

CELEBRATING THE HOME GOING OF



*Pallbearers*  
Kevin Blackmon  
Roneal Demerson  
William Manning  
Devin Demerson  
James Thornton  
Desmond Thornton

*Flower Bearers*  
Women of St John Missionary Baptist Church Adult Choir  
St John Missionary Baptist Church Deaconess

*Interment*  
Hillcrest Memory Gardens  
12825 N.E. 50th St., Spencer, OK 73084

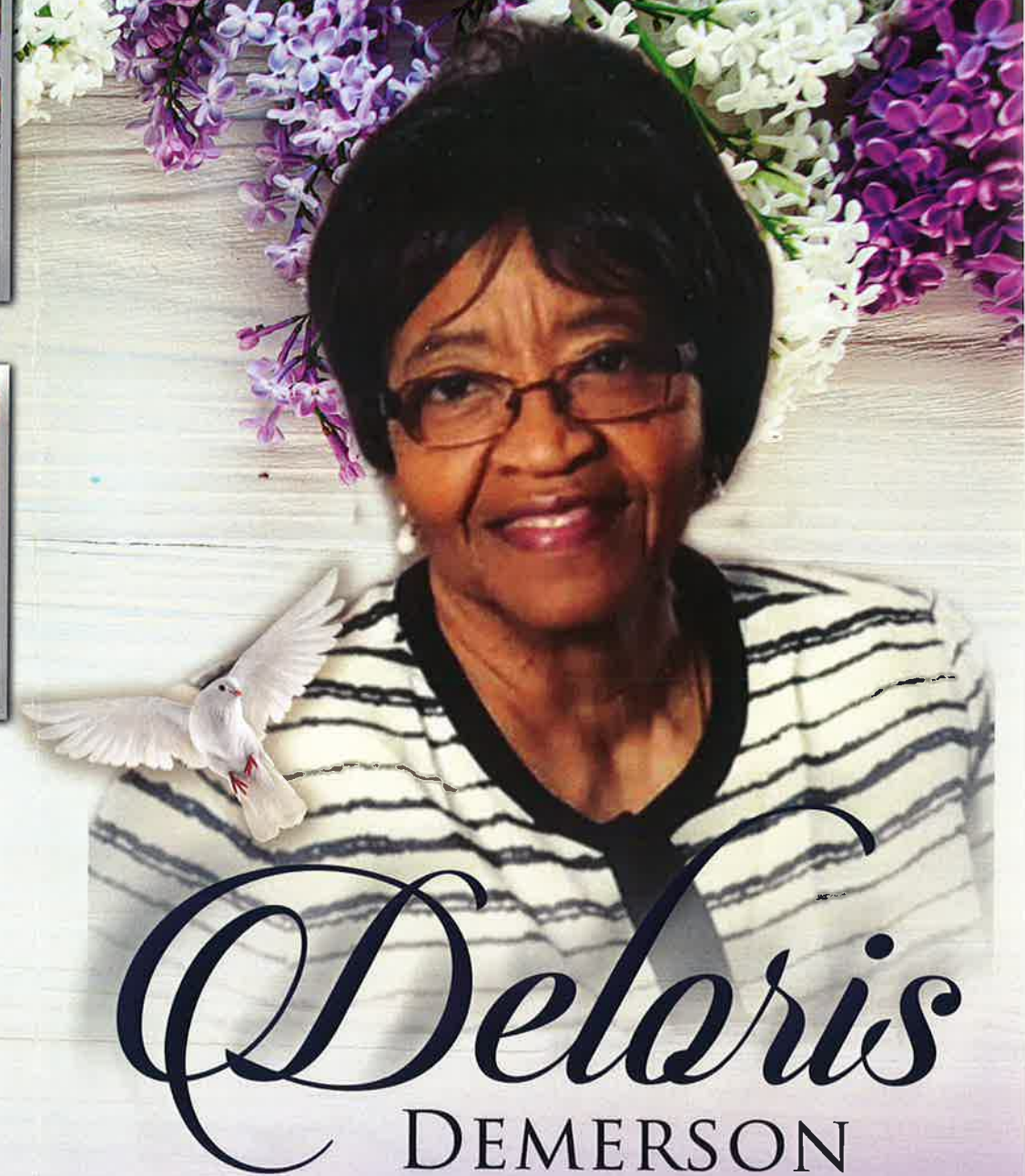
*Acknowledgments*  
Special thanks to the doctors and staff they provided care. All the calls, cards, visits and prayers during this time are greatly appreciated. To the St. John Missionary Baptist Church, a very special thanks.

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*Deloris*  
DEMERSON

*Sunrise and Sunset*  
MAY 22, 1946 - APRIL 5, 2021

Saturday, April 17, 2021 at 11:00am  
St. John Missionary Baptist Church  
5700 N. Kelley Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73111

Pastor Major L. Jemison, Officiating



# The Life of Deloris Alice Demerson

Deloris Alice Demerson was born May 22, 1946 in Tampa, Florida to Columbus Thornton and Willie Mae Daniels-Thornton.

Deloris was baptized at an early age at the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church of Tampa, Florida. She graduated from Howard W. Blake High School in 1965. She continued her education and received her bachelor's degree from Langston University and master's degree from South Eastern Oklahoma State University.

She met the love of her life in 1965 while he was stationed in Tampa. They entered into Holy Matrimony in 1966. From this union was born two sons: Ronald E. Demerson and Friedrich S. Demerson. In 1970, the family relocated to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to further their careers. Deloris worked numerous jobs including Western Electric, Allied Materials, Oklahoma Tax Commission, Oklahoma State Agriculture, and retired as a Welder from Tinker Air Force Base. She was a proud member of the Red Hatters Organization and she had a life-long love for Line Dancing. She was a member of the Eastern Star Family - Jephthah's Daughters and held many positions in that organization.

When the family moved to Oklahoma City Deloris remained faithful to Christ and attended Evangelistic Baptist Church, Greater New Zion Baptist Church and St. John Missionary Baptist Church, where she was faithful until her death. Deloris also had a love to sing and was a faithful soprano in St. John's Adult Choir and the renowned Ambassadors Concert Choir.

She had a great sense of humor and loved everyone she met. She could never name a stranger. She had the biggest appetite for food, packed her plates with it, even if she would never eat all of it. She was a collector of ANY and EVERYTHING.

Although her health began to fail, she remained faithful to Christ, Family and Friends. She was a true fighter for her family.

Deloris was a great daughter, wife, mother, sister, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt and cousin too many. She is preceded in death by her parents, Columbus and Willie Mae Thornton as well as her husband Freddie N Demerson, three brothers: Alfonso Thornton Sr., Nathaniel Thornton, Kenneth Thornton and one sister, Aretha Thornton.

She leaves to cherish her memory two brothers; Edward Thornton and James Thornton; three sisters; Maxine Thornton-Hearn (James), Ollie Thornton-Garrett and Valarie Thornton-Wilson; two sons, Ronald E Demerson (Priscila) and Friedrich S. Demerson, Grandchildren; Jazzamynn R Demerson-Manning, William S Manning, Roneal L Demerson, Abriana Harvey, Kevin R Blackmon, Talytha S Blackmon, Devin K Demerson, Dadrion K Taylor-Demerson, Dmitri Perry and Marcellus Knight. Great grandchildren: Keiana E.F. Manning, Levi Lane Blackmon, Omari Lee Demerson and loving on the ones still to come and one best friend/sister in love; Mattie Price.

If we could hear her voice again, she would say "Don't make me hurt you"! Such a kind spirit and loving person. She truly loved her family, and we know she would want them to continue being a loving close family, showing what she taught.



# Order of Service

## Processional

Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family  
"I'll Fly Away" ~ St. John Music Department

## Pastoral Prayer

Dr. M. L. Jemison  
Sr. Pastor, St. John Baptist Church

## Musical Selection

St. John Missionary Baptist Church

## Scripture Reading

Old Testament  
Rev. Keith Carter ~ Youth Minister, St. John

## New Testaament

Dr. Lawrence Kirk ~ Dir. Of Christian Education, St. John

## Musical Selection

St. John Missionary Baptist Church

## Prayer

Rev. David Dawson  
Minister of Prayer and Visitation, St. John

## Resolutions

Vernetta Johnson  
Administrative Secretary, St. John

## Family Reflections

Family Member(s) two minutes

## Musical Selection

St. John Missionary Baptist Church

## Eulogy

Rev. Ronald E. Demerson (Son)  
Executive Pastor, Memorial Missionary Baptist,  
San Antonio, Texas

## Video Tribute

Parting View and Recessional  
Temple and Sons Funeral Home

