



# Oletha Durham

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**S**ervices for Oletha Durham, 82, of Lufkin will be held Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. in the First Missionary Baptist Church, 410 Scarbrough, Lufkin, TX. Burial will follow in the Cedar Grove Cemetery. Visitation is Friday from 5:00 p.m. till 7:00 p.m. at Colonial Mortuary.

Oletha Durham was born on September 7, 1936 to the parentage of Henry and Victoria McKenzie in Overton, Texas.

She attended Public Schools in Overton and Arp, Texas. The family relocated to Lufkin, Texas, where she later married Leslie Durham. Oletha was a loving person and was known to everyone as Ms. Pooh Pooh or Moma Dear. She worked as a Care-giver for many years. Oletha's livelihood consisted of her being a representative for Stanley, she served as a Foster Grandparent at Dunbar Primary. She also was a member of the Order of the Eastern Stars, York Chapter No. 307. She was a faithful member of First Missionary Baptist Church. She served as Missionary President and Secretary of the Greater Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church and Bethesda Baptist Church. Oletha joined the church at an early age and was very active until her health declined.

Preceding her in death: Her husband, Leslie Durham; Daughter, Oleta Spencer; Parents, Henry and Victoria McKenzie; Sister, Vera Hawkins; Brother, Richard McKenzie.

Left To Cherish Her Beautiful Memories

Her daughter, Patricia Phillips; Son, Dean Durham; Seven grandchildren, Jerimie Phillips, Komeshia

Edwards, Kelvin Spencer, LaTanya Handy, Dean Durham, Jr., Timothy Spencer, Justin Durham; Twelve greatgrandchildren, Dominick Hall, Ashanti Handy, Kajah Phillips, Jeremiah Phillips, Dennis Handy, Christian Spencer, Kalyn Spencer, LaKayla Durham, Leslie Durham, Darius Spencer and Tashun Spencer, Sha'Destini Moore; Brothers, David (Jeanette) McKenzie, Michael (Linda) McKenzie, Preston McKenzie, John McKenzie all of Lufkin, Texas; Two aunts, Vera Mae Barnes of Richmond, California and Luvenia Dean of Daly City, California; Her brothers-in-law, Robert Durham (Ricky) of Dallas, Texas, and Leroy Durham of Lufkin, Texas, Preston Hawkins, Sr. of Overton, Texas; Sisters-in-law, Creola Durham and Erma Jean McClain (Ben), Willie Mae Durham of Houston, Texas; Special cousin, Archie Barnes of Vallejo, California;



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A host of nieces and nephews which all held a very special part of her heart; Two special nieces, Sandra Smith and Carlus McKenzie.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge shall give me that day; and not to me only. But unto all them that love His appearing.

11 Timothy 4:7-8



## Tribute Wall

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LS

**Latoya Stewart** lit a candle in honor of Oletha.

April 13 at 1:54 PM



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**Elaine Carrington** sent a virtual gift in honor of Oletha.

April 13 at 3:20 AM



WM

**Wilria Monmouth** sent a virtual gift in honor of Oletha.

April 13 at 12:21 AM



MS

**Margie Simmons Charlie Simmons** lit a candle in honor of Oletha.

April 12 at 4:38 AM



BR

**Brenda Rogers** lit a candle in honor of Oletha.

April 11 at 9:09 PM



BE

**Bobbie Edwards** sent a virtual gift in honor of Oletha.

April 11 at 3:55 PM





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**Yvonne Mccalister** lit a candle in honor of Oletha.

April 9 at 8:11 AM



**Elaine Carrington** sent a virtual gift in honor of Oletha.

April 8 at 4:21 AM



**Elaine Carrington** lit a candle in honor of Oletha.

April 8 at 4:20 AM



**Anita Darks** lit a candle in honor of Oletha.

April 6 at 5:20 PM





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