

Pallbearers

Church of the Living God Ministries, Brotherhood

Honorary Pallbearers

Charlie Sykes	Melvin Childs IV	Earnest Jones
Melvin Childs III	Ricky Henderson	Alvin Borders
Nicholas Childs	Alex Henderson	Buddy Jones
Milas Henderson	Derrill Jones	Rev. Ronald Boston

Flower Bearers

Church of the Living God Ministries, Women's Dept

Betty Tate	Billie Grayson	Cassandra Patmon
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Honorary Flower Bearers

Beverly Childs-Gaddis	Karrington Knox	Onnie Hudson
Rosalinde Childs-Henderson	Kendyll Knox	Vanessa Lewis
Kristie Childs-Knox	Amara Sykes	Patricia Pickett
Minister Amanda Boston	Elaine Childs	Angelica Childs
Precious Sykes	Ann Jones	Lula Hart

Repast

Capital View Event Center

5201 N Lincoln Blvd, Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Social Distancing & Mask Required

Seward Memorial Cemetery

Southwest Corner of Seward Rd & Broadway
Seward, OK (Logan County)

Services under the direction of

Temple and Sons Funeral Directors, Inc

2801 North Kelly Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73111 Phone 405-427-8321

"We Care"

Celebrating the Life and Legacy of



Opal Childs

June 18, 1916 – February 24, 2021

Service

Friday, March 5, 2021 – 11:00 a.m.

Church of the Living God Ministries

1445 NE 50th Street

Oklahoma City, OK 73111

Pastor Kenneth L. Morgan – Officiating

Obituary

Opal Childs lived to be 104 years old and as she would proclaim, it was not because she was good, ***"it was because of God."*** Opal was born June 18, 1916 in Guthrie, Oklahoma; the daughter of Lula and Grandison Jones. They were ***"poverty stricken poor"***. She lived during a time where toilets were outside, cooking was done on wood stoves, no refrigeration, and limited formal education was available.

As a youth, Opal attended Lincoln School in Guthrie, OK and just like many poor families during this time she picked cotton to help her family survive. She was observant and learned how to cook by reading cookbooks to take care of herself, her family, and others. She worked her way into some of the most prominent homes as a cook in both Oklahoma and California.

In Oklahoma City she worked for the owner of the C.R Anthony stores and owners of Owens Sausage Co. Sometimes Opal would work two jobs at a time - in homes during the day and in restaurants at night as the head cook.

If you were to ask Opal, "what is the secret for a long life?" she would tell you, ***"MIND your own business, get plenty of rest, and read your Bible"***. Opal's family was part of the founding members of the Church of the Living God in Oklahoma and she was a devoted member all of her life. Opal was always a lady who was full of wisdom and possessed an extraordinary memory. Opal spent a lot of her spare time reading, making lye soap and hair oils, cooking and attending to her house plants.

In 1941, Opal married Melvin B. Childs Sr. She gave birth to two children, Wilma Childs-Sykes and Melvin B. Childs Jr. When Opal was asked how she felt about losing both of her children, she would look you straight in your eyes and say, ***"God took two, and gave me many."***

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Her grandchildren became the pride of her life; she enjoyed spending as much time with them as she could. Not even their parents could chastise them when Opal was around. In her eyes they could do no wrong. She would wear all of her friends, family members, and their parents out talking about her grandchildren. She gave each one of them their nicknames; Rosalinde (Rocky), Melvin III (Skeet), Lafayette (Charlie Brown), and Kristie (Pooky).

Her grandchildren equally loved going to her house. They would wake up to the smell of French popovers, eat wild greens picked from her garden, hang clothes on the line, and cook mud pies in her kitchen oven - something they could not do at home.

Opal was always an enjoyable person to be around. One thing you can say about her is when you were around her, there would be plenty of food to eat, plenty of laughter, and plenty of positive and amusing conversation.

She is preceded in death by her parents and her siblings Thelma, Roy, Harold, Hattie, Queen Esther, Charles, Newford, her husband Melvin B. Childs Sr. and her both of her beloved children, Wilma Childs-Sykes and Melvin B. Childs Jr.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her devoted daughter-in-law, Beverly Childs, four grandchildren Rosalinde Childs-Henderson, Charlie Sykes, Melvin Childs III, and Kristie Childs-Knox, nine great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, cousins, caregivers, and special friends who will remember her as a person who believed in God and the simple things of life.

Scripture

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

John 14: 1-4

Acknowledgements

Our family wishes to express our sincerest and heartfelt appreciation for the many expressions of sympathy and kindness shown to us during our most difficult hours. Your prayers, calls, words of comfort and outpour of love have been a great source of strength to us. We will always cherish your acts of kindness and keep you in our heart and prayers.

Special Thanks

To the caregivers and family friends that took wonderful care of Opal. You helped to make her days brighter as you provided her constant care and compassion. Her passing was one of love and peace. We thank you for making this last memory of her one of dignity and grace.

Order of Service

Prelude.....	Soft Music
Processional.....	Ministers, Funeral Director, Family
Selection	<i>I Need You Now</i> – Quan Howell
Scripture Reading	
OLD TESTAMENT	Rev. Tracy McDaniel Sr
NEW TESTAMENT	Rev. Donald Morgan Jr
Prayer	Minister Sandra Johnson
Words of Consolation.....	Evangelist Dwayne Case <i>Northeast Church of Christ</i>
Resolutions/Acknowledgements	Deaconess Tobytha Battle
Special Remarks	Melvin Childs III
.....	Edward Watters
Remarks.....	<i>Limit 2 Minutes</i>
Selection	<i>I Won't Complain</i> – Quan Howell
Eulogy	Pastor, Kenneth Morgan
Video Tribute	Life of Opal Childs
Recessional.....	<i>Going Up Yonder</i> - Mass Choir

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Memories...

Opal would like to let you know that her work here is done. She received a call, sort of an offer you can't refuse, for an appointment from which she will not be returning. This assignment comes with a huge sign-on bonus, a reunion with family and friends she has not seen in a long time. Her new mission takes her to a wonderful place where she will be socializing, dancing, gardening, and reading until her heart's content. Music, laughter and love are guaranteed. Food is delicious and you never gain an ounce.

We want to let her know that she did a great job and wish her a safe journey. We will remember her smile, her warmth, her energy, her love for life, family, and friends. She made a difference in the lives of many. We invite you to join us and celebrate together as she lived a **"FAB-U-LOUS"** life.



The Love of My Life

