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Edwards Hayes Gary Lee Brown, Jr. Walter N. Brown, III Dustin D. Brown Terry Williams Jerry Day Chris Day Derrick Nelson

## Honorary Pallbearers

Gregory B. Austin Mark J. Clayton Micheal D. Clayton Erick J. Reese Durayco Fox Lash Blankenship Gregory B. Austin Jr. Alfred R. Brown, Jr. Antywan Brown

#### Houer Bearers

Cornetta Roberts-Orr

Kita Brown Rochelle Amous

Lisa Potts

Diane Brown

Delisa Branch-Seals

Catrice Boyce Vickie Felix

## Honorary Flower Bearers

Helen Hutton-Austin JacQuetta L. Clayton

Alexis Austin

Ariana L. Swiuton

Essence Rice

Mia Clayton

Kendall Clayton

Aunt Osa Brown

Velma "Ms Vee" Morgan

Dezeree Bradshaw Victoria Parker

Vicoria Austin

Interment

**Buckner Family Cemetery** Holdenville, OK

Acknowledgments and Special Thanks
Special thanks to all of you for the food, cards, thoughts, and prayers. Each and everyone of you have been equally supportive of our mother. Most importantly we thank you Diane Brown for calling Mama and calling us when she was unresponsive to your call. Special thanks to Mahalia White-Lacy.



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Going Celebration

Sunrise May 10, 1941

Sunset March 23, 2021

Saturday, April 3, 2021 at 10:00am Earl M. Temple Memorial Chapel 2801 N. Kelley Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73111 Pastor Joe Norman - Officating

# Claretta Navana Newson-Reese

Claretta Navana Newson-Reese, departed this life to rest in peace on Tuesday, March 23, 2021. Claretta was born on May 10, 1941, to Estella Newson (father unknown), in Holdenville, Oklahoma; although, raised by Mahalia "Big" Lacy, her great-grandmother. Claretta married Donald L. Austin, Sr. and to this union she had five children. Claretta would later marry Edison J. Reese. She was preceded in death by Edison J. Reese, her sons Donald Lee Austin, Jr. and David Allen Austin, and two half-sisters Stella L. O'Guinn and Frankie C. Brown, and two halfbrothers Harold Brown and Murle Brown. At an early age, Claretta accepted Christ at Friendship Baptist Church in Holdenville, OK. Claretta truly believed in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Known as Mother Reese, her last serving membership was with Nehemiah Baptist Church in Midwest City, Oklahoma.

Claretta, was a Pilar of Strength, Breath, and Life in the Oklahoma City community. Claretta was a Daughter, Grand Daughter, Sister, Mother, GG-Grand Mother, God Mother, Aunt and Friend; Claretta was a professional accountant. She worked as a Bank Teller 10+ years and as the Payroll Administrator at Community Action for a little more than 15 years. Claretta was rewarded by C.A.P. for helping people help themselves. Claretta loved family gatherings and preparing special foods. At any gathering she was a Spades Queen and a Domino Wizard. Most importantly, Claretta was passionate about the Word of God and Christ. Claretta made sure everyone that crossed her path knew about the Word of God and of Christ and had an opportunity to accept Christ for themselves. If Claretta could say one more thing to you, it would be; "Try God for yourself in all of your situations, He will see you through If only, you just believe."

She leaves to cherish her memory ten living children; her daughters Helen Hutton-Austin, JacQuetta Clayton (Antywan Brown), stepdaughter and her husband Tara and Dale Davison, her sons Gregory Bernard Austin and his wife Marlo Austin, stepson Erick Reese and his wife Misha Reese, adopted son Edward Wesley Hayes, legal guardian of Dena M. "Poochie" Hayes by way of Texas and Oklahoma; twenty-nine Grandchildren, Mark, MarQuetta, Micheal and his wife Kimberly Clayton; Lash Blankenship; and step-grandson Durayco and his wife Geormaine Fox, step-granddaughters Brittany, Antywaguis, Brook Brown; and Kevin, Erick, and Micheal Davison; step-grandchildren Victoria Parker and John Crosby, Brentrell and his wife Kayla Felix, Vicoria, Gregory Jr. and his wife Ashley, Alexis, and Avery Austin; and Anthony, Andrea, Derrick, Damond, Phillip, Alesia, Erick Jr., De'Nayshia Reese; Shantaria and Shantaysia Hayes; by way of Texas and Oklahoma; forty-nine Great-Grandchildren by way of Florida, Texas, and Oklahoma; two Great-Great-Grand child by way of Oklahoma; six living half-siblings, Lizzetta Campbell, Willa Mae Brown, Brenda A. Lewis, Shelly L. Parker, Alfred R. Brown, Robert B. Brown; and a host of nieces and nephews, and special cousins; Ms. Osa Brown, Ms. Dezeree Bradshaw and Ms. Velma "Ms. Vee" Morgan, many other relatives, godchildren and friends. Prayer Partners; Senseria "Buffy" Smith, JoAnn Buckner, Alena Williams, and 5:00 p.m. Prayer Call.

Although, Claretta has gone to God's place of rest, know that she is still covering us in prayer.

She would ask that you continue to trust God daily and write God a letter of what you need or want from Him because He Will Answer. Be at Peace. All is well.

A Message from the Love of GG Remember Proverbs 3:6

## A Special Thanks

To our Ancestor "Big" our family give you a very very special thank you for stepping up and taking care of our Mother. Words cannot express our gratitude for you and your ove and kindness. As we read about you in our Ancestry Tree, undertaking a fourteenth child was no easy task. God Bless You. You were an amazing woman and you instilled the Truth into our Mother, which was the Word of God and her life ended sharing the same word with everyone she knew. Know that she has passed the torch. We are all believers in Christ and the Truth will make us free. John 8:32.

We thank each and every one of you for your support of this family in our time of Bereavement. We are truly Blessed by the love and support everyone has shared. From the Children of Claretta N. Reese

> The Repass will take place at 4529 NE 38th Street, Forest Park, Oklahoma at 3pm.

> > Please Drive Safe and Do Not Speed.











Processionl Ministers, Funeral Directors, and Family

> Presiding Pastor Joe Norman

Prayer Brother Charles Washington

Scripture Reading
Old Testament • Bro John Cosby • Isaiah 43:1-3

New Testament • JacQuetta L. Clayton (Daughter) 1 Thessalonians 4:13 - 18 • 1 Corinthiens 15:51-58

> Musical Selection Evangelist Moncriel Brown "Amazing Grace"

> > Resolutions Lukeena Carter

Remarks Family and Friends • Limit 2 Minutes

Musical Selection Helen Austin, Lisa Potts and Friends

Eulogy Pastor Joe Norman

Video Presentation MarQuetta Asiena Clayton

> Benediction Pastor Joe Norman