



## Erma Tennessee Thurman

September 22, 1913 - February 22, 2011

Erma Tennessee Thurman, age 97 of Dayton, died Tuesday February 22, 2011 at Life Care Center of Rhea County. She was born September 22, 1913 in Baxter, TN to the late Monroe and Lillie (Jones) Thomas. She was also preceded in death by her husband of 65 years William Allen Thurman, sons Floyd Odell Thurman and William Thomas Thurman, brothers Ernest, Jesse, James and Junior Thomas, sisters Effie Ingle, Ruby Miller and Ivadell Conley, grandsons Randy Thurman and Darren Aslinger, great-grandchildren Whitney Boone, Randall and Kendall Thurman, sons-in-law Willard Hall and Joe Ferguson and daughter-in-law Sammie Thurman.

She was a member of the Mt. Vernon Baptist Church in Sale Creek, TN. She loved the Lord and took great pride in studying and reading the entire Bible numerous times. She loved her family and taught them to love one another. She was a great cook, seamstress and quilter.

She is survived by her sons Hoyal Thurman of Sale Creek and John (Joyce) Thurman of Cookeville, daughters Virginia Ferguson, Aileen (Melvin) Wilkey and Jane (Neal) Stultz of Dayton, Anna (Bill) Aslinger of Sale Creek and June (Jim) Poole of Evensville, TN, daughter-in-law Norene Thurman of Dayton, brother, Arthur Thomas of Evensville and sister Imogene Suttles of Dayton, 19 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren and 18 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Erma will be held Friday at 1:00 pm in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Clyde Fitzgerald and Rev. Darrell Walden officiating. Burial will be in the Smith-Wilkey Cemetery in Spring City.

Please share your memories of Erma on her on-line guest register at [www.vanderwallfh.com](http://www.vanderwallfh.com).

The family is being served by the Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton where they will receive friends Thursday after 4:00 pm.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **24**. 4:00 PM - 12:00 AM (ET)

Vanderwall Funeral Home  
164 Maple Street  
Dayton, TN

## Service

FEB **25**. 1:00 PM.

Chapel

# Tribute Wall



“ We are so sorry about Odell and Mrs. Thurman. You are in our prayers. We are still at Vanderbilt for 59 more days. All is going well and we Praise the Lord for his goodness to us. We will continue to remember you as you face the days to come##imported-begin##Mack and Julene Morgan##imported-end##

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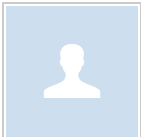
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“ Hoyal, John C., Virginia, Aileen, Jane, Anna Ruth, June and Norene, words cannot express our feelings to you at this time. Even though your hearts ache like nothing you can explain, just remember where “Ernie” is and who she’s with...Allen, Odell, Sammie, Ernest, Jesse, James, Junior, Ruby, Ivadell, Poppaw and Nannie...they must be having a great time!! You all are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Dorothy Powell Massengill, Brenda and David Powell##imported-end##

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“ Death leaves a heartache that no one can fill, BUT.. Love leaves a memory that no one can steal, I pray you (we) all can find happiness in all the memories shared over the years, and find peace in knowing she is in no more pain, cant you just see her ringing them poor ole chickens necks???Love you all##imported-begin##Kathy##imported-end##

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“ I still remember the visits to her home in Coulterville and especially their home in Graysville since Jimmy and June lived close to them. She was always so nice to me and so much fun to be around. I look forward to seeing her, Odell and especially Sammie in heaven.##imported-begin##Sammy Poole##imported-end##

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“ To all of the Thurman Family, I was so sorry to hear about you Mother passing and to let you all know that I am keeping you all in my prays and asking God to give you all peace in knowing that she is no longer in pain and she is in a better place and with Allen, Odell and even Donnie and we shall be there to someday. The picture of her is really pretty, but i remember her from down on McDonald Farm over 50 yrs agoand each of you can find peace within your selfs as she was a wonderful mother and had wonderful and caring children that loved her dearly as i did not. Let me know if there is anything I can do for any of you.  
Lov a Friend  
Lois##imported-begin##Lois (Holland) Warren##imported-end##

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you in the loss of your loved one. May God bless and guide you in the difficult days ahead. With sympathy.  
Ruby and Don Gentry  
Judy and Richard Longworth##imported-begin##Ruby and Don Gentry, Judy and Rick Longworth##imported-end##

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. I know she is loving it in Heaven right now. I remember when we were little going Christmas Caroling we would always stop at her house. She was always there with her arms open wide to receive hugs. She was a very loving person and my heart goes out to the family. I love you guys.##imported-begin##Kathi Wiegmann (Hodge)##imported-end##

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