



Dr. Katie Lee Thompson

December 19, 1919 - August 8, 2013

In lieu of flower donations to: Katie L. Thompson Family Educational Trust

Life Reflections:

Dr. Katie Lee Thompson, affectionately known as Puddin, Mommy, and MaMeré, was born December 19, 1919 in Cotton Plant, AK to Garnett and Janett Cochran. She was the first of only two children born of this union. The second was her sister Frankie Mae Webb, who preceded her in death.

Katie graduated from Cotton Plant Public Schools and went on to attend Philander Smith College in Little Rock, AK. Later, she met the love of her life Dick H. Thompson. They were married March 21, 1943 before moving to Detroit, MI where their six children were born.

After a few years as a stay-at-home mom, Girl Scout leader, Boy Scout den mother, and parent-educator, she began working for the Michigan Employment Security Commission and held other jobs before she began her long career as a math teacher with Detroit Public Schools.

While all of her children were still in school, Katie returned to college to complete her undergraduate education. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree the same year that Theresa, her oldest child, graduated from high school. She continued her education all the while she was working and caring

for her family. Katie earned a Master's degree and a Specialist's degree in Education from Wayne State University in Detroit, MI and later earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree from Walden University in Naples, FL. A noteworthy accomplishment was a mathematics laboratory that she created and operated -using computer technology and games to engage students having difficulty with math. She made learning fun!

Katie was raised in the church and baptized at an early age. She joined New Light Baptist Church in the mid-1950s. As a longtime member of New Light, she taught Sunday School and was chairperson for the Adult Division of Christian Education, an active member of the Good Samaritans, and Widows' Ministries. Most significantly, she was a warrior for the Lord who made certain that all of her children were grounded in the church and in Christ. She also was active in her community as well as in several professional organizations: the Underwood Block Club, National League of Women Voters, Wayne State Alumni Association, Walden University Alumni Association, and the Eta Phi Beta Sorority.

Dr. Katie Lee Thompson was a phenomenal woman of many talents. With a gracious manner, soft voice and a gentle touch, she daily accomplished the impossible. At 93 years of age, she had survived the loss of her husband in 1990 and her oldest son Dick Jr. in 2001. Katie was the mother-head and role model for four generations: her children, their children, and their children's children. She was always humble, always stressing education, love of the Lord, and love of family.

On Thursday, August 8, 2013 while at home surrounded by family, Katie passed peacefully and quietly onto heaven's gate.

Cemetery Details

Grand Lawn Cemetery

23501 Grand River
Detroit, MI 48219

Previous Events

Visitation

Tuesday, Aug. **13.** 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 838-9770
info@pyefuneralhome.com

Family Hour

Wednesday, Aug. **14.** 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Light Baptist Church
5240 W. Chicago
Detroit, MI 48204

Funeral Service

Wednesday, Aug. **14.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Katie Lee Thompson*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *I thank God for everything she has taught me and the love she gave me she taught me how to write, read, and math I thank God for her prayers because It saved me in a time I was lost. I thank her for believing in everyone and I thank God for her. Through her I know what a real loving carding God fearing woman is suppose to be. She was kind and I have never heard her use any bad language. She always said great things and I will forever have her in my heart in the name of You Hey Wav Hey thank you for her love 01/07/23*

Antone Banks - January 07, 2023 at 05:13 PM



“ *I want to thank everyone for their support during this hard time for my family. We appreciate all of you so very much. Mamere I love you and I will miss you so very much. Have fun on the other side.*

jazznae - August 20, 2013 at 01:25 AM

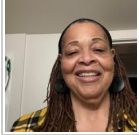


“ *To Ron and Family. Gene H. and Pauline Ash Sr. send their sincere sympathy to you! We pray for the comforter to be with you. Love!*

Gene & Pauline Ash



Pauline Ash - August 14, 2013 at 07:13 AM



“ *God bless each and everyone of my family members with strength and comfort. I love you all and my prayers are with you.*



Michelle Mason - August 13, 2013 at 11:36 PM



“ *Kim Colston lit a candle in memory of Dr. Katie Lee Thompson*



kim colston - August 13, 2013 at 03:34 PM



may god bless the thompson family.

kim colston - August 13, 2013 at 03:36 PM



I love you Momere may you rest in eternal peace !!

Rhonda Marie Mason - August 14, 2013 at 03:07 AM



“ *may your faith in the lord promise of everlasting life bring you comfort in your time of sorrow. may god bless the thompson family. from ruth hoard and family on underwood street*

kim colston - August 13, 2013 at 03:23 PM



Amanda,

May your Mother's loving memories remain your heart forever, and may the GRACE of GOD be with you and the family.

Love,

Theresa Wallace and Family

Theresa Wallace - August 14, 2013 at 01:56 AM



I miss you Mamere!

Jazznae Thomas - October 03, 2022 at 11:16 PM