



EDNA FAYE TAYLOR-SMITH

November 24, 1936 - May 11, 2017

Edna Faye McKnight Taylor-Smith was born November 24, 1936 to Mary Williams and Victor Mitchell in Bivins, TX. She was raised by her foster parents, Ordie and Florence McKnight. She attended the Gladewater Independent School District, graduating from Weldon High School, Gladewater, Texas. She accepted Christ at an early age.

She was married to Lesley M. Taylor, Sr. on September 15, 1953. To this union four children were born and nurtured in the Lord. In 1989, she married M.J. Smith, in which she raised two other daughters, Veronica and Jennifer.

She was a caring, compassionate wife and mother and was devoted to her entire family. Her legacy and passion was one for guiding and helping her children to pursue excellence in all things, but to the Glory of God. She also encouraged and poured into many other children, youth and young adults in church, school and community to pursue their destinies. Her reputation as a virtuous woman is widely known amongst family, friends, and neighbors alike. Her affection also was fervent and deep-seated for her brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She began her employment as a LVN nurse for seven years in both Good Shepherd Hospital, Longview, TX and Parkland Hospital, Dallas, TX. She was employed as a claims examiner for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas for

more than 25 years of dedicated service, retiring as Supervisor in 1993.

She was a faithful and loyal member of these church families; Griggs Chapel Baptist Church, Solid Rock First Baptist Church, and West Dallas Community Church, before becoming ill. She served in various ministries as a youth director, Sunday School teacher, musician, deaconess, and Nurse's Guild. Her crowning joy was graduating from Southern Bible Institute in 2003 as well as being an active member of the Weldon Alumni Association in Gladewater, TX. Above all her life experiences and successes, her testimony was she loved and served the Lord with Jesus joy in ministry and local missions. She was a soldier and warrior and like the Apostle Paul she fought a good fight, she finished her course and she kept the faith all the way to the end.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Mary W. Small, and her sister, Shirley Oliver Covington.

She leaves to cherish her memories her son, Lesley M. Taylor, Jr., (Margaret); three daughters, Gloria Walker (Rickey); Nadine Taylor Radford; Genevieve Gibson (Derrick); three brothers, Charles Henderson, James Oliver, and Jesse Oliver (LaNell); four Aunts, Maggie Williams, Bessie Moten, Iris Scales (George), Betty Cavitt; 12 grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

The family gives special thanks to Lakewest Rehabilitation & Skilled Care, Duncanville Healthcare and Rehab Center and Carepath Healthcare and Hospice Services.

Cemetery Details

Lincoln Memorial Cemetery

8100 Fireside Drive

Tribute Wall



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