

IN REMEMBRANCE OF



Mildred
DURHAM-THOMPSON

April 9, 1948 - August 28, 2025



FUNERAL SERVICE

Saturday, September 6, 2025 | 2:00PM

MT. PROSPECT BAPTIST CHURCH

339 West Black Street

Rock Hill, SC 29730

Obituary

Mildred Jean Durham-Thompson, a devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend, entered eternal rest on **August 28, 2025**, at the **age of 77**. She was born on **April 9, 1948**, to the late **Calvin Durham** and **Bessie Hall-Durham**.

She was preceded in death by her husband, **Arthur Allison**; her sisters, **Emma Dixon** and **Carol Perry**; and her great-grandson, **Travis Cathcart Jr.**

Mildred's greatest joy was her family. She leaves to cherish her memory three children: sons **Victor Durham (Tamesha)** and **Carwin Thompson (Teresa)**, and daughter **Tashica Thompson**; her grandchildren: **Travis Cathcart**, **Shataja Thompson**, **Kenya Thompson**, **Julius Durham**, **Justin Durham**, and **Ashley Durham**; and her great-grandchildren: **Kailee Gaither**, **Jace Porter-Thompson**, **Brayden Durham**, **Amaya Cathcart**, **Jayden Key**, **Cymphonique Cathcart**, **Dinari Cathcart**, and **Khalel Cathcart**. She is also survived by her brother, **Bynun Durham**; her brother-in-law, **Aaron T. Perry Jr.**; seven nieces, four nephews; and a host of extended family and friends. Mildred shared a special bond with her cousins, **Carolyn Neely** and **Willie George Hall (Gladys)**, who held a very dear place in her heart—and though Willie George was her cousin by blood, she affectionately considered him her uncle.

Educated at **Emmett Scott High School**, Mildred dedicated many years of service to her community through her hard work and commitment. She worked as a sewer at Klearknits, as a cook at Anna J's and Winthrop University, and later as a shift lead at McDonald's. Wherever she worked, she was known for her strong work ethic, her generosity, and her warm personality that touched the lives of those around her. Her home church was **New Hope United Methodist Church**, where she found strength, fellowship, and spiritual encouragement throughout her life.

She also found joy in life's simple pleasures. She loved listening to gospel music, gathering with loved ones to play cards, and enjoying her favorite meals—especially seafood and dark meat chicken. Though her journey was not without challenges, her life was a testimony of resilience, perseverance, and enduring love.

She will be remembered for her laughter, her strength, and her unwavering devotion to her family. Mildred's memory will live forever in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

Order Of Service

PROCESSIONAL

Clergy and family

MUSICAL SELECTION

New Hope United Methodist Church Choir

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Pastor CT Kirk

New Testament Rev A.T. Murdock

PRAYER OF COMFORT

Rev A.T. Murdock

SOLO

Yakina Edwards

REFLECTIONS

Family and Friends (2 minutes each, please)

POEM

Highway to Heaven Ashley Durham

EULOGY

Apostle Dwaiton McCoy - United Believers Fellowship

MUSICAL SELECTION

New Hope United Methodist Church Choir

CLOSING PRAYERS AND BLESSING

RECESSIONAL

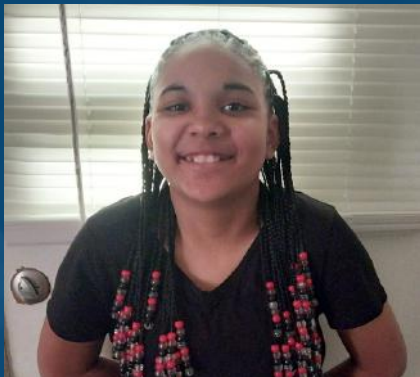


Highway to Heaven

My Grandma's road was rugged and long,
With rocky turns, yet she stayed strong.
Though wrong steps came, she still would pray,
And found her strength along the way.

She was my Grandma, but so much more,
A mother, an aunt, a friend we adore.
Through every trial, her love would show,
A lasting light that helps us grow.

Now heaven's gates are open wide,
Grandma walks free on the other side.
Her race is finished, her crown is won,
Her peace eternal has just begun.



Tributes



Grandma, I am going to miss hearing your voice late at night while I'm working, and those moments when I would call you for a recipe or just to spend time with you. I'll miss the voicemails you left me when I couldn't answer the phone — little reminders of your love and presence. Your voice, your wisdom, and your laughter will forever echo in my heart. Thank you for every memory and every moment we shared.

With all my love,
Kenya Thompson (Granddaughter)

Ma, you're truly going to be missed, and my heart is so heavy because I wasn't expecting this. You were my strength and my comfort, always there with love and wisdom no matter what I faced. It's hard to imagine life without your voice and your smile, but I'll carry your lessons and your love with me forever. Rest peacefully, Ma—I love you more than words can ever say.

Love,
Carwin Thompson (Son)

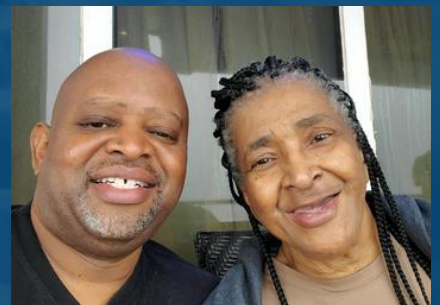


Grandma, I'm going to miss you so much. I'll always cherish our calls and conversations about movies and TV shows—they were our special moments. I will never forget "Grandma Day" when I was a kid, the laughter we shared, and how we enjoyed a good Pepsi and Lay's chips together. Those memories will always stay in my heart, and I'll carry your love with me forever.

With all my love,
Shataja Thompson (Granddaughter)

There are no words to express how I feel. We always think we have more time, but I'm grateful for the moments and trips we shared. You were loved by so many and taught us more than you know. We will miss you dearly. Love you always, Mom.

Love,
Victor Durham (Son)





We shared so many memories throughout the years. You will always be in my heart. You will never be forgotten. Rest in peace. I love you.

With all my love,
Carolyn Neely (Cousin)

Grandma words can't even describe the way I'm feeling without you here right now. I catch myself several times out the day thinking about how you would call me to check on me and it would end up with laughter, me coming by with something sweet, or bringing some grub. Things won't be the same without you here and your voice will be truly missed. You will forever live in not just mine but all of our hearts. I miss you I love you.

Love,
Julius Durham (Grandson)



“There are some people whose presence makes the world brighter, the laughter louder, and the love deeper. Mildred was one of those people.”



Acknowledgement

The family of the late Mildred Jean Durham-Thompson would like to extend their sincere appreciation for the overwhelming love, support, and sympathy shown during this difficult time. Your comforting words, thoughtful gestures, and presence have provided us with great strength and comfort.

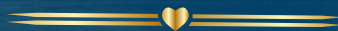
To everyone who sent flowers, cards, prayers, and messages of condolence — thank you for honoring Mildred's memory. Your kindness will always be remembered and cherished by our family.

~ THE FAMILY ~



Interment

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