



Thelma Thurman

August 18, 1930 - June 5, 2015

Thelma Thurman, age 84 of Dayton passed away Friday morning June 5, 2015 at Life Care of Rhea County. She was born in Bledsoe County on August 18, 1930 to the late McVay Dunn and Laura (Swafford) Dunn Hankins. She was also preceded in death by her step-father Johnny Hankins, grandson Jimmy Angel, sisters Mary Ann Seals, Lenna Hurst, Ruby Roberts and Lelia Thurman and brothers York Dunn, Dan Dunn, Tunney Dunn, and Nelma Dunn and son-in-law Eddie Dowden.

Thelma lived most her life in Dayton and retired from Kayser Roth after twenty plus years as a seamstress. She was a volunteer at We Care for over ten years and enjoyed crafts, sewing, and fishing. She was a member of The Family Church in Dayton.

She is survived by three daughters Wanda (James) Pinkerton of Kingston, Betty (Randall) Reed of Pikeville and Gladys Dowden of Dayton, two brothers Junior (Shirley) Hankins of Bledsoe County, Lawrence Hankins of GA, five grandchildren David Angel, Steve Reed, Donna Brock, Patty Cathey and Michael Dowden, ten great-grandchildren Jimmy Beville, Megan Angel, Kevanne Beville, Ashley Hughes, Creedence Brock, Matthew Reed, Gracie Reed, Gabriel Cathey, Emily Cathey, Anderson Cathey and one great-great grandson Malachi Hughes.

Funeral services will be Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Darryl Smith officiating. She will be laid to rest in Rhea Memory Gardens.

The family is being cared for by Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton where they will receive friends Saturday evening from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 pm.

Please share your memories of Thelma on her online guest register at www.vanderwallfh.com

Cemetery Details

Rhea Memory Gardens

Highway 27 Bypass P.O. Box 148
Dayton, TN 37321
(423) 775-2662

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **6**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Vanderwall Funeral Home, Inc.
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Service

JUN **7**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I just seen where miss Thelma passed ,,,, I loved this lady I knew her when she was at we are , the. I lived by her also I'm sorry for your loss May Gods comfort keep you,,,your missed miss Thelma



sandra sugden - October 12, 2015 at 05:29 PM

JR

“ I just found out about Thelma's passing. I worked with her at Kayser-Roth for 11 years and sat across from her most of that time. I loved Thelma, she was always smiling. She was always cooking and bringing us something to eat. I still make her Pumpkin bread today. It was an honor to have known her. Judy Reid

Judy Reid - June 26, 2015 at 07:33 AM

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“ I had the pleasure of working with Thelma at Kayser Roth for years and she was a fun person to work with. I know she will be missed by all of you. May God be with you and comfort you.

Susan Nixon - June 07, 2015 at 05:51 PM

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“ Betty, I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers for comfort for you and your family. Sarah Williams Norris.

Sarah Norris - June 06, 2015 at 08:36 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Thelma Thurman.*



June 05, 2015 at 04:11 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Thelma Thurman.*



June 05, 2015 at 04:05 PM