



Ms. Gertie B. Thompson

May 13, 1942 - September 18, 2023

My name is Gertie B. Thompson. Family and close friends affectionately call me 'B.' I was born to Maxine and LeRoy Cole on May 13, 1942. Growing up in a COGIC family, I embraced Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior at a young age.

In 1960, I graduated from Alamo Central High School, relocated to St. Louis, Missouri, and later married Bobby Leon Carter. Though the marriage was short-lived, it brought into my life two beautiful daughters, Constance Marie and Gwendolyn Darlene.

While in St. Louis, I pursued my passion for beauty, attending Beauty School and obtaining my Cosmetologist license. In 1972, I met and married the love of my life, Tilden Ray Thompson, who was serving in the United States Army. During our marriage, we had the opportunity to live in Okinawa, Japan, and Bad Toelz, Germany, which allowed me to explore places like the Philippines, Guam, Paris, Rome, Holland, Italy, and Spain, among others.

After my husband retired in 1982, we returned to St. Louis, where I worked for Southwestern Bell/AT&T and was a devoted member of San Francisco Temple Church of God in Christ. Our happiness was uninterrupted until he passed away in 1990. In 1997, I chose to retire and returned to my hometown of Bells, TN, where I pursued and obtained a degree in Early Childhood

Education.

In 2010, I decided to give marriage another chance and married William Johnson, Jr., moving to Memphis, TN, and attending Temple of Deliverance Church of God in Christ. Eventually, I returned to Bells, where I remained until my health declined, leading me to relocate to Virginia. On September 18, 2023, God called me home.

To my remaining family, my daughters Connie and Darlene, my son-in-law Anthony Adams, my sister Alice Faye McDearman, granddaughters Tiffany, Sydney, and Shelby, my aunt Lou Alice McClain, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends, I want to convey that while you may mourn my absence, find solace in knowing that I now rest in the loving arms of the Father, reunited with family who preceded me. God has been gracious to me.

I have found immense joy as His disciple, spreading the Gospel as a missionary, lifting praise through song and the piano, visiting the sick and those confined, and participating in the prison ministry. I have truly lived a blessed life. I love you and will miss you, but be encouraged and always, always trust in God.

Cemetery Details

Bellview Cemetery

Margin St
Bells, TN 38006

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bells First Baptist Church
55 Main Street
Bells , TN 38006

Celebration of Life

SEP 29. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Ms. Gertie B. Thompson*



Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home, Inc - September 27, 2023 at 01:44 PM

AF

“ *I remember Gertie as a Mother that was always striving for the best opportunities in life. I'm praying that God will continue to lift up her family in peace. Remember "Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal".*



Allison Fields & Family - September 28, 2023 at 11:35 PM

PB

“ *Ms. Gertie B ! My memories as a child in her home were always good! Darlene and I were inseparable and she always made me feel welcome. May God fold you into His loving arms. Rest well Lady* 💜

Patricia Bell - September 28, 2023 at 06:36 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ms. Gertie B. Thompson.*



September 28, 2023 at 06:31 PM



“ *TO OUR BELOVED GERTIE B MONICA AND I WILL TRULY MISS YOU AND OUR TALKS AND WHEN YOU WOULD DRIVE UP FROM TENNESSE ON SOME WEEKENDS TO VISIT US IN ST LOUIS. BACK IN THE DAY ON FOSS COURT WE HAD LOADS OF BEAUTIFUL FUN FAMILY HOLIDAYS AND BBQ'S WITH YOU DARLENE, CONNIE AND TILDEN. ESPECIALLY LOVE WHEN YOU WOULD HOP ON THE PIANO TOO AND THE GOOD FOOD YOU COOKED AND ALWAYS OFFERRING GREAT ADVICE TO MONICA AND I GOD BLESS OUR FAMILY*



Stephanie Torian - September 28, 2023 at 04:18 PM



“ *Stephanie Torian lit a candle in memory of Gertie Thompson*



Stephanie Torian - September 28, 2023 at 04:12 PM

SM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



stephanie and monica - September 28, 2023 at 04:04 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Gertie B. Thompson.



September 28, 2023 at 02:12 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ms. Gertie B. Thompson.

September 28, 2023 at 07:10 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ms. Gertie B. Thompson.



September 28, 2023 at 07:10 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Ms. Gertie B. Thompson.*



September 28, 2023 at 12:59 AM



“ *My condolences go out to Ms Gertie family.*



Odie Jackie and Jessic Butler - September 27, 2023 at 11:45 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ms. Gertie B. Thompson.*



September 27, 2023 at 11:09 PM



“ *Jacqueline B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Gertie B. Thompson.*

Jacqueline B. - September 27, 2023 at 10:58 PM

LD

“ *Condolences to the Family and friends.
Praying for comfort and peace from God, who
can give you at this difficult time.* ❤️



Larry and Mary Davis - September 27, 2023 at 07:06 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of
Ms. Gertie B. Thompson.*



September 27, 2023 at 02:30 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for
the family of Ms. Gertie B. Thompson.*



September 27, 2023 at 11:10 AM



“ *A [Memorial
Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ms. Gertie B. Thompson.*

September 27, 2023 at 11:10 AM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Ms. Gertie B. Thompson.*



September 27, 2023 at 10:01 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ms. Gertie B. Thompson.*



September 26, 2023 at 09:42 PM



“ *John 16:22 and Jesus said, Therefore you now have sorrow, but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no-one will take from you. The Ellison family pray for strength during this time.*



Jo Ann Ellison - September 26, 2023 at 03:28 PM



“ *I will miss you Mom. - Connie*



Constance Carter - September 26, 2023 at 11:53 AM

DB

“ *Lawrence & Diane Butler*



Diane Butler - September 22, 2023 at 07:41 PM

TT

“ *The Alamo, lit a candle in memory of Gertie Thompson*



The Mitchell's, Alamo, TN - September 21, 2023 at 10:52 PM

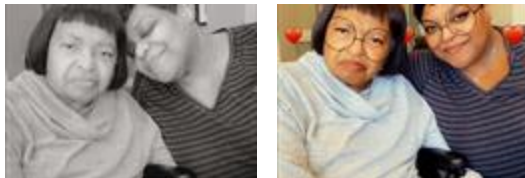
OP

“ *So sorry about the lost of our cousin Gertie Bee.*

opal Faye Parker - September 21, 2023 at 10:26 PM

GA

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Gwen Adams - September 21, 2023 at 01:00 AM

GA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Gwen Adams - September 21, 2023 at 01:00 AM

OB

Sorry for your lost Brooksfamily

Ollie faye Brooks - September 22, 2023 at 03:40 PM

SA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Shelby Adams - September 20, 2023 at 11:56 PM

MW

“ *Chandler, Cole and McDearman family: My deepest and most sincere sympathy in the loss of B.*



Marie Whitthorne - September 20, 2023 at 11:33 PM

JS

“ *Jimmie Dawson-Hudson & Napoleon Stew lit
a candle in memory of Gertie Thompson*



Jimmie Mae Dawson-Hudson & Napoleon Stew - September 20, 2023 at 05:53
PM