

Pall Bearers

Nephews and Great-Nephews

Murray S. Butler IV
Sedrick Paul Dudley
Gregory Paul Butler

Lewis C Holloway
Preston K. Lawrence
Nicholas M. S. Burnett

Vincent Paul Burnett

Flower Bearers

Nieces

Regina Powell-Turner
Paris Lawrence

Tracey Butler
Dequetta Dudley

Great Nieces

INTERMENT
Monday November 18, 2019
Ft. Sill National Cemetery
Elgin, Oklahoma

In Appreciation

For all who have shown our family so much love and compassion, and offered words of encouragement, many acts of kindness and prayers, we would like to express our sincere gratitude during this time of bereavement.

May God bless and keep you.

- Walletha Butler and family

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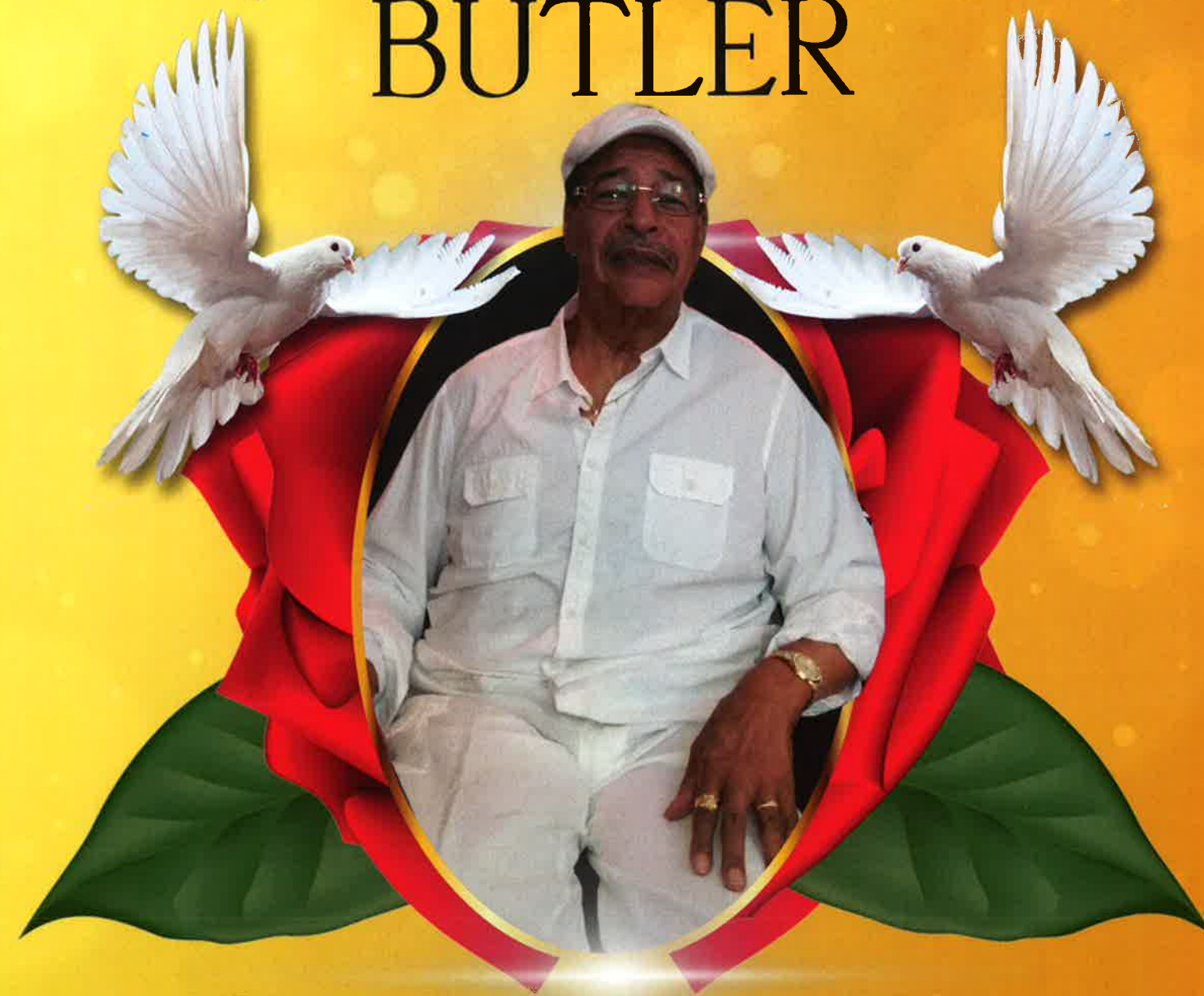
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CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Vincent Paul **BUTLER**



Sunrise
May 08, 1941

Sunset
November 08, 2019

Service

16TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2019 • 11:00 AM

Mount Olive Baptist Church
1020 NE 42nd St. Oklahoma City, OK 73111
Rev. Ray Douglas - Officiating

The Wind Beneath Our Wings

Vincent Paul Butler was born Thursday, the 08th day of May 1941, in Oklahoma City, OK. He departed this life on Friday, the 08th day of November 2019 at the age of 78.

Paul was the fourth of six children born to the union of the late Murray Samuel Butler Jr. and Earnestine (Felton) Butler. He attended Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church along with his family and accepted Christ at an early age.

As a child Paul worked alongside his father and siblings on their family farm, affectionally known as "The Truck Gardner" because they delivered their produce to the eastside of Oklahoma City. Later, Paul became a chauffeur, driving his father's school buses to transport students to and from school and social activities.

Educated in the Oklahoma City Public Schools, Vince graduated from Fredrick Douglass High School, class of 1959.

In 1963, Vincent Paul was drafted to proudly serve his country in the United States Army, stationed at Fort Still, Oklahoma as a cannon operator; he was recognized for his marksmanship skills by earning the title of "rifle sharpshooter" in artillery. He separated from the service with an honorable discharge.

As a young man Vince played the base guitar, piano, sang baritone, and lead in many local spiritual quartets. He then diligently trained and became a bodybuilder for personal achievements and gratifications.

On May 14, 1994 Vince and Walletha (Gresham) were united in marriage. During their awesome 25 years together, they continuously supported each other with love, joy, understanding and respect.

In 2003, Vincent retired from Ralston Purina Pet Food Company after thirty-two years of dedication as a Packing Machine Operator and was the first employee to run a bag of dog food at the then new Oklahoma City plant in 1971.

Vince enjoyed cooking and had a passion for what he called "The Art of Smoking Barbeque Ribs" and making his own "Vince's Barbeque Sauce". Affectingly, saying his was the best.

Being the "Great All-American Armchair Athlete". He was an enthusiastic follower of most sports and was especially a huge fan of the University of Oklahoma football team



Order Of Service

Officiant Rev. Ray Douglas, Pastor

Prelude Soft Music

Processional Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer Rev. Ray Douglas
Cousin

Selection

Special Remarks.....Wesley W. Gresham
Brother-in-Law

Resolutions/Acknowledgements

Selection

Eulogy.....Brother Maurcell L. Gresham
Nephew

Video Presentation

Recessional and Parting View

Death is that state in which one exist
Only in the memory of others.
Which is why it is not an end.
No good byes
Just good memories.

You are loved beyond words and you are missed beyond measure



IN MY HEART

I thought of you with love today,
But that was nothing new,
I thought about us yesterday,
And the day before that too.
Though your smile is gone forever,
And your hand I cannot touch.
I will think of you in silence,
And often speak your name
As the one I love so much.
Sadly, missed but never forgotten
Now all I have are our memories,
And your picture in a frame,
Your memory is my keepsake,
With which I'll never part.
God has you in His keeping.
I have you in my heart.

and the Oklahoma City Thunder Basketball Team. He was a season ticket holder of both teams and enjoyed attending games for many years. Vincent Paul was recognized by all who knew him as a sweet and gentle soul, very lighthearted in manner, and cheerfully humble in spirit. With a keen quality for telling jokes to make others smile and laugh.

Vince was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters; Rosalind Butler (2015) and Christine Butler-Powell (2019).

He leaves a legacy of love to celebrate his life, a very loving and devoted wife, Walletha and step-son TraToi DeBose of Oklahoma City. Three siblings, Jacqueline Lawrence of Oklahoma City; Murray Butler III and wife Edwina of Oklahoma City; Carolyn and husband Robert Dudley of Modesto, California; As well as a host other family, extended family, and dear friends.



If you knew Vince and asked him "how ya doing today?", he would smile and answer you, "MEDIUM". Or if you've ever asked him, "how do you feel?" he would reply, "WITH BOTH HANDS" and chuckle. On this day he would respond "I AM NOW FINE and cradled in the HANDS of ONE greater than mine".

In the end,
It's not the years in your life that counts,
It's the life in your years.
Abraham Lincoln



Time is a companion who goes with us on a journey that reminds us to cherish every moment because it will never come again. What we leave behind is not as important as how we lived.