

IN LOVING MEMORY



The Gracey Family would like to thank each of you for your prayers, kind words, shared memories and expressions of sympathy that have been shared during this time of bereavement. May God bless each of you, individually and collectively, for your concern.

Final Resting Place
Old Mission Cemetery
3424 E. 21 North
Wichita, Kansas 67208



FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

Betty Jean
Gracey

Sunrise: April 22, 1932

Sunset: April 15, 2026



CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Betty Jean Gracey was born on April 22, 1932, to Longino Logan and Lillian Johnson in Fort Smith, Arkansas. Her mother, Lillian, moved from Boley, Oklahoma to Arkansas to have Betty. After Betty was born, Lillian moved back to Boley with her mother, Ida (Benford) Johnson.

Leaving Betty with her mother, Lillian moved to Oklahoma City where she easily found housework to provide for her daughter and mailed her new dresses every week. Betty was raised by her grandmother Ida alongside her mother Lillian's siblings. Lillian's former home was filled with 15 children, but Leo, Raymond, Jewell, AC and Lucille Johnson were closer to Betty's age and filled the place of siblings. After her mother married Leslie Stevenson, Betty joined them in Oklahoma City, later graduating from Oklahoma City High School.

Betty learned to drive at an early age. When she was 13, her Uncle Raymond would have her drive from Oklahoma City to Boley every couple of weeks to pick him up from work. He would fall asleep after making sure Betty stopped at every stop sign.

Betty married the love of her life, Billy James Gracey, in May of 1951. They moved to Wichita, Kansas and resided there for the rest of their lives. They were the proud parents of twelve precious children.

Betty was a real estate investor and worked with her best friend Mary Henley, who was a realtor. At one point she owned an entire block and managed over 100 investment properties, several of which were handed down to her children.

Betty always believed in the heavenly Father and Jesus Christ and was committed to walking with the Lord her entire life. She made it a priority to get her children to church every time the doors were open, and she raised her children to understand the importance of knowing God and studying the Bible.

Betty is preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Billy James Gracey, her paternal parent Longino Logan, Grandmother Ida (Benford) Johnson, parents Lillian (Leslie) Stevenson, all her uncles and an aunt who were like siblings, sons Nathaniel and Gregory Gracey, son-in-law James Pettie, grandson Kendrick Gracey and great-grandsons Andre Gracey and Kaydin Allen.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her sister-in-law, Julia Ann Holmes, her children, James Gracey, Sharon Pettie (Dallas, TX), Emanuel (Beverley) Gracey, Samuel Gracey, Melody (Clyde) Johnson, Michael (Linda) Gracey, Leticia (Orlando) Ross, Rosherry Gracey, Rochelle Gracey, and Jennifer Vierthaler, all of Wichita, 19 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren, 19 great-great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, life time friends and members from the Evening Light Saints, Church of God.



ORDER OF SERVICE



May 1, 2026 at 1:00 pm

Church of God ~ 2509 N. Grove, Wichita, Kansas 67219

- Processional.....Nearer My God to Thee, #179, #194, #76, #300
- Officiating..... Emanuel Gracey
- Prayer of Assurance..... Mark Gracey
- Hymn of Comfort..... Amazing Grace ~ Daniel Gracey
- Old Testament..... Psalm 23 ~ Sis. Patsy Fields
- New Testament..... Revelation 21:4 ~ Jennifer Vierthaler
- Special Remarks..... Michael Gracey, Diann Riley
- Video Tribute..... Diann Riley
- Song..... Where the Roses Never Fade ~ Alicia Mavia
- Hymn of Comfort..... How Great Thou Art ~ Donte Ross
- Obituary..... Shomeka Ross
- Eulogy..... Emanuel Gracey
- Recessional.....#375, #380, #377, #444, #497 Evening Light Hymns

Honorary Casket Bearers

Mark Gracey	Chris Johnson
Daniel Gracey	Corey Johnson
Donte Ross	Tyrone Gracey

Casket Bearers

Devon Vierthaler	Jeremy Ross
Vance Vierthaler	Brad Johnson
Alex Gracey	Payton Hazelton

Honorary Flower Bearers

Diann Riley	Alicia Mavia
Marcia Williams	Gloria Gracey

Flower Bearers

Alicia (Nina) Gracey	Ashley Vierthaler
LaTonia Gracey	Shomeka Tate



