



Coreta Altafa Strickland

July 19, 1929 - December 14, 2020

Coreta Altafa Strickland, 91, of Muskogee, OK entered heaven's gates on Monday, December 14, 2020. She was born on July 19, 1929 to Calvin and Cora (Lowrance) Wilbourn in Wainwright, OK.

She married her best friend and love of her life, Joe F. Strickland on October 19, 1946. They made their home in Muskogee, OK and shared 74 happy years of marriage and memories together.

She worked as a homemaker, pastor's wife and mother for most of her life. She had a double portion of the gift of compassion. It was evident in the direction her life took. Her focus was on the mission of helping the needy. She started a Clothes Closet at her church and it branched over to the Ark of Faith to continue in helping the needy. She loved music. She sang many music specials at her church, played the piano and shared these things with her grandchildren. She loved sing-alongs at family gatherings.

She was a devoted wife and supported the family business of Strickland Meat Processing. The long hours and hard work made it a success. She also was a help mate to her husband's ministry as he preached for over 45 years.

She loved her children and grandchildren and wanted to be the first to hold the newborns. Sometimes her bags were all packed when any need of her was asked for.

She was preceded in death by her father, Calvin C. Wilbourn; mother, Cora I. (Lowrance) Wilbourn; brother, Carl R. Wilbourn of Arlington, VA; sisters, Cheryl Holland of Bartlesville, OK, Colena Morgan of Muskogee, OK, and

Christina Weddle of Muskogee, OK.

She is survived by her husband, Joe F Strickland of Muskogee, OK; brother, Charles Wilbourn of Muskogee, OK; children, Nita J. Dunlap and Husband Dan of Muskogee, OK, Tommy J. Strickland and wife Candis of Holly Pond, AL, Rhonda J Bell and husband Randy of Muskogee, OK, Ruth A. Matlock and husband Douglas of Muskogee, OK, and Nancy G. Prinsloo and husband J.J. of Eufaula, OK; 11 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, and 9 great-great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Coreta's life will be 2pm Saturday, December 19, 2020 graveside at Greenhill Cemetery with Pastor Bobby Morgan officiating. The family requests that everyone wear a mask while attending the service.

Cemetery Details

Greenhill Cemetery

1500 N. York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 18. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory
1830 North York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
(918) 682-1500

Graveside Service

DEC 19. 2:00 PM (CT)

Greenhill Cemetery
1500 N. York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403

Tribute Wall



“ *Coreta Altafa Strickland*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Coreta Altafa Strickland.*



December 19, 2020 at 11:37 AM



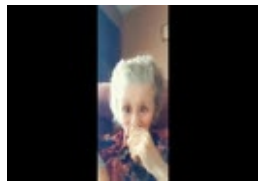
“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Coreta Altafa Strickland.*



December 18, 2020 at 07:08 PM



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Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - December 18, 2020 at 04:01 PM



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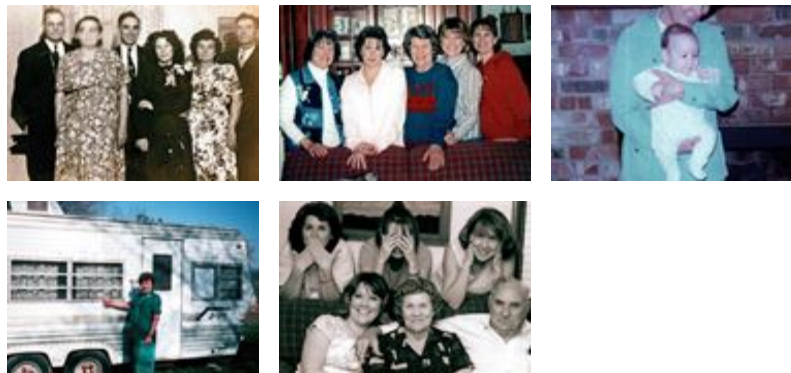
“ Rick/Gail Ward lit a candle in memory of
Coreta Altafa Strickland



Rick/Gail Ward - December 17, 2020 at 05:14 PM



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Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - December 17, 2020 at 02:25 PM



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Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - December 17, 2020 at 12:26 PM

MB

“ *MELISSA BURLISON lit a candle in memory of Coreta Altafa Strickland*



MELISSA BURLISON - December 17, 2020 at 08:07 AM

DB

“ *Aunt Coreta was my favorite aunt. She was truly a compassionate person. She and I worked together in the Christmas shop at the ark of faith. I volunteered there because of her. When Steve and I were in real need she slipped my 20.00 and that meant so much to us. We' ll Never forget that act of kindness.*

Debra Bates - December 16, 2020 at 09:46 PM

GB

“ *Glenn And Glenette Briley lit a candle in
memory of Coreta Altafa Strickland*



Glenn and Glenette Briley - December 16, 2020 at 12:18 PM