



## Wanza Ada Caraway

February 6, 1931 - January 7, 2025

Wanza Ada Caraway passes peacefully from this world at her home in Troy, Oklahoma on January 7, 2025 at the age of 93 years and 11 months. Wanza was born February 6, 1931, in Wynnewood, OK to Dorsey and Rosie (Dunkin) Shackelford. She lived in the Oakdale, Reagan, and Troy area all her life. She attended school in Oakdale and Reagan. Wanza married Jimmie Alton Caraway on June 19, 1948. From that marriage, they had five children. Her husband died in 1971, and she had to work to support her children, she wasn't afraid of hard work. Wanza worked at cleaning offices and Delta Mining, cooked in the Summer at Petty John Christian Camp, Slippery Falls Boy Scout Camp, and went to work full-time for Mill Creek School as a cook in the cafeteria. Wanza was an avid gardener, loved her flower beds, and loved to sew and make quilts. She loved to walk in the woods, collect rocks, and pick pecans. She was a faithful member of Tishomingo Westside Church of Christ.

Wanza was preceded in death by her husband, Alton; daughter, Shirley; parents, Dorsey and Rosie Shackelford; one sister, Delphine Miller and four brothers, Alfred, Dale, Thurman, and Evertt.

Those left to cherish her memories are daughters, Wanda Blackburn and husband David of Troy, Shannon Hicks and husband Roger of Troy, Beverly Golden and husband David of Stratford, and son Jimmie Caraway and wife Darlene of Tishomingo. 11 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, 21 great-

great-grandchildren; one brother, J.R. Shackelford of Roff, OK, and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 12, 2025 at the Westside Church of Christ in Tishomingo, Oklahoma with Keith Shackelford and Stuart Bailey to officiate. Interment to follow at the Troy Cemetery. A family hour will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2025 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. at DeArman-Clark Funeral Home in Tishomingo, Oklahoma.

# Previous Events

## Family Hour

JAN 11. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

DeArman - Clark Funeral Home  
305 E. Main  
Tishomingo, OK 73460  
(580) 371-2338  
dearmanclarkfh@gmail.com  
<https://www.dearmanfuneralhome.com>

## Celebration of Life

JAN 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

Westside Church of Christ  
9500 Us Highway 377 S,  
Tishomingo, OK 73460

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gramma Caraway was the one to teach me to sew. I miss those conversations between us. I hope you're at peace, Gramma <3*



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**Elias Mullins** - June 05, 2025 at 08:39 PM

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“ *Wanza was always one of the ones I enjoyed talking to at the Reagan Jubilee. Her family is a testimony of her faith and love for others and the Lord. We will miss her much. Prayers to Shannon, Wanda and Wanza's sweet family.*



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**Annell Thompson** - January 07, 2025 at 10:49 PM