

Celebrating The Life of LaDova "Ann" Steppes-Caldwell

LaDova "Ann" Steppes-Caldwell was born on November 22, 1952 in Enid, OK to Lillian and Amos Steppes. She was the first of three daughters to this union. She attend public schools and then graduated from Enid High School. She was affectionately called "Ann" or "Dovie" by friends and family.

Dovie was a very private person. She kept to herself most of the time. She explored a lot of avenues in her life time. She was the "jack of all trades" and the master of many. Dovie attempted many things during her life time which ranged from being in the USAF for a short time, she worked on cars as a mechanic and was in a volkswagon club with her friend Tony for some time. She was not afraid of getting her hands dirty. Dovie had a desire to be a model at one time in her life, she had her own lawn service, catering business and decided to take cake decorating classes later on in her life and did quite well. She made birthday cakes for her grandchildren and even made several wedding cakes. The first wedding cake she made for her nephew Leon and wife Tameka. It was really amazing all of the different things she did and whatever she attempted to do, she always gave it her best.

Dovie gave birth to four children, Quillian, Quantrell (Buba), Quandale. During her marriage to Norvel Rucker, one child Norvel (Mouse) who was born to this union. She also nurtured the three children of Norvel until they divorced. One of his children, Leon Rucker continued the relationship with Dovie as his mother. Cancer struck her body in 2003. Even though this was a difficult situation, Dovie never gave up. She fought this terrible disease. It was really amazing to watch her through this struggle. She would always bounce back from each episode and she never gave up. She met David while working at Applebees in Enid. Three years later on July 15, 2006 she married David Caldwell, and moved to Oklahoma City, OK. She gained two step daughters Lisa and Julie.

Dovie had accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at New Light Baptist Church in Enid, OK.. She later became a member of First Baptist Missionary Church in Enid until she moved to OK and she became a member of The Cathedral. She loved this church and while there her relationship with God was matured. She made cakes for the ministers and volunteered her services when she felt up to it.

Dovie transitioned from this life to eternal life on September 21, 2010. She leaves to cherish her life, her husband David Caldwell, her children, Quillian (Jeff) Peckham of OKC, Quantrell Colbert, of Atlanta, GA, Quandale Thompson of Willingboro, NJ, Norvel Rucker Jr., of Enid, OK and Leon (Laura)Rucker of Lawrence, KS., step daughters, Lisa and Julie, sisters Gwendolyn Walker of Willingboro, NJ, Delphine Manning, of Wichita, KS and Cornelia (Albert) Tucker of Heath Springs, SC; 7 grand children, Chelsea, Maurcel, Zorion, Malachi, Zoey, Erin Maddison and one great grand daughter Aleona and a host of relatives and friends. The memories of Dovie will never be forgotten.

Preceding her in death were her parents Lillian and Amos Steppes and two brother in laws, Charles "Chuck" Walker and Leon H. Manning Sr.