



Vera K Buttress

February 6, 1936 - December 20, 2017

A celebration of the life of Vera K. Buttress will be 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 27, 2017 at Hayhurst Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Park Grove Cemetery. Viewing will be at the funeral home on Wednesday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Vera was born in Cherokee County on February 6, 1936 to Jesse and Irene (White) Chapman. Her father was deceased July 27, 1939. Her mother married John Moore in 1940. At that time, they moved to Sunray, Texas.

The Spirit of the Lord quickened Vera's heart at the age of four through a song that was a scripture verse. The Lord saved Vera when she was nine years old through belief in His death, burial and resurrection and faith in His precious Blood. "Chosen us in him before the foundation of the world." She was baptized into the First Baptist Church of Sunray. At the age of thirteen the Lord called her to be a missionary through His precious Word, "whom shall I send and who will go for us, then said I, here am I send me." Isa. 6:8 By that time, her parents had moved back to Oklahoma. She began to pray for a preacher husband because she did not believe in women preachers. She attended and graduated at Hulbert High School in 1954.

Vera married Charles Massey, who was a preacher in 1954. They both graduated from Bible School in 1959. Vera was awarded a BS degree in

Christian Education and later a BA degree in Elementary Education.

The Lord called them to Farmington, New Mexico and was sent out by the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma. The Lord gave Charles 27 years to serve Him there. The Lord took him Home on April 18, 1981.

Charles and Vera helped translate the Bible in Navajo that they might give them the Word of the Lord in their language, “the word of God is the power of God unto salvation.” Romans 1:16

Vera married Dalbert Smith in 1984 and he was blessed of the Lord to be used of Him on the mission field until his death on April 18, 1999.

Vera helped her husbands to start, from scratch and build the Navajo Baptist Church in Fruitland, New Mexico and the Mission in Burnham. The Lord saved a good number of the Indian People and He called preachers and their wives to carry on the work of the Lord there, one is pastoring the Navajo Baptist Church now while others are serving in the area.

Vera gave 43 years (the best years of her life) to the Lord in service to Navajo with no regret but praise and honor to Him who is worthy for great opportunity to lift up His Great Name to those dear people.

Again, Vera found herself without a mate. She met Vernon Buttress and it was love at first sight! But they lived one thousand miles apart. They visited by telephone realizing their friendship was of the Lord. They discussed their love for each other but they also compared their beliefs of the scripture to make sure they were compatible in that respect. It had to be the Lord’s doings. They were married on June 2, 2000 and moved to Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. Vernon preceded Vera in death on August 7, 2017.

Cemetery Details

Park Grove Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home
1660 South Elm Place
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
(918) 258-9623
hayhurstfuneralhome@gmail.com

Funeral Service

DEC 27. 10:00 AM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home
1660 South Elm Place
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
(918) 258-9623
hayhurstfuneralhome@gmail.com

Tribute Wall



“ Vera K Buttress

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ God Bless the family of this precious loved one. She came to the bank with Vernon as long as she was able. He was always so patient with her. I know she must have missed him so much and now they can be together again.

Carol Sue Willcutt AVB Bank
Teller 109



Carol Sue Willcutt - December 30, 2017 at 12:13 AM



“ It is our honor and privilege to serve the Buttress family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Vera



Hayhurst Funeral Home - December 20, 2017 at 01:28 PM