



### *Pallbearers*

E. C. Brooks • James Coleman  
Christopher Goss • Darvas Goss • Wilbur Goss

### *Flower Bearers*

Granddaughters

### *Interment*

Hillcrest Memory Gardens  
Spencer, Oklahoma

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for safety and fasten your seatbelts.*

*Services under the direction of:*

**TEMPLE & SONS FUNERAL DIRECTORS, INC.**

2801 North Kelley Avenue  
Oklahoma City, OK 73111  
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*"We Care" — II Timothy 4:8*

### *Acknowledgment*

The family of Maethella Walker acknowledges, with sincere appreciation, your prayers, calls, texts, cards, love and your many acts of kindness. A very special thank you to Traditions Health for its services and special attention. We will always be grateful and thankful for everyone's support; it will always be remembered.



## *A Homegoing Celebration for Maethella C. Walker*

**SUNRISE**

December 21, 1922

**SUNSET**

February 18, 2021



### **SERVICES**

Saturday, February 27, 2021 — 10:00 a.m.

**EARL M. TEMPLE MEMORIAL CHAPEL**

2801 N. Kelley Avenue  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111

Reverend Dr. Lee E. Cooper, Jr., Senior Pastor  
Prospect Church, Oklahoma City, OK  
*Officiating*

Life's Reflections

"God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers." (Rudyard Kipling). Our mother, Maethella Colbert, was born to the union of Frank and Viola Colbert on December 21, 1922, in Vian, Oklahoma. She often reflected on her teachers and lessons learned while she and her younger brother Carl attended Vian School. She gave her life to Christ at an early age and was an active member of Mount Olive Baptist Church.

There are angels God puts on this earth who care for us and guide us. We can feel their love and gentleness as they walk through life beside us. We are thankful and blessed to get to call this one our mother. In 1940, she married the love of her life, John Henry Goss. To this union, Claudette and John Henry, Jr. were born. When John was hired at Tinker Air Force Base, the couple moved their family to Green Pastures where Horace Edward, Tommy Lee and Charles Anthony were born in Oklahoma City. She was a domestic worker and for more than twenty years, she was later employed at Western Electric/AT&T as a supply clerk and supervisor. As a working mother, Maethella was also a devoted parent who loved volunteering and supporting the students at Dunjee School and later Star Spencer in their many school activities, organizations and competitions.

When she married Walter Walker, Jr., her activities included joining Walter at Masonic and Shriner programs through an affiliation with the women in the local order of the Eastern Star. He later preceded her in death.

There are few things more powerful than the prayers of a righteous mother. As a charter member of Nealy's Temple's Church of God in Christ, later renamed Madison street Church of God in Christ, she was a dedicated member who loved her church and serving God while under the leadership of Elder Bobby Nealy, Elder Howard Hugging and Elder Harvey Stocker for more than sixty years. She taught classes, organized and worked with auxiliaries, directed numerous programs and fund-raisers, worked with the COGIC district auxiliaries and attended numerous district, state, and national convocations. Her greatest honor came when Elder Howard Huggins installed her as a church mother at Madison Street Church of God In Christ. She worked diligently in the church until her health conditions reduced her involvement to a role of counselor and spiritual advisor.

Maethella Walker was preceded in death by her parents, Viola and Frank Colbert; and three sons: John Henry Jr., Horace Edward, and Charles Anthony Goss.

She leaves to cherish her loving memory, a daughter, Claudette Goss; son, Tommy Goss (Hazel) of Oklahoma City, OK; her brother, Carl W. Cannady of Detroit, MI; nephew, Wayne Cannady of Detroit, MI; eight grandchildren: Lawana Owens (IC) of Sugarland, TX, Darvas Goss (Luana) of Phoenix, AZ, Christopher Goss (Christine) of Henderson, NV, Rene Randle, Charmaine Williams, Palawnia, Natasha and Rene Berry, all of Oklahoma City, OK; twelve great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.



Order of Service

- Processional . . . . . Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family
- Congregational Hymn . . . . . "I'll Be Satisfied"
- Comfort from the Scriptures  
Old and New Testament . . Rev. E. W. Bryant, Pastor  
Wildewood Baptist Church
- Prayer of Solace . . . . . Rev. Regina Wiggins  
Grace City Community Church
- Solo . . . . . Sister Mary Smith
- Resolutions/  
Acknowledgement . . . . . Sister Rhonda Sterns
- Life's Reflections (Read Silently)
- Solo . . . . . Rev. James Willis
- Remarks (Please limit to two minutes)
- Solo . . . . . Mother Darlene Reid
- Words of Comfort . . . . . Rev. Dr. Lee E. Cooper, Jr.
- Remembrance Video/Final Tribute
- Parting View . . . . . Temple & Sons Funeral Directors
- Recessional . . . . . Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family