

Honorary Pallbearers

**Victor Mann
Caleb Maxwell**

**Roderick Smith Jr.
Christopher Maxwell**

Nathaniel Rossum

Acknowledgement

Thank you for your kindness during our deepest sadness. It is sincerely appreciated and will always be remembered.

With Love,

**The Family of
Evelyn Fae Thurmond
July 4, 1946 - November 24, 2020**



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In Loving Memory of



**Sunrise:
July 4, 1946**

**Sunset:
November 24, 2020**

Evelyn Fae Thurmond

Graveside Service

Saturday, November 28, 2020 - 11:00 A.M.

ST. JOHN BAPTIST CEMETERY

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Tributes

I am thankful God gave me you for my mama. You taught me how to find the joy and happiness in the small things. You taught me how to survive with very little. I can still hear you say “you can’t starve me” as long as I have a little flour, salt, and baking soda” we will be alright. I will always hold the memories of you in my heart and soul. I will think of something you said and just laugh to myself because you had a way of expressing yourself like no one else. The life we had was not easy at all—but if I had the chance to do it all over again with you, I would say yes in the blink of an eye.

**Until we meet again,
Kim**

Dear Ms. Evelyn... So many things I’d hope to share on our next visit... but we’ll have to finish our talk later... for now – just want to thank you for raising godly children and embracing me as one of your own. Your life and the core values of being strong black woman are so evident in Kim, and now seen in Kiva and Kennedy. You never left me without encouraging me to do better, rest, and take care of myself. Your last words to me were “I love you “and I’ll never forget it. They say, “you never stop loving someone, you just learn to live without them...”. Goodbye for now... rest

**Love “Always” Chris
(favorite son in law)**

Dear Granny, I love and miss you so much. I would give the entire world to play Candyland with you one more time or rant about Dancing with the Stars. The precious memories that I have with you are countless. I want to thank you for loving me so well. Thanks for the sass, the love, but most importantly, the memories.

Kiva

Order of Service

Processional
The Ministers, Pallbearers, & Family
Cunningham Funeral Directors in Charge

Scripture

Prayer

Song

”Just a Little While to Stay Here” by Mahalia Jackson
(Read Obituary Silently)

Remarks

(Please, Limit 5 Mins)

Prayer

Presentation

(Cunningham Directors)

Committal

Benediction (Read Aloud Together)

Lord may you bless her and keep her. May your face shine upon her. And be gracious to her. May you lift up your countenance upon her and give her peace. Amen, Almighty God as you once called our sister Evelyn into this life, so now you have called her into life everlasting.

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When I'm Gone

**When I come to the end of my journey
And I travel my last weary mile,
Just forget if you can, that I ever frowned
And remember only the smile.**

**Forget unkind words I have spoken;
Remember some good I have done,
Forget that I ever had a heartache
And remember I've had loads of fun.**

**Forget that I have stumbled and blundered
And sometimes fell by the way.
Remember I have fought
Some hard battles and won,
Ere the close of the day.**

**Then forget to grieve for my going,
I would not have you sad for a day,
But in summer just gather some flowers
And remember the place where I lay.**

**And come in the evening
When the sun paints the sky in the west,
Stand for a few moments beside me
And remember only my best.**



~ Obituary ~

Evelyn Fae Thurmond was born July 4, 1946 to the parentage of Ruby Rossum and Herman Smith.

Evelyn was baptized and accepted Christ as her Savior at Corinth Church of Christ (now New Hope Church of Christ).

Evelyn was a strong woman with a feisty spirit. She had a way of leaving a lasting impression on those she met. She did her best to instill the love of the Lord, education, and hard work into her children.

Evelyn is preceded in death by her parents, sisters Cynthia Kay Tennyson and Herma Jean Pittman; her brother Willie Smith; and her two sons-Randy Smith and Roderick Smith.

Evelyn leaves to cherish her memory: Daughter Kim C. Maxwell (McKinney, TX), Grandchildren, Victor Mann (Chay), Roderick Smith Jr, Latisha Walker (Gerard), Kiva Maxwell, Caleb Maxwell, Kennedy, and six great grandchildren. Siblings Debra Rossum Brookins and Nathaniel Rossum (Lenora), nieces, nephews, and a host of friends and family.



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