



Ms. Melvina Fortune

November 4, 1926 - April 26, 2026

City of Birth: Rosedale, Ok

Father: Burnie Barhm

Mother: Charlotte Barhm

Spouse: Raymond A. Fortune

Brothers: Leonard Barhm (Deceased), Leon Barhm (Deceased)

Sisters: Louise Barhm (Deceased), Emma Traylor (Deceased), Linnie Smiley (Deceased), Effie Brown (Deceased)

Children: Virgil Parrish (Deceased), Sylvester Parrish Jr. (Deceased), Janese Fails

Grandchildren: Yolanda Parrish, Virgil Parrish III (Deceased), Yvonne Parrish, Renae Hammon, Michael Parrish, Chaz Parrish, Sylvester Parrish Jr., Nichelle Parrish, Herston Fails, Stephen Fails, Afreecah Fails

Occupation: Supervisor C Tinker & Beautician

High School: Douglass High School

College & Beyond: Maurine & Madelyn's School of Beauty and Charm

We love all that she was the daughter, the mom, the sister, the friend. We love how she loved intentionally, consistently, fiercely, faithfully. Mrs Melvina Fortune was love personified and we'll always love her in return, even as she rests in eternal peace.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAY 4. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (cst)

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

Funeral Service

MAY 5. 1:00 PM (cst)

St. Mary's C.M.E. Church
1201 N Martin Luther King Ave,
Oklahoma City, OK 73117

Interment

MAY 5 (CT)

Hillcrest Memory Gardens
12813 NE 50th
Spencer, OK 73084

Tribute Wall

AH

“ Sending our love and sincere condolences to the family. We will forever hold our sweet memories of her in our hearts ❤️ Love The Holland Family (NC) 🙏❤️🙏

Avis Holland - May 06 at 05:10 PM

SG

“ To Janese, thank you for sharing your mother with us, she was such a beautiful soul with a beautiful spirit. We're so very grateful for her love and kindness towards us, her support, and most of all her prayers for us daily.
She was a Gentle, Loving person who has impacted our lives forever.
Our prayers are with you and your family.
Pastor & Mrs Grayson

Sandra G - May 05 at 01:38 PM

DC

“ Sending my condolences to the whole family.
~Darla Colston Norment



Darla Colston - May 05 at 12:22 PM

MB

Our sincere condolences to the Fortune family. Mrs. Fortune was deeply loved by our mother Lois Baccus and family. Her sweet voice and smile was a joy to hear and see. Baccus family.

Marrion Baccus Bradford - May 22 at 01:27 AM

KN

“ I can remember how the first day we met it was freezing outside and I had on a small windbreaker jacket you went into your house and brought me out the most beautiful elegant blue coat I have ever seen i will never forget how that changed my heart and i looked at the world you inspired me more than you would ever know ...This memory will remain in my heart to share with others in prospective you will live on as I pass on kindness from you to me to those I may cross paths with thank you Ms. Fortune

Kourtney Newton

Kourtney Newton - May 04 at 09:50 PM

KN

“ Thank you Ms. Fortune for all of you kind gestures I believe that you are a perfect model of a Child of God rendering your heart love and grace.. Rest In Love ❤️

Kourtney Newton

Kourtney Newton - May 04 at 09:38 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ms. Melvina Fortune.

May 04 at 04:39 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Melvina Fortune.



May 04 at 04:39 PM

JG

“ *Janice Gregory purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ms. Melvina Fortune.*



Janice Gregory - May 04 at 11:46 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ms. Melvina Fortune.

May 03 at 03:01 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Melvina Fortune.*



May 03 at 03:01 PM

BR

“ My name is Betty (Conner) Russell. I had the privilege of working with Mrs Mel at Tinker AFB. We shared many precious memories and delectable recipes. I remember her undeniable and totally unforgettable very kind, soft voice and sweet Spirit. She definitely left me with many memories to reminisce about in our times we shared. I pray that the Lord will be a great consolation and comfort to you and your family in the days to come. God's Word reassures us that He will never leave us comfortless. I pray that you will determine that you lean on and into Him as your Divine Strength and the Lifter of you heads. He will never ever leave you alone. Be encouraged! 🙏💕

Betty (Conner) Russell - May 02 at 03:23 PM

FB

“ My heart and prayers are with our family during this difficult time. Love you all 💕

FANNIE BROWN - May 02 at 10:13 AM

JG

“ June Christy Garrett lit a candle in memory of Ms. Melvina Fortune



June Christy Garrett - May 01 at 04:20 PM

MC

“ We are praying 🙏 that God will provide the family with comfort and peace during their time of bereavement.
Michael and Michelle Clayton



Michael and Michelle Clayton - May 01 at 11:49 AM

YJ

“ Aunt Melv you will truly be missed a loving and caring person rest on you have your Wings 🙏



Yolande Penny Jacobs - April 28 at 09:07 AM