



Catherine Robinson

October 7, 1940 - March 14, 2023

Catherine Robinson was number 6 of 11 children to Willie Clay and Willie Mae Robinson, born and raised in Chickasha, Oklahoma on October 7, 1940. She attended Lincoln School and graduated as class of 1957-58'. She was very active in basketball and softball during her enrolled years of school. There were claims, her baby sister (Helen) used to see her, and the older sisters sneak out in the middle of the night to go hang out at "The Center" on first street to cut a rug during their young, aged years. Every opportunity presented, she would sing in all the talent shows at school, as singing was a major part of her cultivation. The Robinson family resided on the east side of the tracks and were members of Mt. Olive Baptist Church. As a child, Catherine would travel with her father, who was a Baptist Minister, going from town to town to sing the gospel as he preached. She would pretend to play the piano by beating and tapping on the stone rock used as steps to get into the house. One day, her father saw her making sounds with her mouth for introductions and managed to get a piano for the house. As God continued to move in her life, he gave her the talent and skill to sing and play the piano. She played for the Starlight Band Choir and the youth choir at Mt. Olive. Catherine would listen to gospel singers on the radio and imitate singers such as Aretha Franklin, Mahalia Jackson, The Ward Singers, and James Cleveland in which she picked up her unique gospel sound. As she grew older, her and 3 sisters (Sarah, Doris and Helen) would get together to form a group named by their father called, "Echoes of Zion". They would practice

their vocals and self-written songs at the house and at the church. Their group was blessed to record a 10-song album together and they never turned down an opportunity to share their gift. She has sung for countless funeral services all over, including the opportunity to open for Shirley Cesar in Oklahoma City, OK, and Atlanta, GA, Dorothy Norwood in Fort-Worth, TX and the William Brothers in Dallas, TX. She sang on a gospel show case in Jackson, MS and in 2004, one of her most memorable opportunities were when she sang in Nashville, TN on the Bobby Jones show in which she performed her written single, "I give all my praises to thee". Catherine always went above and beyond for her community, receiving numerous recognitions for going beyond the call of duty for the Chickasha community and much more. She was also recognized for her contribution for initiating the musical drama, "The Old Ship of Zion" which has been a spiritual inspiration for over 50+ years. She found great joy in cooking and sharing the table with whoever was in need. She worked at the Chickasha Head start, where she was the head cook in charge and provided nourishing meals and delicious cinnamon rolls to the students during her time until she retired. During retirement she devoted her love and time to One Church, One Child of Oklahoma as a foster parent for 10 years of her life. While in Chickasha, OK, she was a member of Shepherd Street Christian Church in which she was the minister of music for many years. She then continued her journey at the Independent Church of the Living God and Greater New Zion Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, OK. There she would continue her passion, singing for the Lord. Catherine's album singles, "Take God off The Back Burner" and "I want to be like you" would conclude her last self-entitled album. God has always been number one in her life, and she always instilled cogent foundations and inviolable beliefs of Jesus Christ into her family. She was a devoted and warmhearted mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend. We have been overwhelmed with nothing but gratefulness to have been able to share this time with our beloved as she gains her wings and gleaming crown, we thank God for each cherished moment. Catherine was preceded in death by both parents Willie Clay and

Willie Mae Robinson, brother, Willie Obie Robinson, brother, Dennis Robinson, brother, Jamie Robinson, sister Sarah Craine, sister Alberta Robinson, brother, Isaiah Robinson, sister Doris Ann Weber, brother David Robinson, brother Allie (Puga) John Robinson and son, Charles "Chuckii" Brown. Survivors left to cherish and share Catherine's memories are her sister, Helen Marie Daughtry (Ohio), son, Ronnie (Colorado), son, Jerry (Virginia), daughter, Kimberly (Oklahoma City), daughter, Gwendolyn (Oklahoma City), son, Fenton (Oklahoma City) and daughter, Holly (Washington), 16 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews, cousins, and countless friends. May our beloved queen continue to walk around and rest in heaven.

Cemetery Details

Fairlawn Cemetery

Chickasha, OK

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR 31. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Brown - Thomas Funeral Home
401 SOUTH 1ST STREET
Chickasha, OK 73018
(405) 224-7258

Service

APR 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

Grady County Fairgrounds
500 E Choctaw Ave
Chickasha, OK 73018-9400
(405) 224-2031

Tribute Wall

PH

“ *My heartfelt sympathy to the family of Catherine Robinson. She was a special and lovely lady with a beautiful voice and smile. I loved hearing her sing and play the piano for the Lord. My favorite song I loved to hear her sing was "Jesus I love calling Your name. She is singing in the Heavenly choir now. My prayers to her family that God gives you comfort in this time.*

*Priscilla Haywood
Anadarko, OK*

Priscilla Haywood - April 01, 2023 at 05:35 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Catherine Robinson.*



March 31, 2023 at 12:23 PM

RB

“ *Catherine was like a mother to me. She done so much for the Community of Chickasha. She and her sisters had Angelic voices. She used God's gifts free of charge. I can't tell it all. All the goodness she freely gave. She's been sending her timber up for many years. I know she has a mansion around God's throne.*

RICKY ALVIN BROWN - March 31, 2023 at 10:44 AM

JJ

“ To the family of Catherine Robinson, please accept my most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, may looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow. May God provide you enough strength to face these difficult times. Although no words can really help to ease the loss you bear, just know that you are very close in every thought and prayer. A person that departs from this earth never truly leaves, for they are still alive in our hearts and minds, through us, they live on. Please accept my condolences.

John Jefferson - March 30, 2023 at 07:57 PM

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“ Love, The Kevin Grierson Family (Denver) purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Catherine Robinson.



Love, The Kevin Grierson Family (Denver) - March 30, 2023 at 04:01 PM

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“ No words can describe how sorry I am for the loss of you all Lovely Mother, My Deepest Condolence and prayers to you and your entire family!! Lolita Colbert- Irvey & family..

Lolita Irvey - March 30, 2023 at 03:50 PM

GW

Thanks everyone for your love and kindness much love to everyone

Gwen - March 30, 2023 at 10:18 PM

AB

“ *My Deepest Sympathy to the Family of Sister Catherine Robinson. Praying God Bless your family with the Comfort, Peace, Understanding and Strength you need today and the days ahead. Sister Apple was a True Pillar of the Chickasha, Oklahoma Community. Rest in Heavenly Peace. Love Ms. Angie Blunt*



Angelia Blunt - March 30, 2023 at 09:46 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Catherine Robinson.*



March 29, 2023 at 02:51 PM

JK

“ *Uncle Ronnie, we send our sympathies and love to the entire Robinson family. Your Mom was an amazing person and now Heaven receives her with open arms. God Bless Catherine Robinson!*

*All of our love,
Jim and Ginny Kasper
Todd, Josey, Mary Louise, Jack and Fletcher Kasper
Raleigh, North Carolina*

Jim and Ginny Kasper - March 27, 2023 at 03:27 PM

JA

“ *Jackie Anderson lit a candle in memory of Catherine Robinson*



Jackie Anderson - March 25, 2023 at 12:01 PM