



Darlene Goins

December 27, 1935 - December 10, 2021

Sara Darlene Ruth Johnston was born on Friday, December 27, 1935, in Tuskegee, Oklahoma, the daughter of Odis Walter and Sarah Elizabeth (Hagee) Johnston. She passed this life on Friday, December 10, 2021, in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. She was 85 years of age.

The former Miss Darlene Johnston was a 1953 graduate of Okemah, Oklahoma High School. She loved riding horses when she was young and hunting with her dad who was known as Sweet Potato Johnston. She was a rodeo queen in her young adult years. She continued her education at Central Bible College in Springfield, Missouri, East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma, and Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, receiving a Bachelor and Master Degree in Education. She received her Teacher's Certification in Oklahoma. Darlene was married to Rev. Tom Goins on June 8, 1958, in Okmulgee, Oklahoma. Together they served on staff or pastored Assembly of God churches in Wichita, Kansas; Trinidad and Lakewood, Colorado; Cushing, Wilburton, Sapulpa, Bartlesville and Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. Darlene was the choir director at most of those churches, including adult, youth, and children's choirs. She had a beautiful voice and was an amazing pianist and organist. She directed many plays, cantatas, and children's musicals. She also taught school in Bristow, Cushing, Kellyville, and Sapulpa, Oklahoma. She loved music and helping others discover their God given talents. You could be sure she would be the first one to the altar to pray with those who came forward for prayer. She loved Jesus!

Darlene enjoyed cooking, shopping, painting, gardening and reading. Her greatest joy came from spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

She is survived by:

Husband, Rev. Tom Goins of Broken Arrow, OK

Son, Kevin Goins and wife Jeanette of Broken Arrow, OK

Daughter, Kari Goins Shorey of Broken Arrow, OK

Son, Kelly Goins and wife Lisa of Broken Arrow, OK

10 Grandchildren and 1 Great Grandchild

Kevin & Jeanette's family: Kilie, Landon, Chloe and Kivi Goins

Kari's family: Evan Shorey and Kasidi & Diego Vianna

Kelly & Lisa's family: Kalli & Aaron Kirkpatrick, Braxton & Makenna Goins,

Brooklin & Mitch Rovang and Kelson & Harley Goins

And great grandchild, Avery Rovang

Darlene was preceded in death by her parents: O.W. & Elizabeth Johnston;
Sisters: Vernice Walker, Odelene Ross, Joy Watson and Brother, Ovonual Johnston.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests a memorial to Teen Challenge, through Faith Church, 8301 East 81st Street, Tulsa, OK 74133 or give by text 84321.

Cemetery Details

Park Grove Cemetery

1000 W. Houston St.
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
(918) 259-8691

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC **16**. 1:00 PM (CT)

The Assembly
3500 W. New Orleans
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
(918) 251-8591
<http://www.theassembly.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Hayhurst Funeral Home created a Funeral Service in memory of Darlene Goins* ”



Hayhurst Funeral Home - December 14, 2021 at 11:08 AM



“ *Darlene Goins* ”

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM

SD

“ I just learned this week that Sister Goins had passed away. I'm so sorry for your loss, but at the same time, I'm rejoicing because I know she's in Heaven with her Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. I first met Sister Goins in 1963 when she and Brother Goins became my pastors at Wilburton First Assembly of God. I was only 12 years of age at the time, but I knew from the beginning of their ministry at our church, we were in store for great things from God! They were both role models and examples of a Christian husband and wife as well as a pastoral team. I wanted to be a pastor's wife just like Sister Goins! She had a great impact on my life in so many ways. The first time I heard her play the piano, I was mesmerized and wanted to play just like her! I had been taking piano lessons but wasn't really too excited about playing. I asked if I could take lessons from her and she agreed to do so. She taught me the evangelistic style of playing and I learned so much from her! One of my favorite songs was her rendition of "Onward Christian Soldiers" and she taught me to play it the same way she did and I loved it! From then to now, I have loved playing the piano! She was the BEST.PIANO TEACHER.EVER! I owe her a debt of gratitude! Also, I have so many wonderful memories of participating in the plays and cantatas that she directed. She was the best choir director, pianist, organist and singer! She was beautiful inside and out and always a lady! I watched the service today and it was a beautiful celebration of her life! I wish I could have been there in person. She truly touched so many lives in her 85 years!

Sherry Powell Dawson

Sherry Powell Dawson - January 26, 2023 at 06:19 PM

RB

“ *Darlene was an amazing woman. Our family loved her and Tom, Kevin &, Kelly so much. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Apologies didn't know she'd passed. Our families were so interconnected though. One of the most hilarious women. I remember she and I doing a highlight on her hair with a home kit. It was insane and when we got done there wasn't really much of a change. But we worked on it for hours!! We were so proud! HOW does that happen lol? We had so much fun! Love to Tom and family - Jim and Rebecca Brooks. Kids of their friends Ralph & Rosemary Hollandsworth*

Rebecca BROOKS - March 13, 2022 at 11:26 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Darlene Goins.*



December 16, 2021 at 11:32 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Darlene Goins.*



December 15, 2021 at 03:18 PM

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“ *The Magness Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Darlene Goins.*



The Magness Family - December 14, 2021 at 10:37 PM

HJ

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Darlene’s passing yet rejoicing that we know she is in the presence of the Lord she loved. She was a wonderful pastor’s wife to us while at 1st A/G in Bartlesville. She was a lady of many talents and so beautiful inside and out. We are praying for all of you at this time. Howard and Phyllis Johnson.*

Howard and Phyllis Johnson - December 13, 2021 at 11:24 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Darlene Goins.*



December 13, 2021 at 05:20 PM

NF

“ *Norval Johnston & Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Darlene Goins.*



Norval Johnston & Family - December 13, 2021 at 02:43 PM



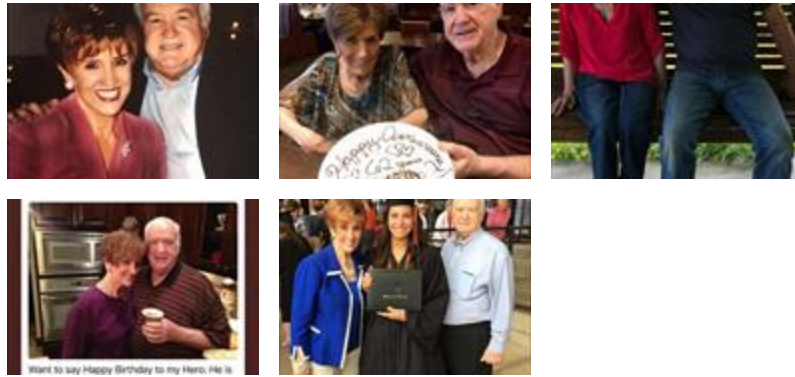
“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Darlene Goins.*



December 13, 2021 at 11:44 AM



“ *6 files added to the album Memories Album*



Hayhurst Funeral Home - December 11, 2021 at 07:24 PM



“ *It is our honor and privilege to serve the Goins family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Darlene.*



Hayhurst Funeral Home - December 10, 2021 at 11:07 PM