

Pallbearers

Robert Anderson
Joshua Slaughter
Sylvester Goudeau

Garard Davis
Arnold Simon
Johnny Simon Sr.

Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

Interment

Hillcrest Memory Gardens
12825 N.E. 50th
Spencer, Oklahoma 73084

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

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Benita Lyons wishes to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy, prayers and love throughout this. The cards, flowers, calls and visits were truly appreciated. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

Fellowship dinner will be at Shiloam Missionary Baptist Church
1513 N.W. 16th Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73117

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"We Care"

In Loving Memory of
Benita Denise Lyons



"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." Psalm 91:1

Sunrise
July 25, 1965

Sunset
February 13, 2020

WAKE SERVICES

6 p.m., Friday, February 20, 2020

TEMPLE & SONS FUNERAL DIRECTORS, INC.
EARL M. TEMPLE MEMORIAL CHAPEL
2801 North Kelley Avenue
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

10 a.m., Saturday, February 22, 2020
CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH
1616 N. Kelley Avenue
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73117
Father Jack Zupez



Obituary

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life”. John 3:16

Benita D. Lyons was born July 25, 1965 to Elmer Slaten and Jerline Goudeau Lyons in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She grew up with her three sisters and one brother. Benita was a dedicated member of the Corpus Christi Catholic Church.

In 1983, Benita graduated with honors from Capitol Hill High School. After graduating, she received a scholarship to play basketball at El Reno Junior College in El Reno, Oklahoma. It was a honor as well as a privilege for Benita to play two years at El Reno Junior College. In 1985, she matriculated at the University of Central Oklahoma. While attending UCO, Benita excelled in all academic subjects and graduated with high honors. She received a Bachelor’s Degree in Elementary Education and a Master’s Degree in School Counseling.

Following her training at UCO, she began teaching elementary school children with the Oklahoma City Public School System. Benita taught and served as a counselor with the district for over thirty years. At the time of her death, she was serving as the school counselor at Nichols Hill Elementary. Benita was a member of the American Federation of Teachers and Oklahoma Educators Association.

Benita had a passion for teaching and counseling students. She had an uncanny ability to reach people in a deep and positive way. Her ability to accomplish this was not due to her classes being populated with perfectly reared and well behaved children, but believing that all children should be given the opportunity to learn and become successful individuals. Her delivery was both gentle and powerful at the same time.

Benita made lifelong relationships with teachers, administrators, and students. She expressed her love of life through simple pleasures, playing and watching basketball, chatting with friends and spending quality time with family. Her infectious smile and friendly personality will not be forgotten. What she treasured most in life was her family, her friends and her students. Above all, she treasured her relationship with Jesus Christ.

Benita’s earthly journey came to a peaceful end February 13, 2020. She was preceded in death by her father, Elmer; her mother Jerline; her sister Janice; her brother Arthur and two nephews, Byran and Paul.

Those who are left to cherish her memory; two sisters; Joyce Lyons Anderson (Paul) and Tammy Lyons Slaughter, along with a host of nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

The casket of Benita is sprinkled with Holy Water. A white garment drapes the casket. These symbolize the completion of Baptismal grace in death. Religious objects are placed on top of the casket as reminders of Benita’s faith and worship of the Lord. Incense is used as a sign of the Holy Spirit in our midst and as a symbol of our prayers ascending to Heaven.

Opening Hymn	“The Lord Thy God”
The Opening Prayer	Father
Old Testament Reading	Wisdom 3:1-9
23rd Psalms	Congregation
New Testament Reading	Revelation 21: 1-5a 6b-7
Gospel Reading	Matthew 25:31-46
Homily	Father
Prayer of Intercession	
Presentation of Gifts	
Eucharist Prayer & Celebration	
Holy, Holy, Holy	Congregation
Acclamation of Faith	Congregation
The Great Amen	Congregation
Communion	“Sweet, Sweet, Spirit” pg.75
Solo	“I Give You Jesus”
Closing Prayer	
Final Hymn	“Safe in His Arms”

*God called your name so softly
That only you could hear
And no-one heard the footsteps
Of angels drawing near.
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you did not go alone
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.*