



Vera Mae Rushing

January 14, 1939 - March 14, 2026

Vera Mae (Sampson) Rushing was born on January 14, 1939 in Wynnewood, Oklahoma to parents, Della Mae Sampson and James Cecil Sampson Sr.

Vera passed from this life on March 14, 2026 in Sulphur, Oklahoma.

She graduated from Lincoln High School in Wynnewood in 1956, where she was an active and spirited student. Vera played the piccolo and served as the basketball team's score secretary, traveling with the team and forming many cherished memories.

On June 15, 2003, she married Billy Norman Rushing in Wynnewood, Oklahoma.

Vera was a woman of deep faith and devoted service. She served for 10 years as the Chickasaw District Missions President and was an active member of several organizations, including the Eastern Star, Daughter of Isis, and Golden Circle. She also served as Worthy Matron for Faith Chapter #55. In her later years, she enjoyed staying active through Silver Sneakers exercise and water aerobics in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma.

She was known for her warm heart and many talents. Vera was an excellent cook, famous for her pinto beans, fried okra, fish, and her beloved "Sock It to Me" cake. She had a lifelong love of writing, reading, and journaling—there were books in every room of her home. She also enjoyed crocheting and was a proud member of a music club.

Above all, Vera treasured her family. One of her greatest joys in life was raising her children. She was a God-loving woman who believed every child

was precious and treated them as such. Vera lived by example, teaching others to love deeply, remain humble and grateful, stand up for themselves with dignity, and never take one another for granted.

Her life was a testament to faith, love, and kindness, and she leaves behind a legacy that will continue to inspire all who knew her.

Vera is survived by her husband, Billy Norman Rushing of Wynnewood, Oklahoma; Daughters, Cassandra Stephens of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Della Phelps and husband Alfred Jr of Holdenville, Oklahoma, Charlemayne Hill of Sulphur, Oklahoma; Grandson, Alfred Phelps III; Great Grandchildren, Amia Phelps and Amir Phelps; Brothers, Carl Sampson of Wynnewood, Oklahoma, Victor Sampson of Wynnewood, Oklahoma; Sister, Mary Ellen Gates of Ft. Worth, Texas; many step-children, cousins, and a host of other family and friends.

Vera was preceded in death by her Grandson, Dominick Stephens; Brothers, James Cecil Sampson Jr., Herschell Sampson; and Sisters, Eloise Pickens and Gail Sampson.

Services for Vera will be on Saturday, March 21, 2026 at 11:00 AM at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Wynnewood, Oklahoma. Visitation for Vera will be on Friday, March 20, 2026 from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at DeArman Funeral Home in Wynnewood, Oklahoma. Full obituary to follow.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **20**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

DeArman Funeral Home- Wynnewood
103 E Cherokee St
Wynnewood, OK 73098
(405) 665-4554
<https://www.dearmanfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

MAR **21**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mount Carmel
708 N. Robberson Ave
Wynnewood, OK 73098

Tribute Wall

AS

“ I got to meet Vera through my aunt Peggy during my high school years. I always enjoyed the little time I was around her. She was so sweet and had a wisdom much of us nowadays will never have. You will be missed sweet lady

Amanda Satterfield - March 24 at 10:32 PM

RH

“ My deepest condolences to Vera Mae's family and friends. Several years ago, I enjoyed meeting and exercising with Vera in Silver Sneakers. She was such a joy to be around. I know she was hurting but never complained one bit. She always had a smile on her face! M^Ay God wrap His loving arms around each and everyone and give them the strength to endure all things.



Rita Hines-Fryar - March 21 at 02:37 PM

EB

“ To Vera Mae's Family
The Sampson Family and the Calhoun Family were neighbors all of our growing up years. I am sorry for your loss of Vera Mae. My heart goes out to you. When the days seem long, remember there are many people who cared for her. May God give you Strength and keep you in His arms of Love.

Erma Calhoun

Erma Brown - March 20 at 10:36 PM

JT

“ Prayers to the family. She will be missed.



Joan Barry Townsend - March 20 at 07:03 PM

LI

“ Great lady! Always had a smile when I seen here out and about!
May God grant peace to the family.

Libby - March 19 at 08:38 PM

DS

“ I love 💕💕 dearly, she became the mother I didn't have when I moved here and became that spiritual inspiration in my life! Rest Well my momma! Forever in my heart 💕

Demetrice Stephens - March 19 at 10:42 AM

PN

“ Vera Mae was one of the strongest and sweetest women I have ever known. We spent many hours laughing until we cried just driving to and from work. We would not see each other for ages and when we did it was like no time had passed. Charlamayne my deepest sympathy for you and your entire family that she held so dear to her heart. We know Vera is now with her Lord with no pain. She leaves behind such sweet memories for us all.

Peggy Nipper - March 19 at 09:00 AM

AG

“ I love you Vera. I will always remember that you would text me a good night. message Sleep well our good and faithful cousin.



Anita Gresham - March 18 at 01:17 PM

SG

My prayers Sandra lakieta Flowers goree and the flowers family in Gainesville Texas seen our deepest prayers had another family member passed funeral in ft worth Texas from the goree and jc flowers sr children bin Gainesville Texas we love u all dearly

Sandra Goree - March 18 at 11:59 PM

AG

“ On behalf of the Myrtle Gresham Family I would like to express our deepest sympathy for our cousins. Our hearts are heavy for our cousins. Cousin JC used to be quick to say "We are just one big happy family." Our hearts are heavy for each of you. My prayers are that God wraps you in his peace, and you will be given comfort and strength to see you through this difficult time. Our cousin Vera was a good woman. She was an humble woman. A God loving, faithful and God serving woman. May Vera rest in peace. Her faithful work is now completed. Anita Gresham and Family



Anita Gresham - March 18 at 01:13 PM