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*In Loving Memory  
of  
Darlene Torrance*

**SUNRISE**  
January 9, 1965

**SUNSET**  
July 31, 2020



**SERVICES**

Friday, August 7, 2020 — 1:00 p.m.

**FIFTH STREET MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

801 Northeast 5th Street  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Pastor A. Byron Coleman, III  
*Officiating*

# Obituary

Darlene Torrance was born January 9, 1965 in Oklahoma City, OK. Out of six siblings, she was the youngest born to Thomas E. "Pete" Torrance, Sr. and Louise E. Sneed Torrance. As the baby of the family, Darlene grew up under the protection of her older brothers and sisters, and joined the family as they played, studied, and grew up in a community that was ever changing.

Darlene completed her early education at Shields Heights Elementary and Capitol Hill Middle School respectively. She later attended Douglass High School where she was a star player for the DHS Trojettes basketball team. She helped the team obtain several wins against other top scoring schools in the city and state. In 1983, Darlene was instrumental in helping the team advance to the state championship game where they finished runner up. Darlene graduated with the Douglass High School Class of '83 and earned a basketball scholarship that was used to attend Eastern Junior College in Wilburton, OK.

Darlene grew up watching her mom style her sister's hair, along with many others that would come to their home for these services. As a result, Darlene developed an interest in hair care which led to her obtaining a cosmetology license. She later grew her own clientele as a beautician with Andre's Beauty Salon in Oklahoma City.

In later years, Darlene returned to her love of basketball by accepting a position at the Chesapeake Arena. She was able to serve in a hospitality position which gave her the ability to interact with nationally recognized athletes, as well as fans that shared her love of the sport.

Darlene accepted the Lord at an early age and was very active in various areas her church, Fifth St. Missionary Baptist Church. Of all of the areas that she served, the choir and culinary committee were her most loved because it allowed her the opportunity to showcase her gifts of singing and cooking. Darlene rarely missed a worship service, and in recent years had become a "front row member". She was vocal and fervent in her praise, and in her support of her pastors, both past and present.

Darlene's willingness to be transparent about some of the obstacles she had overcome in life, proved to be a testimony that helped so many others develop and strengthen their own journey with the Lord. Her infectious spirit of gratitude for God's grace and mercy made a huge impact on her loved ones and church family. As a result, much of Darlene's legacy will be her unflinching friendliness, her eagerness to help, her love extended to family and friends, and her energetic praise for her salvation!

Darlene accepted God's call to come home on July 31, 2020. Both of her parents, Thomas E. Torrance, Sr. and Louise E. Sneed Torrance, preceded her in death.

Darlene leaves behind: three daughters, Sharya Torrance, Tylar Torrance, and Denai Torrance; granddaughter, Raya Gates; siblings, Betty (Douglas) Russell, Joanna Torrance, Thomas Torrance, Jr., William "Billy" Torrance, and Wendell Torrance, all of Oklahoma City. In addition, she leaves a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends to cherish her memory.



## Order of Service



Organ Prelude .....	Fifth St. Missionary Baptist Church Music Department
Processional .....	Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family
Scripture Reading	
Old Testament .....	Pastor James Briggs, Jr. Daylight Metropolitan Church
New Testament .....	Pastor E. Jennings Tyson New Hope Baptist Church
Prayer .....	Fifth St. Missionary Baptist Church
Musical Selection .....	Angel Metoyer Williams
Resolutions/Acknowledgement.....	Fifth St. Missionary Baptist Church
Special Remarks .....	Tylar Torrance, <i>Daughter</i> (Please Limit to two minutes) Sheila Briggs, <i>Cousin</i> Thomas Byrd, <i>Church Family</i> Marvin Mack, <i>Basketball Coach</i>
Music Selection ....	Fifth St. Missionary Baptist Church Music Dept.
Message .....	Pastor A. Byron Coleman, III
Video Tribute	
Recessional .....	Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family