



## Rev. Erma J. Coburn

April 8, 1934 - March 17, 2021

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[www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z2sWBgbNMW4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z2sWBgbNMW4)

On Sunday, April 8, 1934, a beautiful bouncing baby girl was born to Mr. Donald and Mrs. Ethel Lee Maynor Hickman in Sapulpa, Oklahoma. She was the oldest daughter and second child of ten children and was called "Sister" by her siblings, family and special friends.

She graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in Sapulpa in 1954. After graduation, she married Albert Vernon (AV) Coburn, her high school classmate and sweetheart. To this union two children were born Myron Vernon and Rhoda Christina. Later, (AV) enlisted into the United States Army Air Forces in Fort Bragg, North Carolina. During this time, she returned to school and earned a Certificate in Religious Studies. She became an Ordained Minister in 1959 at Freewill Baptist Church in Fayetteville, North Carolina. She returned to Oklahoma and enrolled in the Langston University School of Religion and earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Theology. Upon graduation, she relocated to Oklahoma City, and became a member of Fairview Baptist Church under the leadership of Dr. John Reed, Jr. She has been a member

for over 50 years. Later, she returned to Langston and received a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. Her further studies included Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and the University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida.

She taught in the Oklahoma City Public School System and retired after 25 years. At the request of the school system, she continued as a Substitute for 30 more years. While continuing her teaching, preaching, and missionary work she met Ms. Carrie Holloway, known as "Mother Holloway Founder of the Oklahoma Citywide Prayer Band." She played a major role in the development and success of the Prayer Band. After working with Mother Holloway for years, Coburn envisioned having a Prayer group in Sapulpa, her hometown. Thus, in 1978, she established the Sapulpa Prayer Band at Macedonia Baptist Church. It has been very successful, and it not only survived but thrived under her leadership for 43 years. The Prayer Band is known for its Annual Day of Prayer, held at Calvary Baptist Church, in Sapulpa.

Reverend Coburn loved her church, pastor, everyone, and any place that the Word was present. At Fairview she served on the Deaconess Board, taught Sunday school, instructed in the Oklahoma Baptist Convention, East Zion District Association, National Baptist Convention, and the Oklahoma School of Religion. She taught and preached at many churches and served as chaplain in many organizations.

Her spiritual calling and revelation coupled with the gift and ability to teach, catapulted her into a traveling evangelism ministry. She was blessed to travel extensively throughout the world spreading the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ which includes but not limited to: The Holy Land in Israel, the Caribbean including Jamaica, Hawaii, the Virgin Islands, Mexico, London England, Vienna Austria, Madrid, and Barcelona Spain, and Lisbon Portugal and several countries in Africa, including Gabon, Nigeria, Senegal, and South Africa several times.

Throughout the years, she received many honors and awards for the work she

did to serve people nationally and internationally. Due to her love for prayer, she is the author of a book entitled "A Book of Prayers," a collection of spiritual prayers. Evangelist Coburn spent a lifetime praying for people nationally and internationally. Her passionate prayers are consecrated in spirit and scripture. Her book of prayers is timely and there is something for everyone, including teachers, ministers, health professionals, and families. These powerful prayers to God are a blessing to all who read them.

On Wednesday morning, March 17, 2021, at 6:32AM the Lord picked a perfect rose and called Reverend Coburn home. She leaves to cherish her memory two children, Myron and Rhoda "Chris" Coburn, three grandchildren, Bradley (Latoya) Coburn OKC, Kimberly Coburn OKC, Lecah Coburn-Washington (Ivan) Derby KS, five great-grandchildren, Michael Brison Jr., Plano TX , Malachi Standifer-Coburn, Matthew Coburn OKC, Christopher and Illyah Washington, Debry, KS, four great-great grandchildren Michael Brison III, Mune Brison, Malazia Standifer-Coburn, and Jeremiah Santana Coburn, one brother Mr. Donald Hickman Sapulpa, Oklahoma, three sisters Dr's Juel Hickman Shannon (John) Smith, Tampa, Florida, Ms. Olivia Hickman, Tulsa, Bishop Patricia Hickman (Rev. Loren) of Tulsa, a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, best friends, and spiritual children.

# Cemetery Details

## North Heights Cemetery

West of Okmulgee Street in Sapulpa  
Sapulpa, OK 74066

# Previous Events

## Service

MAR 25. 11:00 AM (CT)

Fairview Baptist Church  
1700 NE 7th  
Oklahoma City, OK 73117

## Service

MAR 25. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Jack's Memory Chapel  
801 E. 36th St. N.  
Tulsa, OK 74106, OK

## Service

MAR 26. 1:00 PM (CT)

Calvary Baptist Church  
412 N. 7th St.  
Sapulpa, OK 74066



# Tribute Wall

WG

“ My prayers are with the family of Rev. Erma Coburn, Brad and Malachi your grandmother leaves you with many wonderful memories and a spiritual life to follow. I first met her when Marvin {Ray} and Brad were friends and again teaching Malachi in PK at Dunbar Elem. Remember her beautiful spirt and know our Lord said well done. My love to all the family. Wanda L. Glover-Wade

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**Wanda L. Glover-Wade** - March 26, 2021 at 05:14 PM

PA

“ Erma & I taught 1st grade together for 8 years at Shidler Elem. OKC. We prayed together every morning before class started & she was always an awesome prayer warrior. She introduced me to Mother Holloway, who I could always call for any prayer needs. I know how happy Erma is to be in the presence of Jesus right now in Heaven! God is bestowing numerous rewards on her as He proclaims : “Well done, my true & faithful servant”!  
—Penny Ames Anderson

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**Penny Ames Anderson** - March 26, 2021 at 05:11 PM

NT

“ Nan Thomas lit a candle in memory of Rev. Erma J. Coburn



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**Nan Thomas** - March 24, 2021 at 08:25 PM

NT

“ you are missed already , you were more like an Aunt too me, before my mom died you call her every Tuesday and Thursday, just to check on her, prayed for her and kept her in your prayers, She called you her Sister, now y'all are having a reunion in Heaven, you are already missed here on earth, Rest In Heaven and give my mom a kiss, 🙏❤️



Nan Thomas - March 24, 2021 at 08:24 PM

LB

“ Link Deborah And Pastor Frank Burroughs lit a candle in memory of Rev. Erma J. Coburn



Link Deborah and Pastor Frank Burroughs - March 24, 2021 at 04:43 PM

CB

“ On behalf of the students and staff of Star Spencer High School, we will always cherish our fond memories of Mrs. Erma Coburn. She was like a grandmother to our students and would often be caught praying for a student in distress. She had a big heart and her work was always to help her fellow man. She will never be forgotten!

Carla Burton - March 24, 2021 at 11:01 AM

CB

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Carla Burton** - March 24, 2021 at 10:51 AM

CJ

“ *Christina Y Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Rev. Erma J. Coburn*



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**Christina y Jenkins** - March 22, 2021 at 11:22 AM



“ *Joyce Spratt lit a candle in memory of Rev. Erma J. Coburn*



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**Joyce Spratt** - March 20, 2021 at 05:57 PM

LE

“ *LINDA E. EDWARDS lit a candle in memory of Rev. Erma J. Coburn*



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**LINDA E. EDWARDS** - March 19, 2021 at 01:26 PM

LE

*Sister Erma was a beautiful woman of God and passionate Prayer Warrior. May God comfort the family over the days ahead!*

**LINDA E. EDWARDS** - March 19, 2021 at 01:32 PM

SP

*Ms. Coburn was truly a nice woman of God. She never failed to help me keep my faith even when times in my life was hard to understand. Her spirit will be truly missed. I know she was a blessing for me for our paths to cross. Sincerely, Sheryle Portis*

**Sheryle M Portis** - March 20, 2021 at 02:37 PM

EH

*So sorry for the loss of Ms Coburn my prayers are with the family*

**Etta Haggins** - March 21, 2021 at 09:45 AM

DG

*We thank God for the Life and Legacy of Sis. Coburn. We will keep you uplifted in prayer, now and in the days to come. Sis. D.L. Gordon - OKC*

**D.L. Gordon** - April 05, 2021 at 09:17 PM