



## Mrs. Lillian Terry Newson

May 20, 1933 - November 7, 2012

Lillian Terry Newson was born on May 20, 1933 in Haywood County, TN, the daughter of the late Mrs. Idella Harden. She lived a full life and was loved by many.

At an early age Lillian confessed hope in Christ and joined Browns Creek Baptist Church. She later united with Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church where she was a faithful member until her health failed.

Lillian married the love of her life, Henry Terry, on June 25, 1960. She loved and cared for him in sickness and in health until his death in 1982. Lillian was also wed to William Newson for many years.

Mrs. Lillian Terry Newson gave birth to her only child, now known as Betty Thomas, on August 9, 1948. She also helped to raise her only grandchild, now Lisa Lyons by caring for her during most summers during her childhood. In addition to being a caregiver to her as a child, she served also served as a role model to Lisa until her recent death.

Lillian Terry Newson was an independent black woman before it was "in style". She always had her own house, her own car and her own job. She was a strong woman who spoke her mind whether you asked for her opinion or not. She was loving and had a great sense of humor. She shared her heart with

many and was loved in return by family and friends alike.

She treasured her relationship with her four sisters: Vergie Mae Brown of Jackson, TN, Annie Ruth Newble of Brownsville, TN the late Prince Tean Walker of Denmark, TN and the late Ruby Mae Briley of Jackson, TN.

Mrs. Terry Newson enjoyed gardening and had an unparalleled love for animals. Her dogs Sugar Ray and Tiny were well loved and taken care of. In her later years she transitioned into the neighborhood "cat lady", taking care of every stray cat within her reach.

Lillian Terry Newson is survived by her daughter Betty Thomas and son-in-law Henry Thomas, granddaughter Lisa Lyons and her "grandson" Stephen Lyons, great grandchildren Jada Lynn Lyons and Stephen Lyons II and her sisters Vergie Mae Brown and Annie Ruth Newble, in addition to numerous other nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Greater St. Luke Church Cemetery

117 Wallace Road  
Jackson, TN 38305

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 12. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home, Inc.  
807 N. Hays Avenue  
Jackson, TN 38301  
(731) 427-7411  
[info@stephenson-shaw.com](mailto:info@stephenson-shaw.com)  
<https://www.stephenson-shaw.com>

## Service

NOV 13. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Mt. Zion Baptist Church  
201 West Chester Street  
Jackson, TN 38301

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Lillian Terry Newson*

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