



Gwendolyn "Mama Gwen" Thornton

November 17, 1932 - October 31, 2012

Bloomington-

Gwendolyn "Mama Gwen" Thornton, 79, of Bloomington, passed away Wednesday, October 31, 2012 at Advocate BroMenn Regional Medical Center in Normal. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, November 10, 2012 at 11 am at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church in Bloomington with Rev. Frank L Mcswain Sr officiating.

Visitation will be held on Friday, November 9, 2012 at Kibler-Brady-Ruestman Memorial Home in Bloomington from 6-8 pm and from 10-11 am at the church on Saturday.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the family in Gwendolyn's name. The family of Gwendolyn has entrusted the care of their loved one to Kibler-Brady-Ruestman Memorial Home in Bloomington.

Gwendolyn was born to the union of Booker T. and Minnie (Thompson) Meaders on November 17, 1932 in Bloomington. She married Henry E. Thornton on March 4, 1961 in Bloomington, he preceded her in death on September 12, 1972.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory, her children, Muriel Thornton of Bloomington, Alice Moss (Greg Hutson) of Arrowsmith, Jackquice (William) Mitchell of Bloomington, Donna Thornton (James Greene) of Bloomington, Quinn (Brenda) Thornton of Bloomington, Derrick Thornton of Florida, Ina Joy Carter of Birmingham, AL; step-children, Johnny Brown, and Ruby Diles both of Birmingham, AL; four God-children, Kimberly Anderson, James Anderson, Beverly Gay, Bobbi Kess. 41 Grandchildren, 51 Great Grandchildren and 8 Great-Great grandchildren; devoted nieces Marty

Thornton,Michelle Thompson and Phyllis Owensby; nephews Randall and Gregory Thompson, a host of great-nieces and nephews and in-laws that were always dear to her heart.

In addition to her husband Henry,

Gwendolyn was preceded in death by her parents, a son, Michael "Fritzie"

Thornton, grandsons, Darren "D.T." Thornton and Ronald "J.B."

Thornton, a great-grandson, Malachi Thornton, one brother,Arthur "Skeets" Thompson, one sister, Marion Thompson, an uncle, Fred "Cabbage"

Johnson, and one nephew Michael "Mikey" Thompson.

Gwendolyn graduated from

Bloomington High School; she worked for General Electric, Illinois State University and later worked for State Farm Insurance. She was a member of Union Missionary Baptist Church in Bloomington. She served as Superintendent of Sunday school, Lilly of the Valley, President of the Pastor's Aide, Kitchen Committee, Deaconess and was on the Mother's Board of the Church. She was also a member of the Progressive Women's Club of Bloomington.

Mama Gwen enjoyed serving in the

church, cooking, hosting dinner parties and she enjoyed shopping and had an eye for fashion. She also loved wearing and collecting hats. Gwen was a mother to everyone and loved spending time with her family -- her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren were her pride and joy. She also enjoyed sending cards and corresponding by telephone with family and friends near and far.

Online condolences may be sent to

the family at kiblerbradyruestman.com.

Comments



“ We love you and will continue to keep our family in prayer. 2 Samuel 1:12 teaches us that it is okay to mourn the loss of our loved ones.

Prayerfully yours,

The Waddell's
Milwaukee, WI

Robert & Trini Waddell - October 28, 2014 at 11:51 AM



“ The only thing I can say is you all are in my prays, and the Lord has picked another beautiful flower for his garden. God Bless you and remain strong. You will remain in my prays.

Alona Kirksey - October 28, 2014 at 11:51 AM



“ There are no worda that would describe the lost of your (our) mom. But guess what? we are blessed to have had parents that introduced us to the Lord so that in times like these we know to look to the hills from whence cometh our help. Your help cometh from the Lord.

Love Ya forever
Donna Surrett

Clydona Surrett - October 28, 2014 at 11:51 AM



“ Mama Gwen has traveled full circle. While she will be missed, her wisdom, love and laughter will live on. My prayers are that both family and friends will find comfort in knowing that she is with the Lord.

Kathy Stoner-Davis - October 28, 2014 at 11:51 AM



“ Family, May the Peace of God which transcends all understanding, will guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4-7

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