PALL BEARERS

Durante Caldwell
Jermaine Baker
Davontae Harris
Isiah Williams
Shaquille Harris
Akil Love

HONORARY PALL BEARERS

Phillip Saunders
Devin Baker
Julius D. Bell
Great Grandsons

FLOWER GIRLS

Jamica Thompson
Zakiya Love
Jayia Baker
Charmin Bell
Sharifa Love
Maniya Baker
Maliya Baker

HONORARY FLOWER GIRLS

Great Granddaughters



FAMILY THANKS

Momma always said she was Blessed by the Best.
Thank you for being part of her blessing.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Special thanks to Pastor Dr. Tommy Lee Wade, First Lady Annie K. Wade, and the New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church family for opening your doors and your hearts to celebrate Momma's life.

FINAL RESTING PLACE: Kechi Cemetery

Jackson Mortuary, Inc.
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In Loving Memory of

Earlean Rhone





Revelation 21:4 KJV
And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.



Earlean Louise Rhone, affectionately known as *"Momma"* to her family and *"Mother Rhone"* to her church family, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, October 4, 2026, in Wichita, Kansas, at the age of 92.

She was born January 8, 1934, in Fort Towson, Oklahoma, to Clifton D. Derrett and Cora Sheridan-Williams. She grew up in Valliant, Oklahoma, where she graduated from high school with high honors. In the early 1950s, she moved with her mother to Oktaha, Oklahoma, and shortly after made her way to Wichita, Kansas, the city she would call home for the rest of her life.

Earlean was no stranger to hard work. Her early career included a variety of cleaning and janitorial jobs. After retiring, she found a true calling in the Foster Grandparent Program, where for more than 20 years she served the children of Mueller, Isely, and Spaght elementary schools. She loved working with the children, and Wichita Public Schools (USD 259) honored her service with its Good Apple Award.

Her first church home was Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, where she worshipped until she was united in holy matrimony to J.W. Rhone. She then joined Bethany Missionary Baptist Church, where she remained active until her passing. At Bethany, she sang in the choir and served faithfully as a deaconess and an usher.

Momma's greatest joy was cooking for her family and friends. Whenever anyone asked how she was doing, her answer never changed: "Blessed by the Best."

She was preceded in death by her husband, J.W. Rhone; her parents, Clifton D. Derrett and Cora Sheridan-Williams; her brothers, Joe Lewis Reeves, William Derrett, Veldie Leon Derrett, Frenzell Derrett, and Charles Wesley Reeves; and her sister, Thelma Cherry.

Earlean leaves to cherish her precious memories her children, Billy Joe Derrett, Alfonzo Baker III, Sandra (Willie) Wilson, Sherry Baker, Rita McAlpine and Myrtle Thomas; eight grandchildren, several of whom she raised as her own: seven grandsons, Earl Love, Antonio (Kristy) Baker, Isiah Williams, Shaquille Harris, Davontae Harris, Durante Caldwell, and Jermaine Baker, and her only granddaughter, Jamica (Homer) Thompson; 26 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; Pastor Milton T. Colbert, her lifelong friend whom she loved as a brother; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, church family, and friends. **She was truly Blessed by the Best, and so were all of us who were blessed by her.**

Obituary

Blessed by the Best

When someone asked her how she was,
She never had to stop and guess;
She'd lift her head and smile that smile
And say, "I'm blessed by the Best."
At Bethany she sang His praise,
She ushered and she prayed;
The schoolchildren she sat beside
Still know the love she gave.
Her kitchen was a pulpit too,
Her table always spread;
No one left her door unloved,
And no one left unfed.
She raised her children, then she raised
Her children's children too,
Through ninety-two years of open arms
And faith that saw her through.
Now Momma's gone to her reward,
To her eternal rest,
And all of us who loved her know
We were blessed by the best.



















CELEBRATION OF LIFE
Saturday – October 31, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.
New Jerusalem Baptist Church
1625 N. Madison – Wichita, Kansas 67214



Ministers
Presiding: Rev. Dr. C. Richard Kirkendoll
Bethany Missionary Baptist Church – Wichita, Kansas

Officiating and Eulogy: Rev. Milton T. Colbert
Pastor, Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church – Wichita, Kansas

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional ..... Clergy and Family

Musical Selection ..... Choir

Scripture and Prayer ..... Rev. Dr. C. Richard Kirkendoll
- Psalm 103:1-2
- John 14:1-6

Special Pastoral Remarks ..... Rev. Dr. C. Richard Kirkendoll

Resolution, Acknowledgements & Obituary: Camela Anderson-Jones

Musical ..... Choir

Celebration Reflections ..... (2 minutes each)

Video Tribute ..... Family

Solo ..... Yvonne Rhone

Eulogy ..... Rev. Milton T. Colbert

Recessional and Final Viewing

Interment: Kechi Cemetery (61st & North Hillside)

Repast: New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church

Order of Service
























family