



## Order of Service

*Members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority please take a seat on the first 3 rows across from the family.*

Prelude

Processional . . . . . Pastor, Director, and Family

Musical Selection . . . . . First African Methodist Episcopal  
(F.A.M.E.) Church

Prayer . . . . . Rev. Harvey Potts, Presiding Elder

Comfort from Scripture:

Old Testament . . . . . Psalm 23

Resolutions & Acknowledgements . . . . . Karen Martin Lee

Sorority Resolutions . . . . . Latreece Langston, President  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. / Beta Sigma Omega Chapter

Musical Selection . . . . . F.A.M.E. Church

Special Remarks:

Family . . . . . Lesia Burley

F.A.M.E. . . . . Gloria Hall - Angela Brewster

Silent Reading of Obituary

Eulogy . . . . . Rev. Terrel McBride  
Pastor F.A.M.E.

Memorial Tribute

Recessional . . . . . Temple & Sons Funeral Directors

## Pallbearers

Chase Duke  
Gregory Martin  
LeMont Martin

Christopher Martin  
Michael Lyday  
LaJuan Downer

## Honorary Flower Bearers

Jada Duke  
LuVerda Martin  
Sonja Brewer

Janie Martin  
Charlotte Burley  
Donna Martin Copeland

## Interment

Trice Hill Cemetery  
5101 N. Coltrane Rd.  
Oklahoma City, OK 73121

Please drive with your lights on for safety and fasten your seat belts.

## Acknowledgment

The Duke family wishes to express their sincere gratitude for the many acts of kindness shown during this time of bereavement.

## REPAST

### \* Family Only Please \*

(Immediately following burial at Trice Hill)  
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## Celebrating The Life Of Alice Arline Martin Duke



*Sunrise*

September 2, 1936

*Sunset*

January 4, 2023

## Services

Saturday, January 14, 2023 - 2:30 p.m.

Temple & Sons Funeral Directors, Inc.  
Earl M. Temple Memorial Chapel

2801 North Kelley Avenue  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Reverend Terrel McBride - Officiating



# Alice Arline Martin Duke

Alice A. Martin was born in Dumas, Arkansas, the 7th child of 12 born to Tom and Ruth Mae Hall Martin. Raised in Boley, Oklahoma, she joined Ward Chapel AME (African Methodist Episcopal) Church at the age of accountability. Her early and high school education was in the Boley Public Schools. After graduating from high school in 1955, she and the love of her life, Calvin L. Duke (also from Boley, Oklahoma) relocated to Long Beach, California. To



Alice, Fred, Calvin



this union, one son, Frederick, was born. Unfortunately, her beloved Calvin passed when Fred was only 5 years old. Alice did a wonderful job raising Fred with the help of close friends and family.

In Alice's early years in California, she worked for the Los Angeles Public School district, and

Compton Public School district. As an active volunteer, she was chosen as "Mother-of-the-Year" at Frederick's junior high school. Alice united with Grant Chapel AME Church, and later with F.A.M.E. Church of Compton, where she served in various capacities: youth Sunday school teacher, finance committee, and Usher. She was a resident of Southern California for 23 years.



Upon relocating to Oklahoma City in 1980, Alice joined, and was a faithful and very active member of F.A.M.E. She served as a delegate and alternate of the Women's Missionary Society Quadrennial and was a life member of the Women's Missionary Society. Alice was twice chosen Mother-of-the-Year for her church and was certified in Church Management and Tax Law Compliance. She also served as the Women's Day Chairperson three (3) times and was P.M.E. (Promotion & Missionary Education) Director for the Oklahoma Conference and the local Missionary Society. For many years, right up until she became ill, Alice served her church faithfully. She was Secretary to the Steward Board, an active addition to the finance committee, and the Bereavement Coordinator for F.A.M.E.

Alice loved to read! For many years, she was an active member of a book club and an investment club consisting of many sorority sisters and friends. She was an active life member of Beta Sigma Omega Chapter (Oklahoma City) of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Her family and friends meant the world to Alice! She also enjoyed traveling (to spend time with her siblings in Milwaukee, WI, and California, and sorority and church conferences), gardening, and shopping. She was always dressed immaculately! Until her back began to give her trouble, she loved to cook - preparing the best home-cooked meals and German chocolate cakes! Alice led a very busy, active life. For a long time, she exercised at Tan and Tone and walked regularly with her friends at North Park Mall.

Alice, a graceful, classy, loving spirit, loved spending time with her two grandchildren, Jada (21) - who she called her "Sugarcakes" - and Chase (15) - her "Lump of Sugar!" They always looked forward to special times with their "Grammy." And Grammy loved celebrating birthdays and all holidays with beautiful hand-picked cards, and tons of huge balloons! With their loving Grammy, Jada and Chase learned to sew, bake, carve pumpkins, dye Easter eggs, and make gingerbread houses and special holiday treats. Alice was quiet and reserved, very patient, and loved her family immensely. She was the absolute best grandmother and mother-in-law ever. She referred to Toni as "the daughter whose hair she did not have to comb" and greeted her with that reality consistently! One of Chase's special memories is of Grammy cutting pizza with kitchen scissors! One of Jada's most amazing lessons was being taught how to make Grammy's German chocolate cakes - her dad's favorite! Grammy will be sorely missed.



Education was of the utmost importance to Alice. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Studies (California State University Dominguez Hills), Teaching Credentials (California State University Long Beach), and a Master of Education degree in Reading (Central State University - now the University of Central Oklahoma) in Edmond, OK. She always encouraged youngsters to do well in school and to complete their education.

Upon moving to Oklahoma, she enjoyed a lengthy career as a devoted elementary teacher with Oklahoma City Public Schools where Alice touched many lives and made many teacher friends. She was chosen Teacher-of-the-Year of her building - Edgemere Elementary

School - and was chosen by KOCO OKC/Channel 5 in 1994, as one of Oklahoma's Outstanding Teachers. Alice retired after 28 years as a devoted professional educator.

She loved her family, God, and her church immensely! Alice was most grateful for the values that her parents instilled in her as a child, especially her excellent decision to continue her walk with faith and depend on God in all things throughout her 86 years of life. After a lengthy illness, Alice departed this life on Wednesday, January 4, 2023, in Oklahoma City, OK. Preceding her in death are her parents, Tom Martin and Ruth Mae Martin, siblings Bob Ollie Martin, Cyrus Martin, Mary Helen Burley, Cleophus Martin, Charles Martin, Lue Lee Tomlin, Samuel Martin, Tom Martin, Jr., and Bezelee Martin.

Alice leaves to embrace her loving, gentle spirit and to cherish her memory: her son, Frederick (Toni) Duke and her two grandchildren, Jada and Chase Duke, of Oklahoma City, OK. Also left to cherish her memory are her brother, Bruce (Tamora) Martin of River Hills, WI, and sister Clemmytine Lyday of Upland, CA. Alice leaves to celebrate her life, a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

