



Ms. Vanessa Dale Cato-Birmingham

September 17, 1953 - April 13, 2023

The service will be live streamed through the Fairview Baptist Church Facebook page

City of Birth: Tulsa, OK

Father: Q.D. Ponds

Mother: LaFrances Cato-Ponds

Spouse: Joe Lee Birmingham, Sr.

Brothers: Donald Dumas, Archellus Ponds, Sydney Ponds, Russell Ponds

Step Brother: Clarence Ponds

Sisters: Cynthia Ponds, Doreen Gentles, Angelia Ponds, Cassandra Ponds

Children: Cornelius, Shalisha, Ben, Joshua

Step Children: Shantelle and Joe Jr.

Grandchildren: 13

Occupation: Early Childhood Teacher

High School: Central High School, Tulsa, OK

College and Beyond: Associate Degree at "Central State College"

Vanessa Dale Cato-Birmingham lived her life singing and serving God!! She was a loving mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt, and friend!! She was also gentle, kind, and warm-hearted and she'll truly be missed by all who knew her.

We would love to hear of all of your memories about our wonderful mother.
Please place your remarks on her page so that we can cherish them forever.

THE BODY WILL ONLY BE VIEWED BEFORE SERVICE FROM 9:15 A.M.
UNTIL 10 A.M. WE WILL LEAVE THE SERVICE REJOICING!

Cemetery Details

Green Acres Memorial Gardens

12410 North Yale
Skiatook, OK 74060

Previous Events

Funeral Service

APR 22. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

AM

“ *She was a saint! My children grew up with hers and my grandchildren were under her care at the center. She was an absolutely wonderful and beautiful person we will miss her greatly. God has a new angel to carry on in his work. I hope to see here again someday in heaven. I pray her family is comforted as she leaves them behind I know the Lord has prepared a place for her she was truly a wonderful soul. We miss her already.*

Andy McDaniels - May 16, 2023 at 01:28 AM

GW

“ *My name is Gay Willis. I met Vanessa when we were kids. Her father drove the church van at St. Andrew's Baptist church. He picked me and brother up every Sunday. Vanessa was always kind hearted. We went to Sunday school together and we were in the church youth choir. We always had fun. She was always joyful. Adulthood sent us on separate journeys, but we always seemed to connect. We even worked in Headstart together for a while. She was definitely a jewel.*

Gay Willis - April 29, 2023 at 02:09 PM

RJ

“ *Rochelle Jones lit a candle in memory of Vanessa Cato-Birmingham*



Rochelle Bowie Jones - April 21, 2023 at 04:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Vanessa Dale Cato-Birmingham.*



April 21, 2023 at 02:22 PM



“ *Hi Ms. Shalisha, this is Zaniah Wiley, I am sorry to hear about Mrs. Birmingham's passing. I will miss her she was my head start teacher in Luther, and my favorite teacher/person I love her so much and she taught me everything and was so nice all the time. My prayers to you and your family. I will come see you when I am at my Nanas in Luther. Love you Zaniah*



Zaniah Wiley - April 21, 2023 at 11:27 AM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Vanessa Dale Cato-Birmingham.*



April 21, 2023 at 07:57 AM

CL

“ Chris and Sherri Anderson, Luther purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Ms. Vanessa Dale Cato-Birmingham.



Chris and Sherri Anderson, Luther - April 20, 2023 at 07:01 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ms. Vanessa Dale Cato-Birmingham.



April 20, 2023 at 05:47 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Ms. Vanessa Dale Cato-Birmingham.



April 20, 2023 at 02:51 PM

UM

“ Uncle Perry & Aunt Millie purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Ms. Vanessa Dale Cato-Birmingham.



Uncle Perry & Aunt Millie - April 20, 2023 at 11:21 AM

TC

“ *Tiffany Smith and Julie Cunningham purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Ms. Vanessa Dale Cato-Birmingham.*



Tiffany Smith and Julie Cunningham - April 20, 2023 at 11:07 AM



“ **NEW HOME MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

433 East First Street

Galesburg, Illinois 61401

Church Number (309)345-0209 April 20, 2023

To the family of Mrs. Vanessa Dale Cato Birmingham

Once again we find ourselves bowed down in humble submission to the divine will of almighty God.

Be assured that the passing of your loved one was his will and that all things done by him are not to be doubted even through we don't understand.

We hope that these few words will comfort you in the tomorrow's to come.

There is promise in each sunrise.

There is hope for each new day;

There's a sunbeam for each raindrop,

There is help along the way.

There is faith for all life's problems,

There is strength for the trials you face,

There is mercy and compassion,

Even in life's darkest place.

That makes all life's sorrows dim.

When you place your hand in God's hand,

And walk life's path with him.

We, the Pastor and Members know that she will be missed.

Respectfully Submitted

Pastor Kemp Jones

Church Clerk

Annette Cato

Annette Lynn - April 20, 2023 at 03:00 AM

DB

“ Sister Birmingham was a wonderful gentle lady with and amazing voice she sang for the Lord that was her service a Mother who children were very polite and respectful she was a wonderful mother my wife and I will surely miss her and her beautiful smile. She is with the God now her work hear is done (rest in peace our sister in Christ rest in peace) We are praying for her children and her family.

Deacon and Deaconess J. & C. Blackshire - April 20, 2023 at 12:29 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Vanessa Dale Cato-Birmingham.



April 19, 2023 at 08:09 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Vanessa Dale Cato-Birmingham.



April 19, 2023 at 03:13 PM

WA

“ Sister B was a jewel! Her smile, voice and calm spirit was a blessing. Her melodious voice always ushered in God's presence. She will be missed at NJET. Our condolences to the family, George and Wendy Ables

Wendy Ables - April 19, 2023 at 02:23 PM

CB

What a wonderful lady she had a heart of gold. Could sing RIP sister job well done Cathy Blackshire family Wewoka Okla

Cathy Blackshire - April 20, 2023 at 12:10 AM

CT

“ *My memory of this dear sister is from days many years ago as we were young adults in church. She was amazing in her gift of song. So humble and gracious in receiving accolades of praise. I'm saddened to hear of her passing but I know she is in a place of comfort and glory with her Lord. May the family, friends and loved ones receive God's strength and peace during this difficult time.*

Charles Tucker - April 19, 2023 at 02:19 PM

NB

“ *Nancy Lloyd, Mark, Jennifer, Brenda purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Ms. Vanessa Dale Cato-Birmingham.*



Nancy Lloyd, Mark, Jennifer, Brenda - April 19, 2023 at 01:51 PM

LI

“ *Vanessa loved children. Especially her own. She was so proud of each and every one of you. Her life was full with the love she had for Jesus and her family. She was definitely the hands and feet of Jesus.*

Lisa - April 19, 2023 at 12:35 AM

SR

“ Condolences to Vanessa’s family. I loved hearing her melodious voice. She was a quiet person and she had a gentle smile filled with the warmth of Christ Jesus. 🙏🙏🙏❤️

Shirley Reagor - April 18, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ms. Vanessa Dale Cato-Birmingham.



April 18, 2023 at 09:09 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Vanessa Dale Cato-Birmingham.



April 18, 2023 at 08:54 PM

TJ

“ Tony, Tracey, Miles & Alyssa Johnson purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ms. Vanessa Dale Cato-Birmingham.



Tony, Tracey, Miles & Alyssa Johnson - April 18, 2023 at 08:07 PM

VS

“ *Vanessa was such a light. Both of my daughters were privileged to go to head-start and be under Vanessa’s care. They both loved her dearly.*

Virginia Smith - April 18, 2023 at 07:27 PM

KK

“ *Kevin, Donna, Hunter, Megan Kashwer purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Ms. Vanessa Dale Cato-Birmingham.*



Kevin, Donna, Hunter, Megan Kashwer - April 18, 2023 at 05:25 PM

ET

“ *Edward and Wanda Threatt purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ms. Vanessa Dale Cato-Birmingham.*



Edward and Wanda Threatt - April 18, 2023 at 04:36 PM

HS

“ *I'm so honored and thankful that my children were blessed to have her as their teacher. Such a warm, welcoming and caring lady that will truly be missed. My prayers are with the family and friends. Fly high Mrs. Birmingham.*



Heather Starkey - April 18, 2023 at 01:16 PM

SA

Oh how blessed I am to have had Vanessa in my life. We played together as children. We were saved as children. We sang "Long as I got King Jesus..." as teens. She loved the Lord with all her heart, soul and might. And she sang His praises with her Angel voice. She served God and God's people with her servant heart. She loved her family to life. She touched everyone with her smile 😊 I miss you my friend and sister. Love you ❤️

Syonna Anderson - April 18, 2023 at 10:50 PM

CT

“ Vanessa was a sweet and loving person and I do not know anyone that she met that she would not talk to or give a smile. She will truly be missed and she took in all her children's friends as her own.



Cecilia Taft - April 18, 2023 at 01:00 PM

AH

“ I remember that in first day when I walked in with Joy to drop her on very first day of school because I also my son Joshua with me and he wanted to join the class too! You will be sadly missed, but you are much better place! To Josh and the rest of the family, I love you all and if you need anything, just let me know!

Angela & Clint Hixson - April 18, 2023 at 12:57 PM

TJ

“ This one is Very tough for me! Mother Birmingham has been so much to me and my family. Always encouraging us! Especially encouraging me! She, on a couple of occasions, mentioned that she could see me as a Pastor! She didn't know but that was confirmation! And confirmation from her, reminded me of the Bible sending Angels to confirm...
She helped me understand to allow the anointing of the Holy Spirit to flow through your voice (whether you are singing or speaking). And her Voice!!!! WOW!! The absolute definition of hypnotically Holy and Anointed! She always showed Power in God through her ministry; and the last couple of months she was eager to help with the Praise and Worship team! She was Never denied!
She called me her “son” at New Jerusalem church; in the time I needed it most-having lost Both parents. “Mom Birmingham” will be SO SO missed! I am so grateful to have known her, been impacted and encouraged by her, and most of all- Loved by her! The James Family will always love and pray for the Birmingham Family in this season of transition.

Terry James - April 18, 2023 at 12:07 PM

LB

Ms. Birmingham had the gift of God for teaching. My grandchildren loved her and I felt they were safe with her. Our whole family was blessed by her. And when she sang. ..!

Lu Billings - April 18, 2023 at 05:44 PM

JT

“ What a beautiful soul with a lovely voice. Rest in Heaven. Jackie Owens Tolbert

Jackie Owens Tolbert - April 18, 2023 at 11:57 AM

MW

“ *I remember Vanessa as a warm caring lady who always treated my son's like her own with words of wisdom and admonishing when needed. Always loved the way she encouraged them all to be better young men*

Myra Faye Windham - April 18, 2023 at 11:42 AM