



Mary Louise Thompson

November 7, 1931 - November 16, 2022

Mary Louise Daniels Thompson was born to Mary Eliza Pride and Edgar Louis Daniels on November 7, 1931 in Birmingham, Alabama. She accepted Christ at an early age and for many years was a member of 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama.

Her formative years were spent in Birmingham, Alabama. She graduated at 16 years of age from Parker High School, Birmingham, Alabama. Due to her youth, her mother, Mary Eliza, informed her that she had to get a job or go to school. She opted for school. She applied and was accepted to Miles College. Miles College was founded in 1898, is a private Historically Black College and University in Fairfield, Alabama. Miles College is associated with the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church and a member of the United Negro College Fund. Upon graduation, she attended Tuskegee University in Tuskegee, Alabama where she received a Registered Nursing Degree. She received her training and worked at Holy Family Community Hospital. Holy Family Hospital was the first hospital in Birmingham, Alabama created specifically for the care of African-Americans. Due to Jim Crow laws, black people were unable to receive equal treatment in the medical community. Holy Family was the first hospital in Birmingham created for the training of African American nurses and doctors for the care of patients in a safe sterile environment. As a nurse, her expertise was in the field of obstetrics and gynecology.

On August 15, 1956, she married her childhood friend Elton Thompson, their marriage lasted 46 years. To this union, in 1958, one child, Cheryl Lynne Thompson Dozier was born. A Sgt. in the United States Army, she accompanied her husband across the United States and abroad. Tours of duty included Fort Knox, Kentucky, Fort Ord, California, Bad Kissigen, Germany and Fort Leonard Wood, MO.

In 1975, as entrepreneurs, Elton and Mary Louise established Hillcrest Carry-Out in St. Robert, MO specializing in Chicken and Seafood. The restaurant was operational for several years until their retirement.

Her expressions of love and gratitude manifested through knitting and cooking. Many in the community were the recipients of hand knitted afghans. These specialized works of art were given to those whom she held dear and gifted especially for the birth of a child.

Known statewide and across the United States, she was heralded for her culinary talents. The lines were long for her sweet potato pies, chocolate cake and chicken salad. To this day, the long sought after recipe is only held by Demaris Young. She knew Cheryl Lynne would not use it.

She was loved by many. Mary Louise Thompson leaves to mourn, one daughter, Cheryl Lynne Thompson Dozier. Two grandchildren: Demaris Young (Micheal) (Saint Louis, MO) Daris Lee Jr. (Mercedes) (Jefferson City); 5 great grandchildren: Jakyla Powell (Saint Louis), Mya Grace Keel Lee, (Jefferson City, MO); Marreck and Daylon Young (Saint Louis); and Daris Lee III (Jefferson City); Additional family members include the Pride and Marshall Family. We are grateful for the support of Gwen Maridada (Detroit, MI) Dr. Thomas Maridada (Atlanta, GA); Maria Montez Johnson (Detroit, MI); Ruben Fowlkes Sr. (Detroit, MI) Ruben Fowlkes, Jr. (Effat Id-Deen) (Detroit, MI) Verna "Doll" Davis (Birmingham, AL); Derek Johnson (Paytra) (Detroit, MI);

Sheila Johnson (Detroit, MI) Darlene Johnson (Detroit, MI) (Deceased)
Darnell Marshall (Kwanna) (Detroit, MI); and her sister in love, Zandra Rucker
(Miami, FL). Her husband, Elton Thompson and mother, Mary Eliza Pride
preceded her in death.

Mary Louise went home to be with her Lord Wednesday, November 16, 2022
in her home having attained the age of 91 years.

Visitation will be held at 3:00 p.m. Monday, November 28, 2022 in the
Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert with a
Celebration of Life service to follow at 4:00 p.m. Inurnment will be held in the
Springfield National Cemetery of Springfield, MO.

Cemetery Details

National Cemetery

1702 E. Seminole Street
Springfield, MO 65804

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 28. 3:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
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Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Louise Thompson*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - December 15, 2022 at 12:24 PM



“ *Mary Louise Thompson*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Melanie, Jayla and Jaylee, Thank you for all the great food! We will always remember you Mrs. T.*



Melanie - November 28, 2022 at 05:24 PM



“ *1 file added to the album LifeTributes*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - November 28, 2022 at 03:18 PM

RC

“ I KNEW MRS. T THROUGH MY WORK AT THE FORT WOOD HOSPITAL.OVER THE THIRTY YEARS I WAS BLESSED TO HAVE SPENT SOME TIME WITH HER.MY DAY WAS ALWAYS THE BETTER FOR IT.TO THE FAMILY I'M SORRY THIS SORROW HAS COME TO YOU.

RICK CARTER - November 25, 2022 at 07:47 PM

RC

“ RICK CARTER lit a candle in memory of Mary Thompson



RICK CARTER - November 25, 2022 at 07:41 PM



“ Debby Myers sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Thompson



Debby Myers - November 24, 2022 at 09:59 PM

TF

“ The family lit a candle in memory of Mary Thompson



The Curenton family - November 23, 2022 at 04:23 PM

DF

“ Love Mrs. T. Many years ago I worked for EMS. And often visited her on my down time . She shared many wonderful stories of her life and her family and I would give her a hard time of with the plastic on her living room furniture and she would giggle . And of course I was one of the recipients to eat her famous salad. Sweet soul . My condolences to all her family. God bless you . Many hugs sent .



Donna F. - November 23, 2022 at 12:48 PM

SH

“ Ms T- thank you for the many memories and lots of food you've given while I worked at PCAD.

Steven Ray Hogan - November 23, 2022 at 10:45 AM

FS

“ I will never forget you Mrs. T for all the times we spent together at the Fire House. The times I brought you groceries to your house and the help that I gave you for when you you needed it. You are a great person and will forever be in my heart.

Felton Shoemaker - November 23, 2022 at 10:42 AM

AF

“ Many good memories of my dear friend, Mrs Thompson! She made the best sweet potato pies! ❤️

Ann Filter - November 23, 2022 at 09:31 AM

CB

“ *CSM(Ret)Harold&Brigitte Burleson lit a candle in memory of Mary Thompson*



CSM(Ret)Harold&Brigitte Burleson - November 23, 2022 at 09:31 AM

PG

“ *Pulaski Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of Mary Thompson*



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - November 23, 2022 at 09:30 AM

JK

“ *We will always love you Mrs. T. Thank you for the many memories Sweet Pea.*

JB and Cheryl King - November 22, 2022 at 10:52 PM

LC

“ *Linda Cole-Schonbok sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Thompson*



Linda Cole-Schonbok - November 22, 2022 at 02:19 PM

SA

“ STACY SHARI ANDERSON lit a candle in memory of Mary Thompson



STACY AND SHARI ANDERSON - November 22, 2022 at 02:07 PM



“ 35 files added to the album Life Tributes



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - November 22, 2022 at 11:16 AM