# Ocealia "O.C." Darrington

June 26, 1956 - March 19, 2017

On Sunday, March 19, 2017, Ocealia “O.C.” Darrington passed away without warning after experiencing a lingering bout of illness. Ocealia recently relocated to Salisbury, North Carolina during January 2017, to live with her youngest sister, Gaye Darrington and Skeeter Peters.

Ocealia was born on June 26, 1956, in San Diego, California, to Elroe Jr. and Patricia Darrington. The Darrington family relocated to Pomona, California in 1965. Ocealia attended Pomona public schools and graduated from Gary High School in 1972. She continued her education and attended college courses at Mt. San Antonio College. Ocealia went on to work at Frank D. Lanterman State Hospital & Developmental Center in Pomona, which was previously named, Pacific State Hospital, as a food services specialist. During her employment at Lanterman, she later advanced to a position of supervisor & shop steward, where she was employed until 2011, when she was forced into an early retirement after suffering an on-the-job injury.

Ocealia accepted Christ at an early age and attended several different churches in the Pomona area. Her last church of attendance, where she recorded membership was Primm Tabernacle A.M.E in Pomona, California.

Ocealia was preceded in death by her Mother; Patricia Darrington in 1998 and her Father; Elroe Darringtion Jr. in 2000.

The oldest of five siblings, she leaves the following siblings to mourn her passing; Natasha-Carrie of Salisbury, North Carolina; Gaye-Squeeze & (Skeeter) of Salisbury, North Carolina; Byron-BD & (Belynda) of Visalia,

California; Jevonni-Jay & (Lindsey) of Fort Worth, Texas, and a host of uncles, aunts, kinsfolks and friends.

A private ceremony for immediate family will be on Sunday, April 2, 2017, in Salisbury, North Carolina. Anyone wishing to send a kind word of remembrances, reflections or condolences, can log onto www.salseranddillard.com. The family of Ocealia Darrington would like to thank you in advance for your prayers and support during our time of grieving.

# Tribute Wall

RH

*Rose Howard lit a candle in memory of Ocealia "O.C." Darrington*

**Rose Howard** - June 27, 2017 at 01:27 AM

RH

*Today would have been your birthday O'Cealia, as I reflect back on the many phone calls we have shared, the talks and the fun adventures, I laugh and then I start to feel the loss of my friend and laugh and smile again. We have shared more than any other friend about life's ups and downs and our therapy talk would always make us bounce back.*
*Those memories of my dear friend will always continue to live through me and my family. I wish I could have picked up the phone and called you and say Happy Birthday. Love You Sis, RIP*

**Rose Howard** - June 27, 2017 at 01:23 AM

RO

*Thinking of you today.*
*Happy Heavenly Birthday Ocealia,* 🌹
❤️*RIP*❤️

**Rose** - June 26, 2019 at 06:46 AM

BD

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Cetra Collins and Debora Bland-Lawrence

Debora Bland-Lawrence
Thank you my dear Natasha Darrington; Ocealia and I shared birthdays and became friends when I was in 6th grade and she in 5th and we shared Lemon-heads and Red hots and those became our favorite

**Byron Darrington** - April 06, 2017 at 09:58 AM

DG

*Many Aunts hold a special place in the hearts of their nieces and nephews. My auntie OC genuinely held/holds a special place in my heart. Through many trials and milestones throughout my life I always found solace in my Auntie OC. Many, many , many conversations we've shared, they will always be keepsake in my heart. After every conversation she would always end with " I love you " and of course I would reply " I love you too" I am so glad we did that because the last words I heard my auntie say to me was " I love you" Because of my Auntie OC I am a forgiving person, who know GOD, and have a relationship with GOD. She would always tell me that GOD wants to hear from me and it is just like having a conversation with me niece. I know GOD called an Angel home and k now my Auntie is in a much better place, so surely GOD must know I miss her so much and want her back with me on this Earth. I know this sounds so selfish and I know deep down in my heart that my Aunt OC was greeted at those pearly gates with a "Job well done and Welcome home!"*
*Auntie there are no amount of words to express my love for you, I am going to continue to make you proud of me. In my heart is where you will always stay.*

*Your eldest niece Desma*

**Desma Gentry** - April 03, 2017 at 04:09 PM

RB

*Rhonda Benton lit a candle in memory of Ocealia "O.C." Darrington*

**Rhonda Benton** - April 02, 2017 at 07:59 AM

MH

*On behalf of Primm A.M.E. Tabernacle. Dr.Reverend Betty Hanna-Witherspoon would like to express deepest condolences for the family of Ocealia Darrington. We know her siblings and extended family loved her and mourn her passing. She was also greatly loved at her church home at Primm. There are church members that share her memory, and she will be missed. We at Primm pray that God comforts you during this difficult time.*

**Mosezetta Howard** - April 01, 2017 at 11:50 PM

MH

*The family of Rose Nell Howard wants you to know that the Darrington and Howard families have known each other ever since 1969, so it is like losing family to have say so long to Ocealia. It is difficult to do. Her parting with us is bitter sweet, because for Ocealia to be absent from us is for her to be present with the Lord. She is at peace, so it is well. Sincerely Rev. MoseZetta Howard.*

**Mosezetta Howard** - April 01, 2017 at 09:03 PM

RB

*So thankful and blessed for our 21 years of consistent sister/friendship. Though Ocealia considered me as her spiritual mentor, it is I that was richly blessed by her tenacious love for God, her family and friends. I will miss our daily conversations and her strength in times of adversity. Ocealia's favorite scripture was Jeremiah 1:5, "Before I formed thee in the womb, I knew and approved of you, as My chosen instrument, and before you were born I separated and set you apart, consecration you; I appointed you as a prophet to the nation. (Amplified). To all who loved Ocealia, just know she ran her race and finished her course. She is safe, secure and most of all happy in the precious arms of Jesus. Dance, Ocealia, dance!*

**Rhonda Benton** - April 02, 2017 at 07:56 AM

MF

*Mosezetta Howard And Family lit a candle in memory of Ocealia "O.C." Darrington*

**Mosezetta Howard and Family** - April 01, 2017 at 08:31 PM

EM

*I thank the Almighty for allowing You to Grace Us with Your Presence. You still live in Our Hearts Big O.C., for You helped Us by sharing your Strength and Your Love and that will be upon Us for Generations to Come. You will be missed Dearly... Edmund*

**Edmund Magee** - April 01, 2017 at 08:21 PM

KB

*Ocealia, you were such a wonderful, caring neighbor,,,,,always checking in and watching out for us....you sure could come across as gruff but once we got to know you better, we saw the love and concern.....we miss you!!!!!!! To the Darrington family, we know no words of sympathy can ease your loss but please know that our hearts are with you. We hope you will find some peace in knowing that others care. Kathy and Bruce Benjamin*

**Kathy Benjamin** - April 01, 2017 at 02:03 PM

MJ

*Rest in peace cousin Ocealia. Although, death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal. I will forever remember and treasure the times you would pick me up from LA to take me to the County fair in Pomona.*
*Love, Cousin Monique and family <3*

*To my Darrington family, wishing you peace that brings comfort, courage to face the days ahead together and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts. Love you guys.*

**Monique Jones** - April 01, 2017 at 10:35 AM

MJ

*Monique Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Ocealia "O.C." Darrington*

**Monique Jones** - April 01, 2017 at 10:12 AM

PW

*Phyllis Williams lit a candle in memory of Ocealia "O.C." Darrington*

**Phyllis williams** - April 01, 2017 at 08:45 AM

PW

*My dearest cousin, although I didn't really get to spend to much time with you all because I was hanging with my younger cousins... But I do remember that day I was skating in skates that was to big for my feet and tripped and broke my toe you were there for me...You took me in the bathroom and soaked my feet in some nice warm water and told me , you will be OK. Now my cousin you will be ok, I know your mom and Dad is waiting for you at the pearlie gates...God Bless you and may God shine his light tour way...much love to the family....your Cousin Phyllis*

**Phyllis williams** - April 01, 2017 at 12:59 AM

BY

*To my Dearest Sister, O.C., who fondly referred to me as her "Little Brother", which I was quick to remind her; "I haven't been your little brother since I turned 18." Of course, she ignored my response, because she would always let me know she was the oldest sibling… and big sister.*

*Ocealia was my first babysitter. How I remember those affectionate prescriptions of discipline; standing in the corner on one leg, forced to take 2 hour naps, food rations, pinched for not listening, and the list could go on. The only reason I didn't turn her into the authorities, is I thought no one would believe me, smile…*

*I praise and thank all my family members and friends, whom all have had a part in shaping me into who I am today. At the end of the day, it's rarely about you, but about the people you've touched in positive and negative ways. Unknown to O.C., she mentally touched me in many positive ways.*

*Ocealia was the matriarch of our family while growing up on Pomona's South Side (Village). I'm going to miss that stern look she always demonstrated on her face, as I used to joke with her that God was going to permanently fix her stern face if she didn't smile every now and then. However, don't let her facial expressions fool you, under all those layers of coarse skin, lived a kind heart.*

*Finally, and most importantly, the Lord leased Ocealia to us for a brief time. Now the Landlord is ending Ocealia's temporary lease and calling her to His mansion for an eternal lease agreement – John 14:2 and 2 Corinthians 5:8.*

*I love you Ocealia and I will see you again when my lease agreement expires. Meanwhile, it's time for you to rest and be still.*

*One Life-One Love, your Little Brother,*

*BD*

**Byron** - March 31, 2017 at 01:58 PM

GD

*Who Knew, God Knew*

*The time has come to shed your shell*
*Like sand from a beach released from a pail*

*Your angel wings they soar you high*
*While family and friends ask why and cry*

*While you were here you cared so much*
*As an older sister with a loving touch*

*An older sister job is never done*
*When caring for the little ones*

*You scrubbed our face, head and toes*
*Despite our bubbly kiddish woes*

*We were the children you never had*
*You took care of us and for that were glad*

*A mother hen some might say*
*All along you paved a way*

*You were blessed to walk this earth*
*Now god has given you a new rebirth*

*You loved the lord on bended knees*
*Spreading your faith like a blooming tree*

*You lived your life as only you could*
*Your going home as god said you would*

*God shared his whisper of his voice*
*He said "Ocealia" it's time to rejoice*

*Riding high above the moon*

*My smile I'll keep and see you soon*

*Luv baby Sis*

*Gaye (Squeeze)*

**Gaye Darrington** - March 31, 2017 at 01:19 PM

RB

*Gaye, please call me again. I could not return your call because you did not leave your number....Rhonda Benton...334-421-3012*

**Rhonda Benton** - April 02, 2017 at 08:11 AM

GD

*Gaye Darrington lit a candle in memory of Ocealia "O.C." Darrington*

**Gaye Darrington** - March 31, 2017 at 01:03 PM

PG

*Auntie, words can't describe the immaculent feeling I had every time we spoke...your words of encouragement will forever be in my heart and will continue to share with those in my life, love you and miss you.*

**Patrece Gentry** - March 31, 2017 at 08:10 AM

BS

*Byron Darrington Sr. lit a candle in memory of Ocealia "O.C." Darrington*

**Byron Darrington Sr.** - March 30, 2017 at 09:00 PM

BD

*To my sister-in law rest in peace.Im so glad we spent some time together before your move to North Carolina.*
*Belynda Darrington,*

**Belynda Darrington,** - March 30, 2017 at 06:56 PM

BJ

*I love you Auntie, R.I.P auntie, love BOOBIE always.*

**Byron Darrington Jr.** - March 30, 2017 at 06:13 PM

PY

*May the Lord embrace your family with His Comfort & Peace during the loss of your Loved one. With Love, Patricia (Mp2) Young*

**Patricia Young** - March 30, 2017 at 09:05 AM

BS

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**Byron Darrington Sr.** - March 30, 2017 at 08:46 AM

RF

*Hey Aunty, or as I say, my namesake. I miss our talks and prayer sessions. I'm thankful we got to share so much with each other. Laugh with each other. Encourage each other. I enjoyed seeing your eyes light up when you played with your great niece and nephew. He prays for you and misses you a lot. I know you're up there running in Heaven. Dancing with Angels and Catching up with Grandma and Granpa.*
*We Love you now & Love you always.*

**Renee (Ocealia Junior) and Family** - March 29, 2017 at 08:54 PM

KH

*R.I.H..... Thank you, for your love and support throughout the years. This world is less without you in it. But You are walking with the God now. He is showing off his newest and brightest Angel. No more sadness, heartache or pain. So put in a good word for me and my family. I'll see you when I get there. I love you.*

*Your God Son*
*Keithrian Howard*

**Keithrian Howard** - March 29, 2017 at 08:54 PM

KH

*R.I.H...., Thank you for the path that you helped me get started on. Because of your love and support through the years, I walk with my head held high. You touched and helped so many people, this world is less without you in it. Fly free, soar with the lord, knowing there is no more pain or sadness in your life. The Lord has a bright new Angel. So put a good word in for me and my family with God. I'll see you when I get there.*

*Your God Son*
*Keithrian Howard*

**Keithrian Howard** - March 29, 2017 at 08:11 PM

RR

*Ra Jeanette Rodgers lit a candle in memory of Ocealia "O.C." Darrington*

**Ra Jeanette Rodgers** - March 29, 2017 at 06:57 PM

RR

*Definitely smiling remembering all the childhood memories*

**Ra Jeanette Rodgers** - March 30, 2017 at 12:29 AM

AJ

*R.I.H. O.C. you were an Angel on this earth..Love you Adetra*

**Adetra Jones** - March 29, 2017 at 06:03 PM

MD

*So thankful for the time spent with you. All the conversations and the great advice that you gave me. You were always a listening ear and you never judged me. you would always tell me to put God first in everything that I do and that he knew me before I was born. It takes a village to raise a child and you were definitely in that Village. I love you and i miss you . leave room for me because when I get there I want to sing🎶🎶🎶🎤🎤🎤🎤 right next to you...😍😍😍😍😘😘😘*

*Rest easy aunty*

**Monique Dupree** - March 29, 2017 at 05:36 PM

LH

*Laureen Howard lit a candle in memory of Ocealia "O.C." Darrington*

**Laureen Howard** - March 29, 2017 at 01:16 PM

LH

*With deepest sympathy to the Darrington family. May the Lord comfort you during this time of loss.*

**Laureen Howard** - March 29, 2017 at 01:17 PM

VJ

*R.I.P Friend*

**Veronica Jones-Grant** - March 29, 2017 at 11:40 AM

GD

*To my "Beautiful" sister Ocealia Senior. God has given us a lifetime of memories to share, but these last 2 months and 5 days I got to spend with you was priceless, and I wouldn't trade them for anything. We did a lot of sister bonding, laughing, watching movies, playing board games, eating, (yum) crying and getting to reconnect again. I'm so glad God lead my heart and footsteps to bring you to North Carolina to be with me. I remember your laugh when skeet took you outside while it was snowing. You were catching snowflakes in your hand. Say hi to Daddy and Mama for me. God called you home sister, RIP, You are missed, we love you.*

*Luv and Hugs: Skeet and Squeeze (Gaye)*

**Gaye Darrington** - March 29, 2017 at 10:28 AM

AW

*" Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever "(Psalm 136:1). Father God, I pray that you will grant comfort the souls of all who have lost this loved one. God's love is great. Amen R. I. P.*
*Audrey Howard-Weathersby*

**Audrey Weathersby** - March 29, 2017 at 05:44 PM

AJ

*That's awesome Gaye that you got to spend that special time with her..She was a great person R.I.P OC Love ya Adetra*

**Adetra Jones** - March 29, 2017 at 05:59 PM

RC

*Gaye I'm so sorry for your loss may God comfort you and the family during this difficult time. She will be missed I have great memories of her and you mom. Love sis.*

**Renee Coleman** - March 29, 2017 at 06:57 PM

LM

*My condolences to the Darrington family, from the Joneses.*

**linda jones magee** - March 29, 2017 at 07:05 AM

RE

*Our health may fail,and our spirit may grow weak, but God remains the strength of our heart forever.*
*Ocealia was always the mother hen in the family. Take your rest now you've received your crown.*
*We all love you and surely miss you!*

*Love always Your family (Aunt Dorothy)!*

**Regina** - March 29, 2017 at 12:36 AM

RO

*Rosetta lit a candle in memory of Ocealia "O.C." Darrington*

**Rosetta** - March 28, 2017 at 10:35 PM

*Jacqueline Woods sent a virtual gift in memory of Ocealia "O.C." Darrington*

**Jacqueline Woods** - March 28, 2017 at 10:18 PM

*Jacqueline Woods lit a candle in memory of Ocealia "O.C." Darrington*

**Jacqueline Woods** - March 28, 2017 at 10:17 PM

*Rest In Peace my friend may your heart,soul and mind be with God.I will always keep you in my heart because you was a good friend to me.I will always remember the good time we had together.Now God has taking you home.I will pray for your family.*
*Love always your sister and friend*
*Jacqueline Woods aka Jackie*

**Jacqueline Woods** - March 28, 2017 at 10:16 PM

QS

*Rest In Peace Big Cousin...One of my first baby sitters as a kid...Yes I remember you use to babysit us while Moms & Pops would go out partying if you were in town..you would sit & tell us scary stories while we hid under the table & when it was time for you to go, I would hate to see you leave..Just wanna say thanks for the great child hood memories..I'm praying that your soul is now at peace & you can rest in paradise with Auntie & Uncle...Love you Cousin & may God bless your soul*

**Queen Shay** - March 28, 2017 at 06:22 PM

Sheerock LovesGod

*To the Darrington Family. I had the pleasure of meeting Ocealia once. Her Sister Natasha is MY Sister so anything that affects her..affects me. My condolences go to the darrington family. Always in my prayers. God bless*

*Aneesha*

**Sheerock LovesGod** - March 28, 2017 at 06:19 PM

RH

*To the Darrington family I send my deepest condolences, I did not have the privilege of knowing Ms. Darrington, but the Byron Darrington family is a close family friend to me and I want to acknowledge the family with my sympathy prayers to all. Raine Henry*

**Raine Henry** - March 28, 2017 at 05:48 PM