

Acknowledgement

The family of Thelma Rosalee Oates would like to express their heartfelt thanks and gratitude for your prayers, comforting words, and acts of kindness shown during this time of bereavement. Your love and support have truly been a blessing and a source of comfort.

Thelma

Tender in spirit, yet strong in her ways,
Her wisdom and calm brightened our days.
Every word gentle, her presence serene,
Love quietly shown, yet deeply seen.
Memories of peace and grace she gave,
A guiding light, steady, humble, and brave.



We Entrusted Our Loved One To The Golden Care Of:

Golden Gate

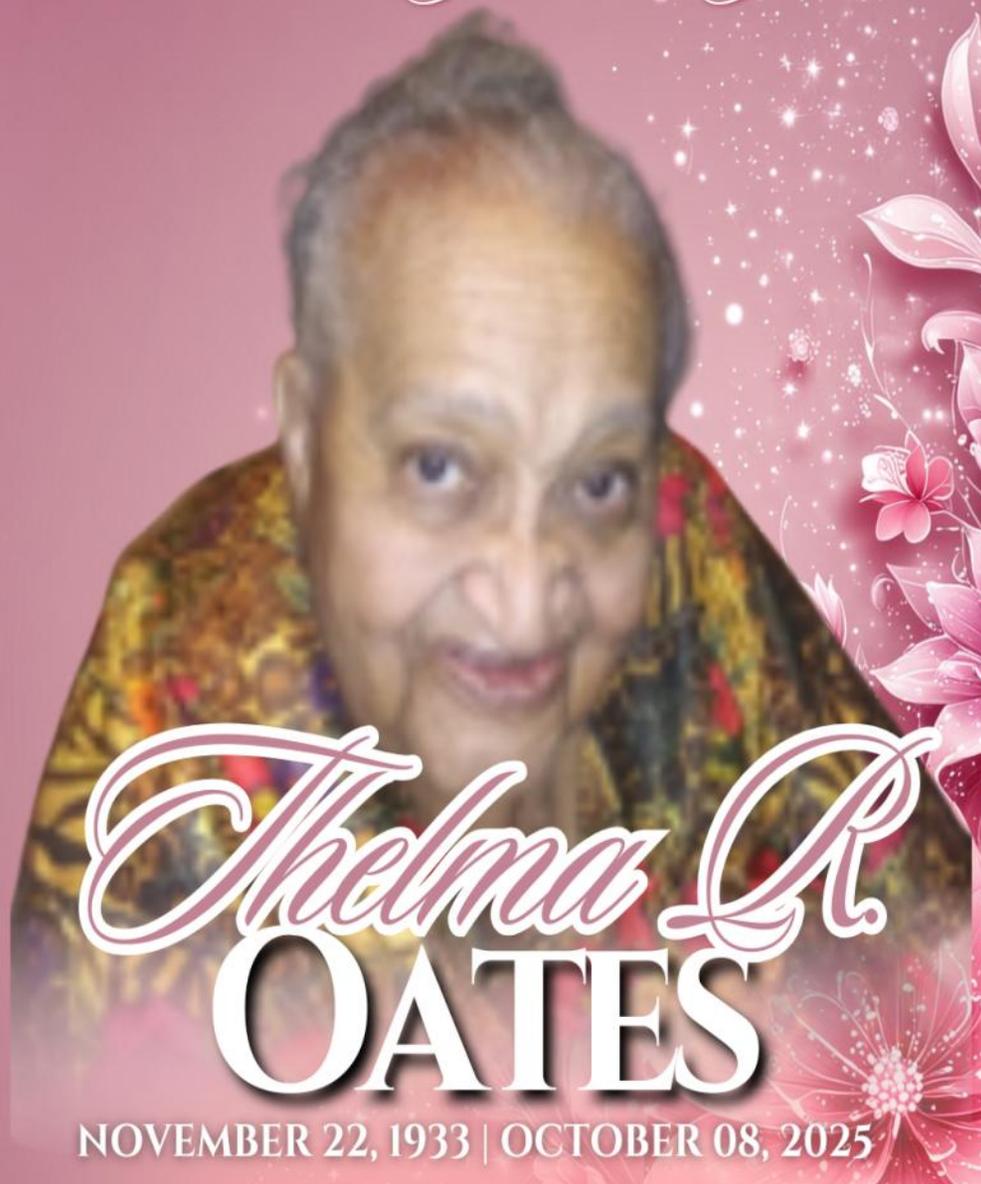
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In Loving Memory



NOVEMBER 22, 1933 | OCTOBER 08, 2025

Monday, October 27, 2025 11:00 am

Centennial United Methodist Church

1834 Woodland Ave, Kansas City, MO 64108

Bishop James D. Tindall, Officiating

Life Reflections

With heavy hearts, love, and respect, we announce the peaceful passing of Thelma Rosalee Oates on October 8, 2025, at the age of 91.

Thelma Roselee Oates was born on November 22, 1933, in Gallatin, Missouri, to her loving parents Dorothy Lucille White and Reland O'Connor Midgyett. She was preceded in death by her mother and father, her two sisters Mary Wright and Vadabell Stepney, and her four children: Zelma Oates, Benjamin Oates, Arkidelfia Oates, and Zandra Oates.

Thelma was a woman of quiet strength, firm values, and enduring grace. She was known for her deep well of knowledge, her practical remedies, and a sense of peace that never demanded attention but was always felt. She lived with a steady hand, clear mind, and a strong presence that anchored generations of her family.

She enjoyed the calm of reading a good book and the familiarity of her favorite television program. These everyday comforts brought peace and steadiness to a life lived with quiet strength.

She leaves behind a family who learned from her in ways that will continue to unfold for years to come. She may not have been overly emotional, but her presence was a gift, strong, steady, and always there when it mattered most.

Thelma leaves to cherish her memories twelve of sixteen children: Venita Oates, Wally Oates, Evelyn Oates, Keith Oates, Arthella Oates, Robert Oates, Theresa Oates, Bartholomew Oates, Quo Vadis Oates, Rhonda Oates, Janet Oates, and Dempsey Oates, along with a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, other relatives, and dear friends.

May she rest in peace, remembered not just for how she made us feel, but for how she helped shape who we are.

Order of Service

Prelude.....Soft Music

Welcome.....Rev. Danielle Quinn
Senior Pastor Centennial United Methodist Church

Prayer & Scripture.....Rev. Danielle Quinn

Solo Song.....Kia Poke
Musicians-Robert L. Oates, Anthony Payne, & Maurice Butler

Resolutions & Condolences.....Louella Henderson-Hayes

Reflections of Life.....To Be Read in Silence
"Because You Love Me" Celine Dion

Remarks.....Robert Oates Sr.

Solo Song.....Kia Poke
Words of Comfort.....Bishop James D. Tindall
Metropolitan Spiritual Church of Christ Blessings & Beneditions

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