



Letitia Thornton

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Letitia Thornton, 70, of Chattanooga, passed away Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at her residence. She was born July 5, 1954, to Jep and Louise Thornton. Letitia was the fourth of five children born to Jep and Louise Thornton, both of LaGrange, GA. She was preceded in death by her loving parents; her sister, Louvene Thornton White; and her niece, Nikki Montgomery Bolden. God blessed Letitia with many talents, and she shared her gifts with as many people as possible. She was always making things and giving them to others. Letitia was saved at a very young age but began a close relationship with God in 1979, which she described as wonderful. She worked at several places in Chattanooga, TN, as well as at BellSouth in Atlanta, GA. A proud graduate of Howard High School's Class of 1972, she also attended UT Chattanooga. Letitia was a longtime member of Tucker Missionary Baptist Church, Friendship Central Community Church, and the Titus II Women's Class. She participated in numerous organizations across the city, including serving on the Board of Rainbow Daycare Center. Though maintaining employment was challenging due to continuous health problems, Letitia never stopped trying. She drew strength from God, her parents, family, and friends, who encouraged her every step of the way. "My sister, Louvene, gave me lots of love and encouragement. My only child, Rodney, when he was young, gave me the will to fight to see him grow up. I told God just how tired I was of this life. I was truly ready to go home. By the way, if I offended anyone, I am truly sorry. I meant no harm and sincerely apologize. Many times, I just spoke what I felt, and I admit that there were times I should have kept my mouth sealed." Left to cherish her memory are her son, Rodney Thornton; daughter-in-law, Lisa Thornton; her grandchildren, Rodney L. Thornton Jr., Jazmine R. Thornton, Christopher D. Thornton, and Taylor L. Caldwell; her brother, Robert L. Thornton; her sisters, Mary T. Jackson and Phyllis T. Ware; her nephews, Jeffrey D. Jackson and Lorenzo Thornton; and her nieces, Raekisha Anafi, Roquell Thornton,



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Rochelle Hughes, and Natasha Ware, whom she raised as a daughter. She is also survived by her loving cousin, James Broughton; her lifetime friend since the first grade, Marsha Fairbanks Hayes; devoted friends, L. Kay Hunter and Vickie Fielder Thornhill; and her beloved dog, Royal. Letitia leaves these words from her father, Jep Thornton: “You only come through here once, so make the very best of it and depend solely on God.” Before you wonder—yes, I wrote and typed my program because I knew my son, Rodney, would need help (smile). I look forward to seeing you all again when God calls you home. Letitia will lie-in-state on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at 9 a.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Graveside service will follow at 12 noon in Forest Hills Cemetery with Pastor Gary Hathaway giving words of comfort.

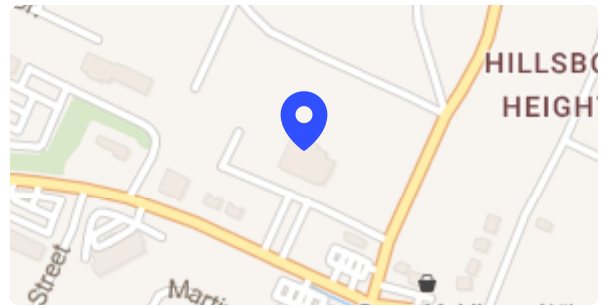


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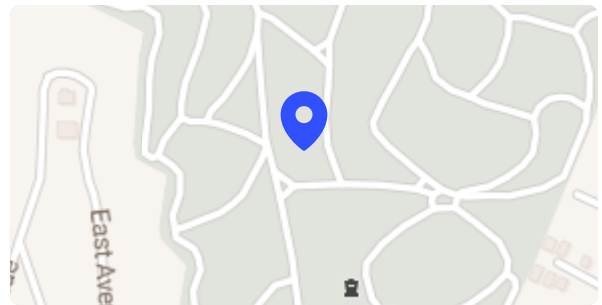
Lie-In-State

- Tuesday**, November 26, 2024
- 9:00 AM ET
- Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc**
3417 Wilcox Boulevard, Chattanooga TN 37411



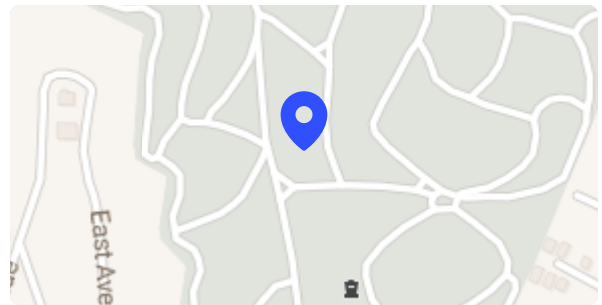
Graveside Service

- Tuesday**, November 26, 2024
- 12:00 PM ET
- Forest Hills Cemetery**
4016 Tennessee Avenue , Chattanooga TN 37409



Cemetery Details

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Tribute Wall

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WH

Wendy L. Hill lit a candle in honor of Letitia.

December 1 at 6:32 AM



RT

Ronnie Thomas lit a candle in honor of Letitia.

My condolences to the family. You will be miss at Class of 72 Events. LUV YA.

November 28 at 7:51 AM



VL

Vanessa M Lowery lit a candle in honor of Letitia.

November 26 at 12:27 PM



RA

Ruth Auls lit a candle in honor of Letitia.

November 26 at 5:13 AM



AH

Audrey G High lit a candle in honor of Letitia.

November 26 at 5:11 AM



DL

Drucilla Lindsey lit a candle in honor of Letitia.

My deepest sympathy to the family, Prayers and Hugs to you during this difficult time.

November 25 at 7:38 PM





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Sandra Fairbanks lit a candle in honor of Letitia.



November 25 at 5:29 PM



Sandra Fairbanks November 25 at 5:39 PM

Letitia your memories will always be in my heart Didn't know when we talked on November 11th that would be our last conversation always willing help me with paperwork anytime I knew you had my back you made sure of that Rest on Titia No more pain prayers for the family 🙏❤️🙏



Rosa L Watkins lit a candle in honor of Letitia.



My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I'm so sorry for your loss. Your mother was a wonderful person and will be deeply missed.

November 25 at 4:29 PM



Frances Williams Hester posted:

Letitia and her family were a part of the Piney Wood Community living on Lee Ave. In addition her family were members with ours at Tucker Baptist Church. She was a quiet, sweet soul who will be missed dearly. R I H Letitia ☐

November 25 at 2:08 PM



Evette posted:

"Momma T" In loving memory of a truly beautiful, intelligent, and inspiring woman. Your smile and words of wisdom will never be forgotten. Sending our deepest condolences to the family during this difficult time. You will be greatly missed, but your impact will never fade. Rest peacefully. Warm regards, Carla & Evette ❤️

November 25 at 1:10 PM



Gerald Jordan lit a candle in honor of Letitia.



Sending my sincere condolences to family and friends.

November 25 at 6:49 AM



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Vincinetta Brown lit a candle in honor of Letitia.

November 25 at 5:43 AM



Michael Sr. lit a candle in honor of Letitia.
My sincere condolences to the Thornton Family

November 25 at 5:00 AM



Karen Fletcher lit a candle in honor of Letitia.

November 25 at 4:19 AM



James Hayes lit a candle in honor of Letitia.

November 24 at 5:38 PM



Smart Local 338 sent an Arrive in Style to the Thornton family.

November 24 at 1:25 PM



Vicky Eady posted:

Letitia and I grew up together from babies to graduating from Howard High. We didn't see each other often but, when we did you wouldn't know it. She was the same smiling and greeting you like she just saw you recently. Letitia will be greatly missed. Though weeping may endure for a night, joy will come in the morning. Sleep on in the Master's hands. 🙏🏻🙏🏻🙏🏻🙏🏻🙏🏻🙏🏻

November 24 at 9:58 AM



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KF

Karen Fletcher shared 6 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Lifelong friends Marsha and Letitia ❤️ 👤

November 21 at 2:04 AM



MG

Myra Jordan Gordon lit a candle in honor of Letitia.

November 23 at 7:57 PM



AL

Alanda Leslie posted:

Ms Thornton was my friend. She was a breath of fresh air at UTP. She always had a beautiful smile, although sometimes she wasn't feeling her best this last year or so. She was a giving person, she made personalized earrings, gave us perfume, and made candles for us. We would talk about the Lord and sometimes share a scripture. She loved the Lord! She loved people, she had a kind and caring spirit! She will be greatly missed at UTP, but also I will miss her personally! She was a diamond that sparkled everywhere she went. Praying for you Rodney! She loved you so much! She would talk about you all the time. Alanda

November 23 at 8:24 AM

AC

Adrienne Cross lit a candle in honor of Letitia.

November 23 at 3:21 AM



LH

Laretta Harrison lit a candle in honor of Letitia.

November 22 at 8:14 PM





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Gloria J Pickens lit a candle in honor of Letitia.

I met Tia many years ago through her sisters Mary Alice and Phyllis. She was always a very kind, sweet person. I will continue to keep the entire family in my thoughts and prayers. Gloria Jones Pickens

November 22 at 3:44 PM



Elizabeth Hayes posted:

I met Tia several years ago, Mary is a close friend and I want you and family to know I'm praying your strength in the Lord during this time. Be encouraged God will supply the needed strength for this journey. Love, Joy, & Peace Elizabeth Hayes,

November 22 at 9:33 AM



Elizabeth Hayes lit a candle in honor of Letitia.

November 22 at 9:28 AM



Elizabeth Hayes lit a candle in honor of Letitia.

November 22 at 9:26 AM



Arletra D Bolden lit a candle in honor of Letitia.

I met Letitia Thornton in 7th grade at Alton Park Jr High School. We continued our friendship throughout high school. Letitia was a faithful member of Howard High Hustlin Tigers Alumni 🐅 C/O 1972. She made beautiful center pieces for our Class Reunions. We will cherish Letitia and her memory in hearts forever! RIH
Dear Friend 🐅 ❤️

November 22 at 6:09 AM





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AB

Arletra D Bolden lit a candle in honor of Letitia.

November 22 at 6:00 AM



VG

Vonetta Myta Gustus lit a candle in honor of Letitia.

November 22 at 5:35 AM



WC

Winifred Careathers lit a candle in honor of Letitia.
My Condolences to the family, Sorry for your loss.

November 21 at 8:46 PM

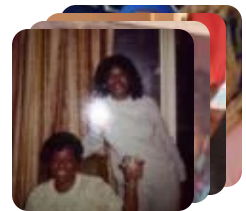


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Letitia was a sweet lady who will be missed dearly. I met her through her best friend, Marsha Hayes. Prayers to Rodney and family, her classmates, friends, and all who loved her, including me ❤️ 👤

November 21 at 2:04 AM



MB

Mary Black lit a candle in honor of Letitia.

Tia and I met working at Blue Cross and became sisters. We were both young single moms and shared many great times raising our Rodney and Lisa, who were born a month apart. We celebrated birthdays, shopped with our babies at Eastgate, danced in her mom's living room, and we were always there for each other. I will truly miss you Tia. Love you. Prayers and comfort for her family at this sad time.

November 21 at 6:23 PM





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SC

Sonja Chalmers lit a candle in honor of Letitia.

TIA, THE THORNTON FAMILY AND MANY MORE FAMILIES INCLUDING MINE (DOUGLAS) LIVED IN THE PINEY WOODS AREA (SOUTHSIDE). TO PHYLLIS AND FAMILY OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU ALL. MUCH LOVE COMING YOUR WAY IN JESUS NAME AMEN 🙏❤️.

November 21 at 5:31 PM



LS

Lisa Scruggs lit a candle in honor of Letitia.

I will always cherish the memories I have of Tia. The wonderful memories of her and my mom shopping at Eastgate with me and Rodney in the 70s and me and Rodney hiding in the clothes from them, the get togethers at her house, playing kick the can, there's so many to list. I thank her for blessing me with my brother and always loving me. I will miss you so much. Love you Tia.

November 21 at 2:30 PM



JP

Janice Jordan Parham lit a candle in honor of Letitia.

November 21 at 2:15 PM



TG

Teresa A. Gordon lit a candle in honor of Letitia.

November 21 at 11:53 AM





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AM

Alice Montgomery lit a candle in honor of Letitia.

This is hard. Robert Lee, Mary Alice, Phyllis Elaine, & Letitia Renee's children (sorry, I don't know names). I offer my sincerest condolences, sympathy and prayers to you in the loss of Tia!! I grieve with you. Growing up as youngsters on Pierce Ave. we were next door neighbors and more like family . I love you guys and you will always be my bonus family. When Shaun passed, Tia made us a very beautiful personal card, I will never forget and I want ya'll to know that if you need me for anything, I'm here for you. My prayers for the Family is that GOD will be to you all Whatever You Need Him to be!!!May He grant to peace and the strength to endure during these stressful days!!! Love You Guys.



November 21 at 7:21 AM

AM

Alice Montgomery sent a virtual gift in honor of Letitia.



November 21 at 7:03 AM

TW

Tonya Saxton Whitten lit a candle in honor of Letitia.



November 21 at 5:58 AM

VF

Vickie Fielder lit a candle in honor of Letitia.



November 21 at 5:51 AM

CW

Connie Williamson lit a candle in honor of Letitia.



November 21 at 3:42 AM



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Remon Talley McGee lit a candle in honor of Letitia.

Rodney and Remon McGee send condolences and prayers to the family

November 21 at 2:04 AM





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November 23 at 8:01 PM





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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Letitia by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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