

## *I'm Free*

by Dr. Barbara K. Lofton



Like butterflies on a cool, summer, morning breeze, I'm free. Don't worry about me. See I am free - free from the pain and suffering of the world. I'm free as I can be. Like the dragonflies, my wings are spread, no need to dread. I'm not dead but a free spirit. My soul is resting on. Like the birds in the air, you have no need to worry. I know it's scary, but I'm free.

When you feel the cool breeze or the warm sunshine on your face, keep in mind, I'm free. No more death, sickness, sadness, depression or loneliness. I'm flying free. My wings are spread; Heaven is my home. Don't feel alone. I'm always by your side. I will be your forever guide. Butterflies, dragonflies, and me, flying free. No chains holding me. I'm free, I'm free, I am free! Don't you dare cry or sigh. I am flying high! I'm free. Isn't this what you wanted for me?



The family of Connie Wayne extends our deepest gratitude to all who have shown love, support, and kindness during this time of loss. Your prayers, comforting words, visits, and acts of generosity have been a true source of strength. We are especially grateful to our church family, and all who helped make this homegoing celebration a beautiful tribute to Connie Wayne's life.

May God bless each of you richly for your thoughtfulness and care.

**KINCANNON**  
FUNERAL HOME

*"Our Family Caring for Your Family"*

In loving memory of



**CONNIE WAYNE**  
**WEST**

1:00 PM

August 28, 2025  
Kincannon Memorial Chapel

Bishop Victor West

Rev. Eric West

Connie Wayne West entered this life on February 8, 1964, in Clinton, Oklahoma, to Sherry Jean West and Connie Ray Gardley.

Connie Wayne, as he was affectionately called, grew up with many siblings and cousins who were like his siblings. He accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at New Hope Baptist Church, Altus, Oklahoma. He was active in church, singing in the choir, and doing other activities.

He was raised in Altus and attended Altus Schools. Connie Wayne was full of life and often the center of laughter at family gatherings. Growing up with his siblings, he was never short on adventures. He enjoyed playing baseball and basketball, carrying his love for sports well into adulthood. He loved fishing and animal lover at heart. Connie Wayne was a hard worker, he worked often as a cook and as a warehouse foreman.

Connie Wayne found happiness in the little things that meant the most, and above all, cherishing time spent with his family and friends. After a lengthy illness, Connie Wayne entered enteral rest surrounded by family on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at the age of 61.

He was preceded in death by his father, Connie Ray Gardley; stepfather, Rev. Theron Booker; and grandparents, Joshua Telford, Jessie Mae Gardley, and Jessie and Mildred West.

His laughter and precious memories will live on in his parents, Sherry and Willie Dykes (Altus). Children: Corey Tennell and wife, Lindsey (OKC), Keith Pease (Lawton), Ashley West (Atlanta, GA), and Ebony Holman-King and husband, Gary (OKC).

Siblings: Barbara K. Lofton and husband, Ronnie (Evans, GA), Carl West (OKC), Glen Townsend (Altus), Patrick Townsend (OKC), Sharon Fisher (Amarillo, TX), Jacqueline Jefferson and husband, Gerald (Fort Worth, TX), Kana Nelson (Georgia), and Kerija Gardley, Kalod Gardley, and Kelef Gardley (Clovis, NM). Grandchildren: Ke'vonte Pease, Tatum Tennell, Teagan Tennell, Dayton Holman, and Bosston Holman.

Aunts: Beverly Lemmon (Muskogee, OK), Francis Deloney (Muskogee, OK), Mary West (OKC), and Geneva West (Altus). Uncles: Bobby J. West (Altus), Donald Ray-*best friend* (OKC), Dan Goodson, II (Altus), Clarence Jefferson and wife, Marcella (Tulsa), and Robert White (Muskogee, OK); and numerous other nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

Music Prelude

Processional ~ Ministers and Family

Old Testament Scripture ~ Minister

New Testament Scripture ~ Minister

Prayer ~ Rev. Eric West

Selection ~ Ms. Whitney Williams

Acknowledgements, Cards & Condolences ~ Mrs. Demetra West

Remarks (2 minutes please) ~ Family and Friends

Obituary Reading ~ Read Silently

Selection ~ Apostle Bonita Thomas

Eulogy ~ Bishop Victor West, Sr.

Celebration of Life Video

Recessional

## INTERMENT

Altus City Cemetery

Altus, Oklahoma

Jackson County

## REPAST

Altus Community Center - East

401 Falcon Road

Altus, Oklahoma



## PALLBEARERS

Barry West  
Marcus West, III  
Keith West  
Clarence West  
Quincy West  
Jermaine West  
Dan Goodson, III  
Bill Coleman

## HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Carl West  
Glen Townsend  
Eric West  
Andre West  
Patrick Townsend  
David Walker  
Donald Ray Jefferson  
Jesse Deloney  
Courtney Lemmon