



## Ruth Earlyne Jackson

January 16, 1938 - February 11, 2019

Ruth Earlyne Jackson of Choctaw, OK was gathered into the loving arms of her Savior Monday February 11, 2019. Ruth was born January 16, 1938 in Visalia, CA to Earl and Edith Bradshaw. She attended schools in Oklahoma City, Wellington, Texas; Quail, Texas; Harrah, Oklahoma and Choctaw. Ruth stated once, "I am and have always been proud to be a part of the Bradshaw family. I am thankful for the opportunities I had growing up being close to all the family."

Growing up in the Assembly of God church, Ruth became a Christian when she was 12 years old. She lived an impactful life of faithfulness to God, her church and her family. She enjoyed music, learning to play the piano at a young age. She then played for her churches, their choirs and others the rest of her life. When she was very young and her family would have company, her father would stand her on a chair and have her sing. He was very proud of his little girl! As a girl her greatest desire was to be a Mother, and she was always thankful for the family God gave her.

She worked as an address-o-graph operator for the General Council of the Assemblies of God in Springfield, MO when she was a teenager, and was able to live with her dearly loved Uncle Bert and Aunt Charlotte during some of that time. She later returned to Oklahoma City and went to work at Tinker AFB as a highly-effective personnel management employee. After retiring from Tinker, she went on to work in secretarial and apartment management positions for several years. In 1978 Ruth was the driving force in organizing the "City-Wide Singles Christian Association" in Oklahoma City, which was a very effective ministry to single adults. She had seen a need and worked to provide a solution.

Ruth and Ray Jackson were married November 10, 1982 and have lived in Choctaw almost all of that time. Together Ruth and Ray have served in many and various roles of service to God and others, including organizing the single adult ministry at Life Christian Center, teaching Sunday School classes, serving in the prayer ministry, leading senior activities at their church home of Bethel Church-Choctaw. One of the ministries they were

involved in that brought them great joy and precious friendships involved working varied missions projects in south Texas, Mexico and other locations across the US through MAPS-RV'ers, a volunteer missions program to assist churches and ministry institutions with construction and evangelization needs.

Ruth was preceded in death by her father and mother Earl Hampton Bradshaw and Edith Elizabeth Webb Bradshaw, her three younger brothers, David Bradshaw, Donnie Bradshaw, and Earl Wayne Bradshaw and her precious granddaughter Rachel Zawisza. She is survived by her husband Estes Ray Jackson, three daughters: Deanna and Bill LaPach of Choctaw, Donna and David Zawisza of Midwest City, and Debbie and Charlie Barton of Del City, 18 grandchildren: Rebekah and Glenn Luce, Hannah and Zach Castle, Candace Fullmer, Benjamin Barton, Nathanael Barton, Jonathan and Brittany Barton, Christopher Meadows, Stephen Barton, Timothy LaPach, Hope and Juan Cordova, Rocky and Monica Clark, Micah and Natalia Barton, Aaron LaPach, Jeremy Barton, Daniel LaPach, Emily Ruth LaPach, and Andrew LaPach, 16 great-grandchildren, one brother Ray Dean and Doris Bradshaw of Choctaw, three beloved step-children, Stan and Sissy Jackson, Dean and Pam Glover, and Steve and Sharon Fairless, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Proverbs 31 is an accurate description of Ruth Jackson's life. "Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but you excel them all. Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates."

Ruth shared with us that her deepest values were: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind and soul and love your brother as yourself"; in addition, she wanted to make Heaven her home one day and to take her family with her.

Prayer Ruth offered to her precious grandchildren:

"That you will see your children grow up and succeed in life. That your children will live godly lives and follow in your footsteps. It begins in the heart. It becomes so full when these little ones are born. Each one is so very special. But oh, so different. Handle with care! God has been so good to bless me with so many grandchildren. I am truly blessed! I pray blessings on each one and that God will lead you in your lives to make decisions that glorify the Lord."

The family offers special heart-felt appreciation to some dedicated professionals who have truly gone far beyond their job descriptions in their labors of love to our mother. Doctor

Peggy Dubois and her nurse Lisa have been involved in managing Mother's health care for the past several years and have provided excellent advice and care all along the way. Words cannot fully convey how deeply we appreciate all that you two have meant to our family. The staff at EOC Adult Care were also kind and compassionate as well as medically helpful in helping us through some critical times. Finally, our hearts are also full of gratitude to the nurses and assistants of Sooner Road Hospice Quality Care for their tender, compassionate and patient care during the final days of our mother's journey on this earth.

We aren't saying, "Goodbye" to you, Mother, only "until we meet again." We look forward to being reunited with you one day, because we're doing our best to follow those footsteps you've left behind for us.

Services will be held at 2 P.M. Friday, February 15, 2019 at Bethel Church-Choctaw, OK. Ford Funeral Home officiating.

# Cemetery

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## Choctaw Cemetery

N. Choctaw Rd.

Choctaw, OK, 73020

# Events

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**FEB** **Visitation** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Ford Funeral Service

305 S. Sooner Rd., Midwest City, OK, US, 73110

**FEB** **Funeral Service** 02:00PM

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Bethel Church

3254 N. Choctaw Road, Choctaw, OK, US

# Comments

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“ May you continue to recall the joy and happiness that Ruth gave to everyone she touched in her life. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. George and Fredi Stevens

**George D Stevens** - February 17, 2019 at 10:36 AM

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**Ford Funeral Service** - February 14, 2019 at 02:14 PM