

## Biography

Ludelia Nichols Crawford was born to Rufus and Lucretia Lofton-Nichols August 24, 1907 in Mississippi into a family of twelve siblings. At approximately age eight, the family moved to Lima, Oklahoma where she was raised. Her mother and only sister died in 1919 in a flu epidemic. So at age 12, Ludelia was taken out of school to help take care of her brothers.

She married Ocie Crawford (deceased) on November 13, 1926 in Wewoka County, Oklahoma and they remained together for 62 years. They had six children, Bobbie, Floyd, Thelma, Lonnie, Maxine (deceased) and Ocie Jr. In 1940, the family moved to Bakersfield, California. Ludelia devoted her life to serving her family. She helped to raise nine brothers, her six children, one niece (Theodore Nichols) and three grandchildren (Dara, Kenny and Charisse).

Ludelia was a Christian from an early age and became a member of the Unification Church in 1979. She received the Blessing in 1989 along with her eldest daughter and son-in-law. In her quiet way, she did a lot. Even into her nineties she fasted twice a week. She was "Granny" to everyone who knew her. Her door was always open--not only to her family but to friends and neighbors as well. She was an example of humility, generosity and serving others.

At the time of her passing, Ludelia Crawford was the oldest surviving Nichols. She leaves behind her children, Bobbie Burton and spouse David, Floyd and Birdie Crawford, Thelma Dixon, Lonnie Crawford, Ocie Jr. and Yoko Crawford; three grandchildren whom she raised, Dara Townes, Kenny Crawford and Charisse Webster; 22 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren, three great-great grandchildren; one brother Theodore Nichols and several dear nieces and nephews of the Nichols family. Granny's lifelong motto and greatest wish for us all can be summed up in three words: "Love one another."