



If Roses Grow in Heaven

If roses grow in Heaven Lord,
Please pick a bunch for us.
Place them in Mattie's arms
And tell her they're from us.
Tell her we love her and miss her,
And when she turns to smile
Place a kiss upon her cheek
And hold her for a while.
Because remembering her is easy,
we do it everyday,
But there's a void within our hearts
That will never go away.



*In Loving Memory
of
Mattie L. McKinney*

SUNRISE
September 16, 1936

SUNSET
March 6, 2020



SERVICES

Friday, March 13, 2020 — 11:00 a.m.

ALLEN CHAPEL A.M.E. CHURCH

1400 N. E. 13th Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73117

Rev. Dr. Marcellus Fields
Officiating





Obituary

Mattie Lou Batson McKinney was born on September 16, 1936 to Leroy and Ruby Batson in Eufaula, Oklahoma. She was the fourth child of eight children.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, four siblings, and grandson, Christian LaMarr Wilburn.

At an early age she gave her life to Christ and joined Dickerson Chapel AME Church in Eufaula, Oklahoma. She later joined Allen Chapel AME Church in Oklahoma City.

Mattie met and married the love of her life, Richard James McKinney, for 56 years. They moved to Oklahoma City in 1960. To this union, three children were born — two sons, Richard A. and Brian McKinney, and one daughter, Melanie McKinney-Osborne.

Mattie attended school at Booker T. Washington in Eufaula, Oklahoma. She attended and graduated from Langston University, Langston, Oklahoma with a Business Administration Degree in 1959 and later attended Central State University, Edmond Oklahoma to receive her Elementary Education Degree. She was an Oklahoma City Public School Teacher for 22 years until retirement.

On Friday, March 6, 2020 at 12:20 p.m. the Lord called the roll and “Mattie’s” name was on it. She closed her eyes and took hold to the Master’s hand and walked on in.

Mattie leaves to cherish her memory, two sons, Richard A. Jr. and Brian; one daughter, Melanie McKinney-Osborne; 11 grandchildren; several great and great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Benjamin Batson; two sisters, Brenda Webb and Eddie Jean Batson; many nieces, nephews, and a host of relatives and friends.



Order of Service

Musical Prelude
 Processional Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family
 Solo Sis. Henrietta Thompson
 Prayer Minister
 Scripture Reading
 Old Testament — *Psalms 23* Minister
 New Testament — *John 14:1-6* Minister
 Solo — “Another Blessing” Reverend Ricky McNeal
 Resolutions/Acknowledgement Sister Madien Hurst
 Remarks Lucretia McKinney
 Dwonne Wilburn
 Dominique Wilburn
 Special Tribute Antoinette Lee
 Silent Reading of Obituary
 Solo Reverend Ricky McNeal
 “*When The Gates Swing Open*”
 Words of Comfort Reverend Dr. Marcellus Fields
 Video Tribute Temple & Sons Funeral Directors
 Parting Glance Temple & Sons Funeral Directors
 Recessional Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family

Pallbearers

Grandsons

Flower Bearers

Granddaughters

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery
Eufaula, Oklahoma

Please drive with your lights on for safety and fasten your seatbelts.

Services under the direction of:

TEMPLE & SONS FUNERAL DIRECTORS, INC.

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“We Care” — II Timothy 4:8

Acknowledgment

The family of Mattie L. McKinney wishes to express their sincere gratitude for the many acts of kindness shown during this time of bereavement.