

PALLBEARERS

Derell Williams • Braxton Brown • Aaron Roberts
Mickey Sibley • Trez Sibley • DeShawn Munsch

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Chad Rucker • Christopher Rucker • Damian Williams
Derrek Williams • Jerry White • Dion Brown

HONORARY FLOWER BEARERS

Yazmine Rucker • Chloe Rucker • Ashleigh Phillips
Blakely Martens • Brianna Harbin • Braelyn Brown
Pamela Housey • Carlia Miller • Lisa Blaylock

The family wishes to offer special thanks to Jamie Morrow and the caregivers and staff of Oxford Vista Senior Living. As Billie navigated the challenges of dementia, you cared for her with patience, compassion, and respect. Your kindness provided comfort during a difficult journey, and we are forever grateful for the support and dignity you extended to her and to our family.



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In Loving Memory of **BILLIE LOUISE RUCKER**

August 21, 1953 ~ June 14, 2026



Mom,

It is difficult to put into words what you meant to us and how much we will miss you.

You were our first teacher, our protector, our encourager, and our greatest supporter. Through every stage of our lives, you loved us unconditionally and always wanted the very best for us.

We will remember your strength, your kindness, your quick wit, and your ability to make people feel welcome and loved. We will remember the laughter we shared, the wisdom you offered, and the countless ways you cared for others. Your love for family was evident in everything you did.

We are especially grateful of your love for the Lord that guided your life and gave you strength through life's challenges. That faith now gives us comfort as we trust that you are at peace in His presence.

We love you, Mom, and we will carry you in our hearts always.

With love,

Chad and Chris



A TRIBUTE TO MY AUNT BILLIE



Some people are part of your family by birth. Others become part of your heart by the way they love you. For me, Aunt Billie was both.

When I lost my mother there was a void in my life that could never truly be filled. Yet God, in His grace, placed Aunt Billie in my life in a way that only He could. She became so much more than an aunt. She became a source of comfort, wisdom, encouragement, unconditional love during a time when I needed it most.

Aunt Billie had a gift for making people feel like they mattered. She listened and loved without conditions and never hesitated to offer guidance when it was needed. Sometimes that guidance came wrapped in her quick wit and sharp sense of humor, and sometimes it came as a life lesson I may not have wanted to hear at the time—but it was always given with love.

Over the years, she became one of the most important people in my life. She celebrated my joys, carried me through my sorrows, and remained a steady presence through the many seasons of life. No matter what was happening, I knew I could count on her.

One of the greatest privileges of my life was being able to walk alongside her during her final years. Although distance often separated us, love never did. Serving as her care giver along with her sons was not simply a responsibility—it was an honor. It was my opportunity to give back, in some small measure, to a woman who had given so much of herself to me and others.

Today, my heart is broken because I will miss her deeply. I will miss her voice, her laughter, her wisdom, and simply knowing she was there. But alongside the sorrow is gratitude—gratitude for every conversation, every memory, every lesson, and every act of love she shared with me.

I take comfort in knowing she is whole again, healed and remembering everything that was forgotten and that she is at peace in the presence of the Lord she loved so dearly.

Aunt Billie, thank you for loving me when I needed it most. Thank you for your guidance, your faith, your strength, and your unwavering support. The influence you had on my life can never be measured, and the love you gave will never be forgotten.

Until we meet again, I will carry you in my heart with love, gratitude, and the assurance that this goodbye is not forever.

Darla Denise



WE ARE
family



Precious Memories...

Obituary

Billie Louise White was born in Wichita, Kansas on August 21, 1953, to Sarah Ray White and Willie White, Jr. As a single mom with her son Chad, Billie met and married the love of her life Eugene Rucker an Airman in the USAF on July 26, 1974 and later another son, Christopher was born to this union. Their Air Force travels took them from McConnell AFB, KS to Kessler AFB in Biloxi, MS, Homestead AFB in Miami, FL and finally to Hurlbert Field AFB, Ft Walton Beach, FL. *Some people enter our lives for a season. Others leave an imprint on our hearts that lasts a lifetime.*

Our beloved Billie was one of those rare people. She was a woman whose life was defined not by titles or accomplishments, but by the love she gave so freely to others. She had a generous spirit, a caring heart, and a way of making people feel seen, welcomed, and important. Family was never simply something she had—it was something she nurtured. When Billie stepped into your life it was with the kind of love, guidance, and support that only a truly special person could provide.

Through life's celebrations and challenges, she remained a steady presence, offering wisdom, encouragement, and unconditional love and her ever so present quick wit was often served up with a sharp life lesson but always with love. Those who knew her will remember her kindness, her strength, her devotion to family, and the countless ways she quietly cared for others. She gave of herself without expecting anything in return and touched more lives than she probably ever realized. Billie's faith was the foundation of her life. She loved the Lord deeply and faithfully served Him for many years as a devoted member of New Testament Community Non-Denominational Church. Her commitment to her faith was evident not only in what she believed, but in how she lived.

Throughout the years, she served her church in many capacities, always willing to lend a helping hand wherever she was needed. She found joy in serving others, sharing God's love, and living out her faith through both word and action. Her Christian example left a lasting impression on all who knew her. In recent years, we witnessed the heartbreaking effects of dementia, a disease that gradually steals memories and independence. While dementia changed many things, it never changed the love we felt for her. The disease may have clouded her memories, but it could never diminish the impact she had on the people who loved her. and that quick wit was still intact! She would often tell people she spoke to that her memory was getting so bad, "But it is what it is "Today, we grieve her absence, but we also celebrate a life well lived and a woman well loved. We find comfort in our faith, knowing she is no longer burdened by confusion or illness. She is at peace, restored and whole in the presence of her Savior. The lessons she taught, the love she shared, and the memories she created will remain with us forever.

Billie was preceded in death by her parents, Willie White, Sr. and Sarah Ray White; her loving husband Eugene Rucker; her sisters Pit Williams and Mary Ann White; and one grandson, Presley Martens.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her sons, Chad Rucker (Courtney), Christopher Rucker (Tran); her grandchildren, Yazmine Rucker, Ashleigh Phillips, Blakley Martens, and Chloe Rucker; her great grands, Kahi, Kainen, Yari, Yezeri, Kobi, Koa, Crew, Boston, and Timber; her in-laws, Christopher (Inez) Rucker, Jennifer (James) Smith; her nieces and nephews: Darla (Dion) Brown, Derrell Williams, Damian Williams, Derrek Williams, Elizabeth (James) Rose, Robert (Canina) Anderson, and Safiyana Swaby; her Best Friend, Carla Baker; and a host of other relatives and friends.



Billie Louise Rucker

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Jackson Mortuary Chapel

1125 E. 13th St. – Wichita KS 67214

Officiating: Minister Alvin Tucker

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome

Scripture Readings

Prayer by Laymon Rolfe

Acknowledgements & Obituary

Remarks by Christopher Rucker, Jerry White, and Carla Baker

Video Presentation created by Samiah Williams

Song by New Testament Non-Denominational Church Ensemble

Words of Comfort by Minister Alvin Tucker

Closing Prayer / Parting View / Recessional

Private Burial