In her absence, we still find a reason to gather, but we should still think about how much of her is still here, in the stories we tell, in the love we remember, and the pieces of ourselves that somehow carry a piece of her.

She laughed before we cried. She loved before we learned how much we miss her. She lived entire days that none of us knew would one day become memories we'll hold a little closer.

And somewhere in the middle of that living, she became a part of us, in a way that has touched our lives and made her feel like home.

Maybe that's what we ought to make room for too. Not just the ache of her absence, but the beauty of her presence; not just the finality of goodbye, but the years of hellos that came before it, not just the tears that fall because she's absent, but the smiles that come when she was here.

Because what a beautiful thing it is to have someone worth missing, to have known a love that makes someone's absence feel this significant.

Celebrating her life doesn't mean we have to pretend it doesn't hurt. It simply means that her absence doesn't have to get every word.

So let us remember Sondra in more ways than one. Through the love she's given, the laughter she's shared, and the light she brought upon our lives.

-Tiana Winn (Granddaughter)













Flower Bearers

Heaven Winn ♥ Tiana Winn ♥ Reina Officer
Alicia Roberson ♥ Alexis Hill

Honorary Flower Bearers

Nichole Winn ♥ Christina Winn ♥ Desiree Purtue
Athena Simpson ♥ Kariss Hawkins

Acknowledgment

The family of Sondra Dee Winn would like to express our sincere gratitude for every prayer, call, visit, message, act of kindness, and expression of love shown to Sondra and our family during this time.

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The Spires Family
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Your care, kindness, support, and compassion shown to Sondra and our family will always be remembered.

~The Family of Sondra Dee Winn

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Celebrating the Life of

Sondra Dee Winn



"And After the Pain, the Sun will Shine"

She puts on strength and honor as if they were her clothes. She can laugh at the days that are coming.
Proverbs 31:25 NIRV

Arrival - Salina, KS:
April 26, 1962

Departure - Wichita, KS:
October 5, 2026

Sondra Dee Winn, 64, of Wichita, Kansas, was called home peacefully surrounded by her family and loved ones.

Sondra was born on April 26, 1962, in Salina, Kansas, to Samuel and Dian Winn. She was primarily raised in Wichita, spent a small portion of her childhood in Chicago, attended Wichita Public Schools, and graduated from Wichita East High School in 1980. She also attended Wichita State University, and the Wichita Business College.

Sondra was a hardworking mother who loved spending time with family and friends. She loved to party, play cards, listen to music, cook, laugh, and enjoy the people around her. Her strong personality was unmistakable, but so was the love she had for those closest to her.

Sondra was a skilled manager by trade and held numerous management positions in Northeast Wichita businesses throughout her life, including; Crown Rental Apartments, Phillips 66 and Amoco gas stations. She also managed food service at the Boys & Girls Club of South Central Kansas and the American Legion. No matter what she was doing, Sondra worked hard and brought her strong personality, leadership, and ability to get things done.

She was also the proud owner of Sondra's Kitchen, where she shared her love for cooking with so many people. But Sondra's talents extended far beyond the kitchen. She was creative, an organizer, photographer, party planner, and tax preparer. Sondra also made her own skin care products for several years, where she shared and sold them to family and friends. If something needed to be figured out, Sondra could usually find a way to do it.

Sondra was also tech savvy and ahead of her time when it came to technology. She brought technology into her home before it was popular and was one of the first in her family and neighborhood to own a computer and use dial-up internet.

Sondra was a boss, plain and simple. She knew how to take charge, and there wasn't much she couldn't do. She always had a hustle about her and knew how to make something happen when she put her mind to it.

Sondra was preceded in death by her parents, Samuel and Dian Winn, and one bonus daughter, Shalynn Officer.

She leaves to cherish her memory her life partner, Clarence Officer; her brother, David Winn; her sister Tracy Sebastian; her four children, Brandon Winn, Bryant Winn (Christina), Jessica Winn, and Jaelyn Winn, of Wichita, Kansas; one bonus son, William Officer of Enid, Oklahoma, and her ten grandchildren; Heaven, Tiana, Shawn, Dre, Jamari, Zymir, Tru, Reina, Lincoln, and Orion.

She also leaves to cherish her memory her aunts, Imogene Edwards and Carolyn Simpson; her uncle, David Winn Sr.; Best friend Stanette Hawkins, and best cousin friend Michelle Harris; along with a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, friends, and the many people whose lives she touched throughout the years.

Sondra will be remembered as a woman who knew how to make things happen. She worked hard, loved her family, enjoyed life, and carried a strength and personality that those who knew her will never forget.

Celebration of Life for

Sondra Dee Winn

Friday November 6, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.
Jackson Mortuary Chapel
1125 E. 13th St. – Wichita, Kansas 67214

Officiating: Pastor Odell Harris, Strangers Rest Baptist Church
Accompanist: Tim "Mystro" Phillips

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional
Comfort Music / Seating of Family

Opening Statement & Prayer
Pastor Odell Harris

Scripture Reading - Old Testament
Pastor Willard Dallas, Greater St. Mary's Missionary Baptist Church

Scripture Reading - New Testament
Deacon Marques Lewis (Cousin), Second Missionary Baptist Church

Song Selection
"Alabaster Box" – Kimberly McLaurian

Acknowledgments & Obituary
Shauntel Pearson (Niece)

Reflections & Words of Comfort
My Best Friend – Stanette Hawkins
My Cousin – Margaret Lewis
My Grandma – Sondra's Grandkids
My Mama – Brandon, Bryant, Jessica, Jaelyn
A Letter to My Mama – Jessica Winn
An Empty Vessel (Wish You Were Here) – Bryant Winn

Song Selection
"Soul Sista" – Larry Graham II

Video Tribute

Song Selection
"Safe in His Arms" – Kimberly McLaurian

Eulogy
Bishop Michael Franklin, New Hope Church

Dismissal of Congregation

Family Dinner will be served at Greater St. Mary's Missionary Baptist Church following service: 1648 E. 17th St. Wichita, Kansas 67214

To have a cousin is to have a piece of your childhood that can never be lost.
To have that cousin also be your close friend for an entire lifetime is one of God's greatest blessings.
We shared the innocent laughter of youth, the navigating of adulthood, and the quiet wisdom of our later years.
The decades of love, trust, and shared secrets remain safely anchored in my heart.

Rest in peace, my sweet cousin and faithful friend.
-Michelle Harris (1st Cousin)



"She is Gone"

You can shed tears that she is gone
Or you can smile because she has lived
You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back
Or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left
Your heart can be empty because you can't see her
Or you can be full of the love that you shared together.

-David Harkins