

Precious Memories



Active Pallbearers

Reggie King
Madero Thurmond
Marquito Thurmond

Dewan Mitchell
Rondrel Thurmond
Kevin Mitchell

Honorary Pallbearers

Anthony Thurmond
Norman Rossum
Joe Anderson

Danny Williams
Larry Rossum
Calvin Mitchell

Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair; perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so, we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console the heart, we thank you so much whatever the part.

The Thurmond Family

Interment

New Hope Cemetery
Kilgore, TX

~The family will gather immediately after the interment for repast at the church~



"No Service Can Compare"

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Home Going Celebration for

Mrs. Crezzetta Maude Thurmond

Sunrise:
October 16, 1925

Sunset:
May 7, 2024



Services

Saturday, May 11, 2024 @ 1:00 P.M.
New Hope Missionary Baptist Church
6529 County Road 292 E.
Kilgore, Texas 75662

Her Life & Legacy

On Friday, October 16, 1925, a beautiful baby girl was born in the New Hope Community, Kilgore, Texas. She was welcomed by her parents, the late Leah and John Williams. Crezzetta was soon followed by a brother, Erastus Williams. At the young age of 4 years, Crezzetta lost her mother due to complications of childbirth. For a time "Nanny", Rock", and "Buster" were reared by their Maternal Grandparents, Grandma Alice and Papa Charles. When her father remarried, Crezzetta became the oldest of what would eventually become 14 children.

She grew up in the New Hope Community where she attended school. She was active in sports and excelled in the game of Basketball. She loved school. As a child she joined the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church where her family has attended and served for 147 years. She actively served in the church as a child and continued through adulthood until her health failed.

As a young woman, Crezzetta met and married Veas Thurmond, the love of her life. Together they raised six children. After 55 years, he preceded her in death. Her parents, stepmother, Eldora Williams, ten of her siblings: Erastus Williams, Charles Williams, twins; Helen Jean Jones and Ernestine Smith, Calvin Williams, Wanda Robertson, Maxine Maddox, twins; Lawrence Williams and Florence Garland, and Alice Faye Williams, her daughter, Joyce Ann Roy and son Carl Edward Thurmond all preceded her to Glory. She leaves to cherish her memories, her three siblings; John Lee Williams, Marion Johnson, and Gary Sue Arnwine; her son, James R. Thurmond (Marie); her daughters Barbara Mitchell (Calvin), Jo Frances March, Mary Anderson (Joe), and Ann Rossum (Larry); 14 grandchildren, Aleshia Whitaker Porter, Reginald King, Anthony Thurmond, Angela Thurmond, Dewan Mitchell, Madero Thurmond, Ronny Thurmond, Shurhonda Thurmond Chumbley, Kenyetta Mitchell Hickmon, Marquito Thurmond, Kevin Mitchell, Kamethia Mitchell, Jarell Anderson, and Andrea Rossum; 42 great-grandchildren, 21 great-great grandchildren; brother-in-law Norman Gary Rossum; cousin Marion Settles-Melton, and the staff and residents the Willows in Kilgore.

Crezzetta loved her children and grandchildren unconditionally and beyond measure. She always did her best to ensure they were well educated and maintained a good work ethic. She often told them stories of how, as a young girl, she had to pick cotton and clean houses to help provide for her siblings. One of her biggest regrets was having to leave school in the 11th grade to begin working full time. Therefore, each of her children knew, "All I want is for every one of my kids to graduate." She insisted her children performed to the best of their ability so, "If anything ever happens to me, y'all will be able to take care of yourselves." Each and every one made sure she got her wish.

Having lived 98 years Crezzetta lived a full and productive life. She enjoyed cooking, gardening, and pressing hair. It was her pleasure to serve others. She worked as a housekeeper for several families in Kilgore. Over the years she kept the homes and helped raise the children of Charles and Joanne Whiteside, Beau and Joyce Davidson, Lewis and Imogene Terry, and Larry and Judy Perkins. She also provided food and shelter to many siblings, nephews, nieces as well as children in the community. She could always, "Make room for one more."

"Big Momma" got her crown and wings at 3:40 A.M. on Tuesday, May 7, 2024. She passed peacefully surround by family. To God be the Glory!

A MOTHER'S Love

There's no love like a mother's,
Her heart is filled with care.
With Christ as her example,
Her Savior's love she'll share.

A mother's love is endless,
Not changing for all time.
When needed by her children,
A mother's love will shine.

God bless these special mothers,
God bless them every one.
For all their tears and heartaches,
And special work they've done.

When days on earth are over,
A mother's love lives on,
Through many generations,
God's blessings on each one.

Be thankful for our mothers,
Who love with higher love,
From power God has given,
And strength from up above.



Order of Service

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

Congregational Song

Holy Scriptures:

Old Testament.....Rev. Keith Battles

New Testament.....Rev. Joe Sanders Jr.

Prayer.....Rev. Charles A. Tutt

Musical Selection.....Rev. James E. Lister

Resolution.....Sis. Yvette Barnes

Remarks.....Limit 2 Minutes, Please

Acknowledgement.....Sis. Rene' Centers

Obituary.....Read Silently

Musical Selection.....Rev. Donald E. Daniels

Eulogy.....Rev. Donald E. Daniels

Presentation.....Cunningham Directors

A Glimpse til' Glory.....Cunningham Directors

Recessional