



Delores Thompson

January 6, 1934 - March 2, 2026

Delores Thompson, born January 6, 1934, in Joliet, Illinois, passed away leaving behind a legacy of resilience, kindness, and unwavering dedication to others. She was the beloved daughter of Edward Lewis and Effie Yarns Lewis, who instilled in her the values of hard work, compassion, and perseverance that she carried throughout her life.

A graduate of Joliet Township High School, Delores continued her education by taking college courses, always nurturing her curiosity and love of learning. She built a long and steady career as an office clerk with Baker & Taylor, where she worked faithfully for 22 years before retiring. Retirement, however, did not slow her spirit. Instead, Delores devoted the next 23 years to serving as a Foster Grandparent for Kankakee School District 111-an experience she cherished deeply. Her gentle presence, patience, and ability to connect with children made her a treasured figure in countless young lives. She attended Pembroke Reformed Church under the leadership of Pastor Hezekiah Brady.

Delores had a remarkable gift for adapting to all people and situations. Nothing could keep her down for long; she met life's challenges with grace, humor, and a quiet strength that inspired those around her. Her home was a place of comfort and creativity, where she enjoyed sewing, reading, and canning-hobbies that reflected her resourcefulness and love of tradition. Anyone fortunate enough to sit at her table knew the joy of her delicious

gumbo and her famously irresistible “ugly cake.”

She leaves to cherish her memory, her sons, Lamar (Martina) Thompson of Wehdel, Germany, Dana Thompson of Pembroke Township, IL, Rev. Donnell (Barbara) Thompson of Watseka, IL and Phillip Thompson of Pembroke Township, IL; her daughters, Cynthia Pickett of University Park, IL, Matireah (Michel) Thompson-Borders of New Lenox, IL and Celia Thompson of Hannibal, MO; sisters, Georgia Shirley and Jeanine Davis, both of Joliet, IL; a brother-in-law, Jesse Williams of Joliet, IL and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Beverly S. Thompson; a son, Charles Thompson; a son-in-law, Jewel Pickett; a daughter-in-law, Jorie Thompson; her siblings, William Lewis, Effie Lewis, Edward Lewis Jr., Bessie Lewis-Floyd, Willie Lewis, Christine Lewis-Webb, Ernestine Lewis-Jones, Oscar Lewis, Sylvester Lewis and Mary Lewis-Williams, and a brother-in-law, Raymond Shirley.

Cemetery Details

Momence Cemetery

Ganeer Township, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 13. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Second Baptist Church
717 N Wildwood Ave
Kankakee, IL 60901-2542
(815) 939-2421

Visitation

MAR 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Second Baptist Church
717 N. Wildwood
Kankakee, IL

Service

MAR 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

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717 N. Wildwood
Kankakee, IL

Tribute Wall

LC

“ LARRY D. COOPERI lit a candle in memory of Delores Thompson



LARRY D. COOPERI - March 20 at 10:23 AM

ES

“ My condolences and prayers to you and your family



Elizabeth Frances Stevenson - March 18 at 04:45 PM

JJ

“ Granny, it has been a pleasure to have met you in this life. Thank you for loving on me and checking in on me. Me and My Beard LOL is going to miss you! Rest well and keep watching over your children and grand children. Love you!



Joshua Johnson - March 16 at 03:42 PM

JW

“ Janet W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Delores Thompson.

Janet W. - March 14 at 04:19 PM

DW

“ My condolences to the family. Sending my sincere condolences to the Thompson family.



Dr. Dana Washington - March 13 at 09:52 PM

MH

“ Mayor Mark A. Hodge purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Delores Thompson.



Mayor Mark A. Hodge - March 13 at 10:36 AM

DB

“ Debra Butler would like to send my condolences to the Thompson family. Miss Thompson was like a mother to me. I worked with her at B&T for over 10 yrs. She was always kind and encouraging. She will surely be missed. My prayer goes out to the family. May God bless and keep you!

Debra Butler - March 12 at 12:31 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Delores Thompson.



March 11 at 07:25 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Delores Thompson.*



March 10 at 01:35 PM



“ *Eugene, Milton, LeEtta snd Mike Thompson purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Delores Thompson.*



Eugene, Milton, LeEtta snd Mike Thompson - March 10 at 11:50 AM



“ *Sincere prayers and condolences to the Thompson Family! Granny Thompson was the best Foster Grandparent at Lafayette Primary School! It was such a blessing to know her.*



Barnetta Harris - March 10 at 01:04 AM



“ *Sincere prayers of condolences to the Thompson Family! GrannyThompson was the best Foster Grandparent and such a blessing to know 🌸*



Barnetta Harris - March 10 at 12:53 AM

LV

“ Sending my sincere condolences and keeping you and your family in my prayers. May God bring you comfort, strength, and peace in the days ahead.



Lori D Velma-Davis - March 09 at 08:54 PM

PB

“ Cynthia and Donnell,

So sorry for your loss.

Pam Bloomquist - March 09 at 12:28 PM

JF

“ JOANN FORD-BOX lit a candle in memory of
Delores Thompson



JOANN FORD-BOX - March 08 at 11:58 AM