak Elementary School, and later was named assistant principal of Winding Creek Elementary School. In 1996, Sheron was appointed the assistant principal for John Ross and Haskell Elementary in the Edmond Public School District. On May 3, 1999, Sheron was promoted to the head principal of Will Rogers Elementary where she served for two decades (20 years). During her time at Will Rogers she thrived in her element. Her dynamic personality, tenacity for achievement, and abundance of grace proved beneficial to her longevity. Sheron received many honors during her career including: being named the Winding Creek PTA

Pallbearers

Derrell Todd • Marcus Hines
Rodney Hines • Phelgar Mosely

Flower Bearers

Rebecca Woodard • Stephne Todd • Trenda Dewberry Richardson
Carla Jacobs • Clara Allen • Debbie Brothers

Interment

Seward Memorial Cemetery
Seward, Oklahoma

Services under the direction of:

TEMPLE & SONS FUNERAL DIRECTORS, INC.

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"We Care" — II Timothy 4:8

Acknowledgment

The family of Dr. Sheron Ruth Dewberry House would like to express their sincere gratitude for the many acts of kindness shown during their time of bereavement.