

*Celebrating the Life
of
Imogene Cheadle Johnson*

SUNRISE
October 3, 1933

SUNSET
January 8, 2023



SERVICE

Saturday, January 14, 2023 — 11:00 a.m.

WILDEWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

60 N. E. 63rd Street • Oklahoma City, OK 73111

Rev. Earl W. Bryant, Pastor
Eulogist

Rev. Orlando J. Black, Pastor, Greater Shiloh Baptist Church
Officiating

Obituary

Imogene Cheadle was born on October 3, 1933 to Ruby Gordon Cheadle and Vernie Cheadle in Milburn, Johnston County, Oklahoma. Imogene was the third of ten children born to this union — four boys and five girls: George Wildren “GW”, Donald Joe, Eddie, Homer Dale, Leola, Luella, Vernice, and Betty.

Imogene was preceded in death by her parents, Vernie and Ruby Cheadle; a brother at childbirth; two brothers, George Wildren and Donald Joe; two sisters, Luella and Leola; and her son, Clem Munzell McKinney.

Imogene accepted Christ at an early age and was a member of several Oklahoma City congregations: Holy Temple Baptist, Paradise Baptist, Tabernacle Baptist, New Life Baptist and New Direction. Imogene was under “watch care” at the Wildewood Baptist Church, where Rev. E.W. Bryant is Pastor.

Imogene attended school in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma. After high school, Imogene relocated to Ft. Cobb, Caddo County, Oklahoma and began a career in the culinary arts industry, while maintaining a family and a home.

Imogene married Francis McKinney, Jr. in 1950 and to this union came three children: Victoria Yvonne, Francis McKinney III, and Clem Munzell. Imogene later married Danny Augustine Terrell, Sr. in 1961 and the family moved to Oklahoma City. To this union came four children: Danny Augustine, Jr., Teresa Ann, Tonya Ann, and Tracy Ann. Imogene later married Willie J. Johnson in 1999.

Imogene and the family moved to the Park Estates Neighborhood in early 1960s, where she remained until her passing. Throughout the neighborhood, she was known as “Ms. Terrell”. With so many of her own children, Imogene’s home was the house where many of the neighborhood kids gathered; for some, it was even a safe haven because nobody messed with Ms. Terrell...and if you messed with her once, you didn’t do it twice! Imogene was known for her hospitality, generosity, boldness, and fierceness. What you saw is what you got; she never pretended to be nothing more than what she was – a strong country girl from Tishomingo, Oklahoma. Imogene absolutely loved her family. Back in the day, her eldest brother, GW, would make his yearly summer trip home to Oklahoma City. GW would park his RV in Imogene’s yard which signaled “party time”. Family from all around would come to Imogene’s home for food, fun, games, dancing, and more food! Seeing her family gather together gave her so much joy and happiness.

While working in the culinary arts industry, Imogene was known for her cooking excellence. If you ate the garlic fried chicken from the “Off Beat” a hole-in-wall restaurant/club on NE Bryant, then you ate Imogene’s cooking; if you ate the melt-in-your-mouth, succulent ribs from “Berry’s BBQ” on NE 8th Street, then you ate Imogene’s cooking. Some of her other delectable delights included fried buffalo and catfish, salmon croquettes, collard greens, sweet potatoes and dressing, pecan and sweet potato pie, peach cobbler and pound cake. There was NOTHING Imogene couldn’t cook! Back-in-the-day, Imogene had an open door policy around the holidays; she always had a plate for any family or friends who stopped by. After many years of faithful service in the culinary arts industry, Imogene worked as a home health aide for some of the residence in the Jeltz Senior Center on NE Lottie and as a private duty aide in the homes of senior citizens.

In 2019, Imogene was diagnosed with breast cancer and dementia. She fought a good fight and ran her race. Throughout the illness, even when she was in excruciating pain, her main concern was for her children, especially her “boys” Bubba (Francis), Danny and Victor. On the beautiful Sunday morning of January 8, 2023 at 10:38 a.m., Imogene took her last breath and went from labor to reward. Imogene was the matriarch and the glue that held the family together. Imogene Cheadle Johnson will be missed by all.

Family members remaining to cherish her loving memory: four daughters: Victoria Murray (Nathan), Teresa Lucas (Lee), Tonya Brackeen, and Tracy Terrell; two sons, Francis McKinney III and Danny Terrell Jr.; two brothers, Eddie Cheadle (Myra) and Homer Dale Cheadle (Gladys); two sisters, Vernice Seals and Betty Taylor; 13 grandchildren; a host of great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and other loving relatives and friends.



The Passing of the Torch

I was placed on this earth so that I could shine;
I lived my life now it's your time.
So, I passed the torch to those I leave behind.
The duty to shine has been reassigned.
So, dry your eyes and erase all your fear.
God will meet you where you are
because he is always near.
There will be many obstacles along the way.
Just remember to stay strong, it will be OK.
Because I loved you from the start,
we're never far apart,
whenever you feel lonely,
just reach up and touch your heart.
Shine your light my loves,
fly high like the doves.
So, until we meet again,
in your hearts I shall remain.
Love always Momma

—By Lavedia Biggers

My Last Request

Please don't say that I gave up, just say that I gave in.
Don't say I lost the battle, for it was God's war to lose or win.
Please don't say how good I was, but that I did my best.
Just say I tried to do what's right, to give the most I could, not less.
Please don't give me wings or halos; that's for God to do.
I want no more than I deserve. No extras, just my due.
Please don't give flowers, or talk in harsh tones.
Don't be concerned about me now, I'm well with God, I have made it home.
Don't talk about what could have been, it's over and done.
Just see to all my family needs. The battle has been won!
When you draw a picture of me, don't draw me as a saint.
I've done some good; I've done some wrong...So use all of your paint.
Not just the bright and light tones. Use some gray and dark.
In fact, don't put me down on canvas; just paint me in your heart.
Don't just remember all the good times, but remember all the bad,
for life is full of many things...some happy and some sad.
But if you must do something, then I have one last request:
Forgive me for the wrongs I've done and with the love that's left,
Thank God for my soul's resting. Thank God for all who loved me,
and praise God who love me the best.

— Author Unknown



Order of Service

Processional	Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family
Comfort from Scriptures	
Old Testament	Minister Gloria Tucker
New Testament	Minister Francetta Mays
Prayer of Comfort	Rev. Eugene McCarrell
Solo	Sis. Darshell House
Resolutions/Acknowledgement	Sis. Tammy L. Miller
Remarks	Keith Tubbs, Park Estates Neighborhoog Tonya Brackeen, On Behalf of the Children Tatiana Tucker, On Behalf of the Grandchildren
Solo	Sis. Darshell House
Eulogy	Rev. Earl W. Bryant
Video Tribute	
Parting View	Temple & Sons Funeral Directors
Recessional	Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family

Precious Memories



Helping Will Pope bring a plateful of ribs from Berry's "old-fashioned barbecue pit" are Imogene Terrell, center, and Helen Smith. The ribs cook over hickory. (Metro Downtowner Photo by Claude E. Long)



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Troy Williams • Destin Malone

Flower Bearers

— Granddaughters —

Tamara Tippens • Torya House
Tyra Caldwell • TaLonie House
Clemneisha Matthews • Tatiana Tucker
Marcella Terrell • Dania Terrell

Interment

Hillcrest Memory Gardens
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"We Care" — II Timothy 4:8

Acknowledgment

We, the family of Imogene Cheadle Johnson, acknowledge and sincerely thank everyone for your love and kindness shown during this difficult time.

A special thanks is extended to the Baptist Hospital Hospice Department — Stacy, Judy, Shelia and Maggie, the home health aides.

During her final days, she remained in her home due to the care of her children, grandchildren, and great-granddaughter, Taniyaa Hanley.

Please continue to pray for us past this day. Thank you.