



Mrs. Gladys Laverne Thompson

December 31, 1947 - March 19, 2023

Mrs. Gladys Laverne Ann Thompson gracefully passed away at age 75 at Wentworth Nursing and Rehabilitation facility in Magnolia, Arkansas. She was born December 31, 1947, and received her wings on Sunday, March 19, 2023.

Mrs. Thompson accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at a very early age. She was a musician at Shady Grove Baptist Church at 12 years old; and continued to play the piano as long as the Holy Spirit moved her until her health began to decline. Whenever Gladys wasn't singing or playing the piano for the Lord, she enjoyed spending time with her beloved sorority sisters—for she was a faithful and dedicated member of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated for over 50 years.

Mrs. Thompson graduated salutatorian from New Hope High School located in Mt. Holly, Arkansas, in 1965. She furthered her educational endeavors by attending UAPB and graduating cum laude with a B.S.E. in Social Science in 1969. Additionally, she studied at LSU-Baton Rouge to obtain credit for postgraduate studies. With years of educational training under her belt, Gladys dedicated over 40 years of teaching experience to students across the world in the following locations: Naples, Italy; Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Gulfport, MS; Charleston, SC; Millington, TN; San Diego, CA; and Augusta, AR.

Mrs. Gladys Thompson was preceded in death by her father, A.G. Williams; mother, Sylvia Willis; and husband, James Thompson, Jr.

She leaves the following family members behind to cherish her wonderful memories: a sister, Sharon Delois Ford of Magnolia, AR; brother, J.C. Williams of Mt. Holly, AR; brother-in-law, Bobby J. Ford of Magnolia, AR; nephews, Lonell Williams of California, and Bobby D. Ford of Magnolia, AR; nieces, Regina Clemons of Illinois, Dr. Shondranika Ford of Bossier City, LA, and Angel Phillips of Little Rock, AR; the “sunshine of her life,” and great niece Lydia Brielle Ford of Magnolia, AR. She has also left her eternal love and kindness to her great nieces and nephews, relatives, and a host of friends and family in Christ.

No public services or visitation will be rendered.

Tribute Wall

WH

“ *Wattie Harmon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Laverne Thompson*



wattie Harmon - April 06, 2023 at 07:40 PM

WH

“ LaVerne loved her family deeply. She talked endless about her sister Sharon and Bobby cooking and her two generations of nieces and nephews. I saw her mother in Augusta who was in her 90s and she lovingly if her father who so protective and living too. And her cousin expressing how close they were. LaVerne and I were roommates my senior year she patiently taught me how to play cards and listened to all the latest R&B songs at nights. I was her Dean of Pledgees when she crossed the Zeta Phi Beta burning sands. In Augusta she married my classmate, a Navy sailor and travelled and taught all over the world including Italy and Cuba. Her beautiful brick home in Augusta was destroyed by a F2 tornado . She hid in a closet that probably saved her life. She was so happy about back to her roots. To hear that Gid called her home was devastating. When I passed the news on to other Sorors they didn't know who I was talkin about. When I said LaVerne they immediately knew this beautiful woman spirit of being loving and caring. She will be missed. She was a charter member of Augusta Z Phi Beta and was so happy to join the Camden chapter and hook up with her line sisters. Her musician skills where shared with the entire Augusta community. She talked a lot about the Service and pleasure Club and the 2023 year of giving back and coming to the annual Christmas party. The Saint Luke Mussionary Baptist Church was a major part of her ministry. LaVerene you will be missed you are missed

wattie Harmon - April 06, 2023 at 05:16 PM

MS

“ Mary Strickland lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Laverne Thompson



Mary Strickland - April 04, 2023 at 05:16 PM

AN

“ Mrs. Thompson was a superb high school social studies teacher in Augusta, Arkansas for many years! I had the pleasure of learning Arkansas and world history in her classroom! She was very knowledgeable, thorough and always prepared to teach her students! She wrote on her chalkboard and on our assignments with a beautiful and almost perfect cursive hand writing. Prayers for her family and friends in her passing! May she rest in peace!

Arthur Neal - March 26, 2023 at 03:16 AM

GC

“ To the family...LOVE GRACE AND MERCY



Gwen Carter - March 25, 2023 at 11:48 AM

SS

“ Remembering your beautiful sister, aunt, friend, and church member, and wishing you God’s comfort during this difficult time.

When she lived in Augusta, AR, Mrs. Gladys lived near my parents, Richard and Marsha White. I remember attending several Christmas holiday parties where Mrs. Gladys would bring in infamous, yummy tea cakes! She was always classy and exemplified grace, warmth, and kindness.

May your loved one rest in peace.

Stephanie Sanders - March 25, 2023 at 09:51 AM

BW

“ We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Sister Thompson. May God bless and keep you is our prayer. Billy and Patricia Williams



Billy and Patricia Williams - March 24, 2023 at 02:29 PM

WS

“ Winder Sharp lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Laverne Thompson



Winder Sharp - March 24, 2023 at 08:51 AM

MC

“ Michael /Mary Clayton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gladys Laverne Thompson



Michael /Mary Clayton - March 24, 2023 at 08:47 AM

SO

“ Mrs. Gladys you will be deeply missed by me and my hubby. You have always supported us in our ministry. I wish that you would have had a proper home going so that we could be there for you. Praying that God will continue the rest of the family during their time of loss. We love you



Sandra O'Neal - March 23, 2023 at 08:36 PM

AB

“ Sending our heartfelt prayers and condolences to your family. May the peace of God be your comfort and strength. We love you.

Castings all cares,

Cousins, Abberteen, Margaret and Adrienna



Adrienna Lewis Benton - March 23, 2023 at 06:44 PM

MG

“ Miss you my friend. Emma Turner

Margaret Gilcrease - March 23, 2023 at 05:34 PM

MG

“ You will always be remembered to our family for your beautiful singing and music. Love the Gilcrease family

Margaret Gilcrease - March 23, 2023 at 05:26 PM

LH

“ My sincere condolences to Sharon Ford and the entire family of Mrs. Gladys Thompson. If there's anything I can do to comfort you please let me know. I'm praying for the family know that with much prayer comes much power.

Louise C. Harden - March 23, 2023 at 02:42 PM

MS

“ My condolences to the family.



Margie Chappel Standoak - March 23, 2023 at 11:28 AM

HS

“ Sending Prayers and Heartfelt Condolences to Mrs Sharon Ford and her beautiful Family in the passing of your beautiful and beloved sister Verne May God forever wrap his loving arms around you and comfort you 🙏🙏🙏



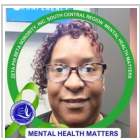
Hank and Frankie Shaw - March 23, 2023 at 10:32 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you family!



Gwen O'Guinn - March 23, 2023 at 09:10 AM



“ 2 files added to the album Crystal Dove Thompson



Frances Young - March 23, 2023 at 12:46 AM



SOROR THOMPSON WAS THE SWEETEST PERSON I KNOW. I WELL REALLY MISS HER.

Frances Young - March 23, 2023 at 12:48 AM

PG

Soror Sharon, you and your family has my deepest sympathy.

Patricia Glover - March 23, 2023 at 10:52 AM

CS

“ 1 file added to the album *Crystal Dove Thompson*



Carolyn Saterfield - March 22, 2023 at 10:29 PM

CS

I am honored to have known her. She poured into my life. Rest in love, Sweet Soror.

Carolyn Saterfield - March 23, 2023 at 02:31 AM

CS

“ 4 files added to the album *Crystal Dove Thompson*



Carolyn Saterfield - March 22, 2023 at 10:17 PM

LT

“ Many prayers go out to the family of our dear friend and neighbor Mrs. Laverne Thompson. She was a wonderful neighbor and like a big Sister! We were always laughing about things and we will miss her smile and laugh! She was a very distinguished Christian lady! Rest in the Lord dear Friend!!

Lawrence and Elaine Tucker - March 22, 2023 at 09:51 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gladys Laverne Thompson.



March 22, 2023 at 04:06 PM

RW

“ We are saddened about Gladys. She touched the lives of everyone who knew her. Gladys was a good neighbor of ours while she lived in Augusta. She would take me to several of my Doctors appointments. Also, she would pray with and for us. We may be separated by miles, but love keeps us close. Please accept our heartfelt sympathy from our family to yours. We will treasure Gladys memory for the rest of our lives. She was an amazing soul.

Richard & Marsha White - March 22, 2023 at 03:24 PM

MW

Please accept heart felt sympathy from Crystal Dove Soror Mildred A Webb. Gladys, my Soror, my friend was a beautiful soul. She was thoughtful, kind and encouraging. Or path crossed, first when she began her teaching career in Augusta. We reconnected after her retirement and my return to Augusta. She will forever live within our hearts. She inspired my walk into ZETADOM. Rest in love; Crystal Soror!💙💙💙💙

Mildred A Webb - March 23, 2023 at 01:18 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gladys Laverne Thompson.*



March 22, 2023 at 07:37 AM



“ *Gracie W Tucker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Laverne Thompson*



Gracie W Tucker - March 21, 2023 at 10:45 PM



Prayers for the family. So sorry for your lost

Gracie W Tucker - March 21, 2023 at 10:46 PM



Thank you ❤️

Sharon Ford - July 16, 2023 at 03:47 PM



“ *I had the pleasure of serving on the O.A.S.I.S. organization with Mrs. Gladys. She was one of the sweetest people I ever met and enjoyed my conversations with her each time we talked. She will be greatly missed.*

Floretta Smith - March 21, 2023 at 09:09 PM

SF

Thank you ❤️

Sharon Ford - July 16, 2023 at 03:48 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gladys Laverne Thompson.



March 21, 2023 at 09:07 PM

SM

“ Sidney And Nita Miles sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gladys Laverne Thompson



Sidney and Nita Miles - March 21, 2023 at 07:24 PM

SF



Sharon Ford - July 16, 2023 at 03:51 PM

SM

“ To The Family of Mrs. Gladys Laverne Williams Thompson
Our prayers and heartfelt condolences you and your family during this time of sorrow. We will continue to keep you in thoughts and Prayers.

Sidney and Nita Miles - March 21, 2023 at 07:18 PM

SF

Thank you so very much. Please keep us in your prayers. ❤️

Sharon Ford - July 16, 2023 at 03:52 PM

VJ

“ *Vevelyn Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gladys Laverne Thompson*



Vevelyn Jackson - March 20, 2023 at 08:38 PM

SF



Sharon Ford - July 16, 2023 at 03:52 PM

MP

“ *Mary S. Pickings lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Laverne Thompson*



Mary S. Pickings - March 20, 2023 at 06:53 PM

SF



Sharon Ford - July 16, 2023 at 03:53 PM

EB

“ *My condolences and prayers are with the family. Sister LaVerne Williams was such a beautiful person. My soror, my friend, and my member you will truly be missed. RIL....*

Eric Burton - March 20, 2023 at 04:36 PM

DH

“ Dearlean Hughes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Laverne Thompson



Dearlean Hughes - March 20, 2023 at 07:48 AM

SW

“ My Dear Oldest First Cousin in the Williams Clan. How my heart is hurting right now. You have traded a lifetime for a day in paradise!!! May God bless the family right now in the Name of Jesus is my prayer!!! Rest on!!! Shirley Ann

Shirley White - March 20, 2023 at 01:30 AM

LW

*My Dear Auntie I will always love you and the memories are eternal every day I think of you and all the great times we had here in San Diego. Thanks for caring for my Wife and Children when I was deployed. You are a blessing to have as a Aunt . My heart and my family heart is so hurting right now. You are in a better place Auntie. Thanks for the great times. Kathy loved your hot water cornbread on holidays 😭😭😭. Tell Grandma and Uncle James hello. Love you Auntie . Love you forever
Your Nephew Lonell.*

Lonell Williams - March 21, 2023 at 11:51 AM

CS

I have the distinct honor and pleasure of serving as President of the Camden Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., into which Soror Thompson transferred upon her re-location. She was the kindest, sweetest Finer Woman. She held the honor of Crystal Dove, designating 50+ years in the Sorority. Active in service, never tiring in her efforts, she fit right into our Chapter with her loving, giving spirit. We loved her dearly and will miss her tremendously. My condolences go out to the family. I pray God's comfort to cover you in your loss.

Carolyn Saterfield, Psi Iota Zeta Chapter

Carolyn Saterfield - March 22, 2023 at 08:50 PM