



Tennie Onice Bright

January 9, 1937 - October 27, 2024

Tennie Onice Bright was born January 9, 1937, in Shady Point, Oklahoma, to Truman Arthur Richards and Josie Irene Dickinson Richards. She died Sunday, October 27, 2024, in Owasso, Oklahoma, at the age of 87 years. Tennie completed her secondary education in Panama, Oklahoma, and graduated as Valedictorian of the Panama High School Class of 1955. She continued her education attending Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, where she earned her Bachelor's degree and Masters degree in music in 1968. She then began working on her Doctorate in music at the University of Oklahoma.

Tennie was married August 20, 1960, in Panama, Oklahoma, to Jack Bright. She spent most of her professional career as a music teacher at several schools including Claremore, Wagoner, Tulsa, Broken Arrow, Eastwood, and Emmanuel Christian School. Tennie was a strong woman of faith and was a longtime member of First Baptist Church in Tulsa, where she sang with the church choir and women's ensemble, directed Children's Choirs and Handchimes, served on several committees, and volunteered in many capacities. She was also a member of the Tulsa Oratorio Chorus and loved music of all kinds. She enjoyed a variety of pastimes, and when she was younger she was a professional water skier. She loved sports especially Sooner football, St. Louis Cardinal baseball and Oklahoma City Thunder basketball. Tennie dearly loved her family, especially her grandchildren who affectionately knew her as "Mim". Those she leaves behind who hold many cherished memories include:

Daughter; Jaquina Dobson and husband Brent

Grandchildren; Kaiya Dobson and Kenli Dobson

Sisters; June Foster and Ruby Jo Gibson

and many nieces, nephews and friends she considered family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Josie Richards, husband, Jack Bright, and brother, Vernon Richards.

Funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, November 2, 2024, at First Baptist Church of Tulsa with Pastor Deron Spoo officiating. Graveside service will be held 2:30 p.m. that afternoon at Shady Point Cemetery in Shady Point, Oklahoma. The family requests memorial contributions be made in Tennie's memory to the First Baptist Church

Caring Center, 420 South Detroit Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 74120, or John 3:16 Mission, Attn.; Development Department, P.O. Box 1477, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 74101-1477, www.john316mission.org, or Owasso Baptist Children's Home, 12700 East 76th Street North, Owasso, Oklahoma, 74055.

Cemetery Details

Shady Point Cemetery

Shady Point, OK

Previous Events

Funeral Service

NOV 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church Tulsa
420 S Detroit Ave
Tulsa, OK 74120

Graveside Service

NOV 2. 2:30 PM.

Shady Point Cemetery
Shady Point, OK

Tribute Wall

DH

“ Mrs. Bright was my favorite teacher at William Penn Elementary when I was 9 years old to 12 years old, from 1960-1962. She taught music. She encouraged me and let me play piano in the assemblies from time to time. I went on to accompany choruses throughout junior and senior high and then for churches from the time I was 12 until the present day. She was supportive and encouraging and meant a great deal to me. I have never forgotten her and never will forget her. I truly loved her. Enjoy the music in Heaven, Mrs. Bright. Deena Hamilton

Deena Hamilton - August 07, 2025 at 12:10 AM

LF

“ Love, Nolan families. purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Tennie Onice Bright.



Love, Nolan families. - November 01, 2024 at 03:48 PM

TF

“ The Plank Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Tennie Onice Bright.



The Plank Family - November 01, 2024 at 01:06 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Tennie Onice Bright.



October 31, 2024 at 05:25 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Tennie Onice Bright.*



October 31, 2024 at 02:14 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Tennie Onice Bright.

October 31, 2024 at 01:10 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Tennie Onice Bright.*



October 31, 2024 at 01:10 PM

SW

“ *Tennie was always such a sweet positive influence on all the children she taught. What a wonderful person to have as a friend. I wish I could attend the service but my bad back keeps me from participating. I send my love and condolences to you and your family.*

Sue Wilson - October 31, 2024 at 09:35 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Tennie Onice Bright.

October 31, 2024 at 09:06 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Tennie Onice Bright.*



October 30, 2024 at 09:55 PM