



## Sgt. Joyce M. Thompson

July 26, 1938 - March 10, 2021

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Joyce Marie Thompson Memorial Service

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ewy4vE6yjU>

Joyce Marie Thompson Graveside Service

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W-8CH6bbgUI>

Reflections on the Life of:

Joyce Marie Branham-Thompson

Her Beginning:

Joyce Marie Branham-Thompson entered this world on July 26, 1938 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Logwood and Elvira Branham, her parents (both deceased), reared her in a spiritual and loving home. Her early childhood was partially spent in Bartlesville, OK and Temple, TX with her aunt Bernice. Joyce accepted Christ at an early age as she joined Pleasant Grove Baptist Church under Reverend Marshall. In 1967 she then became a member of Tabitha Baptist Church where she remained up until her death. Joyce was heavily involved in the following committees within the church: Usher Board: 1965-1991 Prayer Counselor: Vice-President Women's Missionary Union-Vice President Senior Citizen Committee.

#### Education:

Joyce started her education in Temple, TX. Once she moved to Oklahoma City, Joyce attended Douglass High School where she was always honored for her high-grade point averages. Joyce was a part of the Douglass High School band as she was a majorette, she also played additional sports (track, softball, etc.) Her senior year she moved back to Temple, TX and graduated. Upon graduation she returned to Oklahoma City where she enrolled at Bacone College in Muskogee, OK, and obtained a degree in Early Childhood Education. She then later attended Oklahoma City University where she received her certification in Montessori Education.

#### History of Work and Service:

Joyce's work included working at Ole Blessed Martin Catholic School as an educator for seven years. In addition, she worked part time for Metropolitan Insurance Co. as an insurance agent. Joyce also served as a Head Start Director at Dunjee School from 1972-1976. In 1976, she entered the Oklahoma City Police Academy and served there for 20 years. On September 1, 1996 she retired as a Detective Sergeant. Joyce was honored as the first African American female to retire from the Oklahoma City Police Department. Joyce was heavily involved in her community as she was also a member of the Eastern Star-Dr. MLK #110 DARCUS #41 (Golden Circle). She also was an active volunteer at OU Medical Center. Joyce was also a member of the following organizations: Women in Law Enforcement of the State of Oklahoma Fraternal Order of Police OKC prior president of the OKC Lioness Retired OKC Police Officers Association.

#### End of Life:

Joyce precedes her death by both parents, three sisters, two brothers, three daughters, one son, and one grandson. She will be sorely missed by her daughter, Rozetta Thompson, of Oklahoma City, OK; 15 grand kids, 42 great-

grand kids, great-great grandkids, and a host of other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Trice Hill Cemetery

5101 N. Coltrane  
Oklahoma City, OK 73121

# Previous Events

## Service

MAR 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

Tabitha Baptist Church  
1219 NE Grand Blvd.  
Oklahoma City, OK

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ *Sgt Thompson was my supervisor as a school crossing guard for 11 and a half years. I always enjoyed talking with her at the police department. She is a mighty woman of God who has only transferred to heaven. I know i will see her again. It was a blessing to work with her in the school crossing division of the OKC Police Department.* ”

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**Jeannette C McPhail** - October 01, 2023 at 01:47 PM



“ *We will miss Joyce Thompson and our condolences to her family.  
OU Family Medicine* ”



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**Robert C. Salinas** - March 22, 2021 at 11:10 PM

VB

“ *Condolences to the family. Ms Joyce was some kind of special being the trailblazer that she was. It had to be God ordained that she accomplished all that she did. May she rest in power and may all of you carry on her legacy.* ”



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**Veola Bray** - March 22, 2021 at 08:42 AM

VM

“ *Love you all praying for family* ”

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**Vanessa miller** - March 20, 2021 at 05:19 PM

VM

“ *Vanessa Miller lit a candle in memory of Sgt. Joyce M. Thompson*



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**Vanessa miller** - March 20, 2021 at 05:18 PM

BN

“ *Betty Noakes lit a candle in memory of Sgt. Joyce M. Thompson*



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**Betty Noakes** - March 20, 2021 at 02:56 PM

LH

“ *I just wanted to extend my personal condolences. This is Leonard B. Humphrey son of Leora and Issac Humphrey. Joyce was a constant loving and positive role model for me and our family. She always shared advice with me to grow. she will be missed.*

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**Leonard Byron Humphrey** - March 20, 2021 at 11:01 AM

JW

“ *Cousin you were just like a sister to both Sheryl and I. Miss you Jacque Walker Sacramento CA*



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**Jacque Walker** - March 19, 2021 at 07:02 PM

GG

“ Condolences to the Sgt. Joyce M Thompson family from Gloria Garcia & Family of Chandler, Oklahoma. We love you! & Your family



Gloria Garcia - March 19, 2021 at 01:26 AM

GG

My Beastie since 1958

Gloria Garcia - March 19, 2021 at 01:31 AM

MG

“ Sending prayers of healing and comfort to the family and friends 🙏 From your California family💕💕



Marla Gladney - March 18, 2021 at 10:53 PM

VD

“ Venita Davis lit a candle in memory of Sgt. Joyce M. Thompson



Venita Davis - March 18, 2021 at 09:27 PM

BA

“ Sorry for your loss may God continue to bless you and your family.



Brenda D Anderson - March 18, 2021 at 06:48 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sgt. Joyce M. Thompson.



March 17, 2021 at 06:38 PM

TF

“ This candle is lit out of respect for Joyce Thompson! The Albritton Family responds with condolences for the family, and let it be known that we as a family will continue to pray for the Thompson Family! God is still on the throne, and prayer changes things.



The Albritton Family - March 16, 2021 at 06:19 PM

LP

“ I was introduced to Joyce at OCPD in the early 90's and from then to now, she was always had a sweet spirit. My prayers are with the family at this time.

LAVERNE PARKER - March 15, 2021 at 08:55 PM



SK

“ This lady was a wonderful friend and partner at OCPD. We were the dynamic duo and had many experiences both good and bad. Joyce will always have a special place in my heart. I pray for peace in the family's heart with knowledge she is with her heavenly Father.

Sheila Kennedy-Stewart - March 15, 2021 at 02:10 PM

LE

“ Sorry for your loss may God continue to bless you and your family love you cousin. Lenora Bowser



Lenora - March 15, 2021 at 12:06 PM

FB

“ Even thou I live right down the street since this pandemic I didn't realize you were ill so sorry to hear of your leaving us but those of us who know you know you are ok and in a better place. The family will be just fine we will miss you. Family, Be Blessed - Stay Safe Love You ALL.

Fannie Brown - March 15, 2021 at 11:37 AM

ZS

“ Zel L Sturgeon lit a candle in memory of Sgt. Joyce M. Thompson



Zel L Sturgeon - March 13, 2021 at 10:36 PM

RC

“ *My condolences to the entire family of Ms. Joyce Thompson. May God comfort you and bring you peace during this most difficult time.*

Rose Cowles - March 13, 2021 at 11:40 AM

DS

“ *Prayers and condolences to the family!*

Donetta Starks - March 12, 2021 at 11:38 PM

JW

*Joyce Marie was our first cousin. To the family may your hearts in the midst of this sorrow, be comforted with the assurance that one day, God will turn our mourning into joy With Caring Sympathy. Your cousin Jacque Walker Sacramento California*

Jacque Walker - March 15, 2021 at 04:50 PM

AM

“ *Sending my sincerest condolences to the family*



Andrea Miller - March 12, 2021 at 06:37 PM

KB

“ *Sympathy and condolences to the family . Many memories at OCPD... Rest In Peace*

Kim Burge - March 12, 2021 at 05:34 PM

JJ

“ *Your all better Annie, Love you Family*



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**Janice, Teresa, Terrell, Frog and Jack** - March 12, 2021 at 03:49 PM

TO

“ *Theus Mccorvey Oliven lit a candle in memory of Sgt. Joyce M. Thompson*



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**Theus Mccorvey Oliven** - March 12, 2021 at 03:05 PM

SJ

“ *Dear Cousin you greatly missed and loved. Love always cousin Sheryl*



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**Sheryl Jones** - March 11, 2021 at 10:42 PM

AG

“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of Joyce. I noticed that she and her friend Jean E. Haynes went home on the same day. Praying the Lord will give the family the strength to go through this bereavement.*

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**Angie Gipson** - March 11, 2021 at 09:43 PM

BJ

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the family. Mrs. Thompson was my friend, Sister in Christ and church member. I will miss her dearly and pray God's strength will sustain each of you during this difficult time.*



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**Bernice Johnson** - March 11, 2021 at 05:53 PM

EC

“ *Elder Gregory Carter lit a candle in memory of Sgt. Joyce M. Thompson*



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**Elder Gregory Carter** - March 11, 2021 at 02:30 PM