



## Mrs. Florence English

June 28, 1936 - March 24, 2017

Florence Glenora English was born on June 28, 1936 on the Williams family farm in Guthrie, Oklahoma, to loving parents, James Albert and Neley B. Jackson Williams. She was the youngest of the two living daughters; a middle sister passed at the age of two months. When Florence was just three months old, her father was killed in a tragic accident; the family moved about two years later to Oklahoma City, where her mother met and eventually married Utah Watkins, Sf. Florence's two brothers were born to that union. She grew up in a Christian home and accepted Christ at an early age; along with her family, Florence was a long-time member of Tabernacle Baptist Church.

Florence attended Edwards and Dunbar Elementary Schools, Blessed Martin de Porres Catholic School, and graduated from Douglass High School in 1954. She went on to study at Kansas University and at Oklahoma City University.

She first met John Cleve Waldrop in elementary school. They were childhood friends throughout their early school years, then started dating in high school and married after he graduated from college.

Florence and Cleve were only married for a couple of years before he succumbed to heart failure; they did not have any children.

Florence took a job at Tinker Air Force Base, where she met Herman English, an active duty serviceman who was stationed there.

As she put it, "He found me!" They were soon married and became

proud parents of one son and a daughter who was born more than nine years later. 'While stationed at bases in Florida and Oklahoma, Florence was the primary parent much of the time, as Herman served our country honorably in Korea, Vietnam and Australia. Upon his retirement from military service, the family settled in Oklahoma City and they were living a storybook life until Herman's unexpected death in 1979. She was an avid reader with a keen mind for strategy games, making her a nearly invincible competitor in Dominoes, Spades and Gin Rummy. Florence was an excellent cook and baker, who delighted in sharing home-made treats, like her famous rum cake, sweet potato pie, and strawberry cake, with family and friends. Her sweet spirit and desire to make other people happy extended to her work life as well. Florence made many close friends while working at Tinker, FAA, and at the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for several years. After HUD, she began working for one of Oklahoma City'S most prominent families, and then as a companion to residential patients at Epworth Villa until her own physical limitations prevented her from doing so. It was that same sweet, caring spirit that always prompted her to ask about someone else's well-being, and make her own needs secondary ... and that endeared her to many doctors, nurses and staff in the hospitals and medical facilities she was treated in.

# Cemetery Details

## Trice Hill Cemetery

5101 N. Coltrane  
Oklahoma City, OK 73121

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 7. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Rolfe Funeral Home  
2936 N.E. 36th  
Oklahoma City, OK 73111  
(405) 424-4136  
<https://rolfefuneralhome.com/>

## Service

APR 8. 1:00 PM (CT)

Prospect Baptist Church  
2809 N. Missouri Ave  
Oklahoma City, OK

# Tribute Wall



“ *Geraldine Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Florence English*



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**Geraldine Robinson** - April 08, 2017 at 10:55 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mrs. Florence English.*



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April 07, 2017 at 06:55 AM



“ *Kurt and Krystal I am so sorry for your loss. I will miss her very much. She was and is an Angel. Thank you for sharing her with me.*



*Love always,*

*Stephanie Tucker*

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**Se Tucker** - April 06, 2017 at 09:04 PM

RD

“ Kurt and Krystal I'm sorry for your loss Heaven have received an angel. Sending prayers to you and your family.



Rochelle Daniels - April 06, 2017 at 05:47 PM

RW

“ Regina West lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Florence English



Regina West - March 31, 2017 at 09:09 PM

NF

“ Nedella Henson Foster lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Florence English



Nedella Henson Foster - March 30, 2017 at 04:38 PM

OJ

“ Oren Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Florence English



Oren Johnson - March 30, 2017 at 01:31 PM

HS

“ *Hugh T Toddy Smith. lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Florence English*



Hugh T todody Smith. - March 30, 2017 at 07:30 AM

HS

*Jesus said to her I am the resurrection and the life he who believes in me will live even though he dies and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Krystal continue to let God lead you. God bless you and your family. Lots of love*

Hugh T todody Smith. - March 30, 2017 at 07:38 AM

SB

“ *To The Family:*

*May God comfort all of you with thoughts and prayers.*

*Love,  
Sheriel Bliutt-Waldrop*



Sheriel Bliutt-Waldrop - March 28, 2017 at 11:32 AM

AJ

“ *Krystal and family,  
Krystal I can in no way imagine the sorrow and sadness you are experiencing with the loss of your rock. My prayers and condolences go out to you and your family for peace of heart, and mind!  
Alicia*

alicia johnson - March 28, 2017 at 09:59 AM

SB

“ *SHARON JOYCE BLUITT BURRIS lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Florence English*



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**SHARON JOYCE BLUITT BURRIS** - March 27, 2017 at 05:59 PM

HS

*Jesus said to her I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Krystal continue to let God lead you. Lots of love.*

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**Hugh T todody Smith.** - March 29, 2017 at 03:19 PM

NF

*Glennora was a sweet, soft spoken person who respected others! God called one of His beautiful Angeles home to rest. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; even so saith the Spirit, for they rest in their labors.". The Foster Family*

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**Nedella Henson Foster** - March 30, 2017 at 05:05 PM