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Retha Holmes Obituary

Retha Johnson Holmes, 85 of Tulsa, passed away on Wednesday, December 22 at 12:57 PM after a brief (non-covid related) illness. Retha was born May 19, 1936 in Denver, CO to Ruth P. and Raymond P. Johnson.

Retha is survived by her children, Robert W. (Cheri) Holmes, Lowell, MI, W. Randall (Lori) Holmes, Tulsa, OK, Dr. Todd E. (Katie) Holmes, Johnson City, TN and Tammy L. (Jay) Hoskins, Tulsa, OK; her brother, Bob Hildreth, Denver, CO; 12 Grandchildren and 12 Great Grandchildren (with 2 on the way.)

She was preceded in death by her parents and her beloved husband, Wesley S. Holmes. They celebrated 61 years of marriage until his passing in 2017.

Retha and Wesley married on June 1, 1956 and they started their life as pastors, serving Churches in Missouri, Indiana, Florida, and Oklahoma. They had pastored together for nearly 60 years.

Retha's greatest joy was that all four of her children followed the plan of God for their lives, as their parents had, and now all serve in full-time ministry. She had served alongside her husband as the church organist, a Sunday School teacher, a Youth leader, and then ultimately led the Heirs of Promise women's ministry in Tulsa.

Retha was a loving mother, grandmother and friend who counseled, offered prayer, and a listening ear to anyone who was in need. She led countless souls to Jesus. We know that Great is her Reward in Heaven. She has fought the good fight, finished her race and kept the faith. She is dearly missed.

Bixby-South Tulsa Funeral Home, Bixby, OK is in charge of the arrangements. A celebration of Retha's life will be held at 3:00 PM Thursday, January 13, 2022 at the RiverCrest Chapel in Bixby. Visitation will begin at 2:00 PM until the ceremony.



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Claudia Streetman posted:

Retha was my friend. We would meet for soup and a sandwich and talk. Retha was caring. A good listener, a wise counselor. She was so in love with Jesus and had dreams about his soon return. I know she is in great and wonderful place and her beautiful eyes and smile are a thousand times more beautiful where she is now. But there is a whole in my heart for her. She was full of life and vitality. It's hard to believe she's not here. I feel for her family because I know they feel the loss of their dear mother, and grandmother who communicated with them so freely. May God comfort all of you at this time.

January 2 at 6:33 PM

BN

Bro. Neil posted:

I met Retha at the home of her son Randall and daughter-in-law Lori in Tulsa, Ok. Her pleasant demeanor and caring speech proved an encounter and association with the King of Kings. Only from the infilling of the Spirit of God can a person have the radiance she shared that day. Our conversation led to remembrance, a mutual friend from Indiana, Walter Kronberg, who in his tent meeting had stopped short in his prayer for my brothers' healing to announce, "You've already got it! Next, please." The next day my brother was taken off the medications he was on and told he could return to grade school. Years later he served in the Army and graduated second, physically, in his company. The power of God was manifested in the life of my brother through the prayer of His servant. Before a healing meeting, brother Kronberg would humbly spend many days in prayer and fasting for the Holy Spirit to freely use him for preaching, and praying for the sick. This was only one, of the kind of people, with which sister Holmes was associated. Her ministry will powerfully live on in the family and friends who love her. She has truly transitioned to the presence of our Lord.

December 29 at 6:40 PM



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