

A Life of Love ...

Alpha ~ July 2, 1936 Omega ~ June 24, 2017

Ima Jean Oden went to be with our Lord on Saturday, June 24th, peacefully in her sleep.

Ima Jean was born on July 2, 1936, in Topeka, KS to Arthur E. and Mary J. (Thurman) Clardy.

She was a life-long Topekan and attended Topeka Public Schools.

After graduating from Topeka High School in 1954, she attended Washburn University Nursing School for one year, resigning to pursue a secretarial career. She was employed as a secretary to Elisha Scott of the law firm Scott, Scott, and Jackson, who were attorneys for the plaintiffs in the historical case of Brown vs. the Topeka Board of Education. She was later employed as an executive secretary at Fleming Foods Company; a division secretary at Topeka West High School; a Kansas legislative secretary to a senator; and as a Secretary III at the International Center at Washburn University, from which she retired in 1999.

Ima Jean was a life-long member of Shiloh Baptist Church, where she served as church secretary, condolence clerk, and secretary for the senior usher board. She was a member of Deborah Circle, an auxiliary of the general mission department.

She was also active in her community as a member of several organizations; the Topeka Back Home Reunion, the N.A.A.C.P., the Topeka Back Republican's Council, Oak Leaf Art and Charity Club, the Kansas Association of Colored Women, National Federation of Republican Women, International Center of Topeka, St. John Church Bowling League, Fleming Foods Kagglers Bowling Team, and Washburn University Alumni Association. She served as a precinct committee woman and as a corresponding secretary for the Topeka City Mission Union.

Ima Jean was married to her surviving husband, Don Oden, on August 17, 1957. She is also survived by her daughter, Cynthia G. Dulan and son, Don C. Oden. She has 6 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, along with a host of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother and father, Arthur and Mary Clardy, two sisters, Frances McClelland and Helen Jackson, brother, Fred Clardy, nephew, Issac Perry Lee Jr., and infant son, Scott MacArthur Oden.

A mother, wife, grandmother and friend; she was a blessing to all of our lives. Ima Jean lead a life that inspired her grandchildren and anyone who cared to watch. Always truthful and always right. We will miss her terribly as things will not be the same without her, but; we will go on, we will strive, because this is what she would want us to do. We will take her with us, remember her in all things, and thank God for the time we had with her.



Musical Prelude

Processional

Opening Remarks - Pastor D.C. Clark

Scripture - Pastor Anthony Barber

Prayer

Musical Selection - Shiloh Baptist Church

Acknowledgement of Condolences

An Amazing Life (obituary read in silence)

Family & Friend Reflections

Jeanna Lee

Chris Wilson

Musical Selection - Shiloh Baptist Church

Words of Comfort - Pastor D.C. Clark

Closing Prayer

Special Tribute from Peaceful Rest Funeral Chapel

Parting View

Recessional

Order of Service

Honorary
Casket Bearers

Andrew Dulan
Bailey Garcia
Jaki Lee
Millard "Bob" Lee
Jai Luarks
Don Christopher Oden
Alonzo Watson

Honorary
Casket Bearers

Shawn Eckstien
Kevin Freeman
Larry Jackson
Duke Palmer

Flower Bearers

Aaliyah Freeman
Abigail Lee
Amanda Lloyd
Mikaela Oden
Alawna Watson
Olivia Watson
Lavender Wilson

Interment

Mount Hope Cemetery
Topeka, KS

I needed the quiet so He drew me aside, into the shadows where we could confide, Away from the bustle where all the day along I hurried and worried when active and strong; I needed the quiet, though at first I rebelled but gently, so gently, my cross He upheld, and whispered so sweetly of spiritual things, Though weakened in body my spirits took wings to heights I never dreamed of when active and gay. He loved me so gently he drew me away.

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude to all those who have supported us during this time of bereavement. May God continue to light your path and comfort you in LOVE.

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Celebration of Life Service
Ima Jean Oden
July 2, 1936 - June 24, 2017



Monday, July 3, 2017
Eleven o'Clock

Shiloh Baptist Church
1201 SW Buchanan St
Topeka, Kansas 66604

Visitation:
July 2, 2017
3 - 7 PM

Peaceful Rest Funeral Chapel
Pastor Pastor D. C. Clark - Eulogist