



Denise R. Thurman

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Denise Thurman, 62, affectionately known as ‘Niecey’, started her earthly journey on November 10, 1963, in Chattanooga, Tennessee, born to Ocie Thurman and James Taylor. She entered eternal rest on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, surrounded by her loving family in the comfort of her home. Niecey went to the one that loved her the most leaving a void in the hearts of her family that will never be filled.

She was educated in the Chattanooga public school system. She graduated from Chattanooga Adult High School in 1981.

Niecey accepted Christ at an early age under the pastorage of Rev. Wilmer Russ at Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church. There, she sang in the junior choir. Later, under the pastorage of Rev. Calton Douglas, she sang in the choir, was a youth director, and was superintendent of Sunday school for a number of years. She later became an active member of 1st Baptist Church of Washington Hills until health issues. She was a member of the mass choir, WOW ministry, and YGIC youth ministry. She had a love for writing and presenting plays. She spent time teaching at Cadas Rehab of Chattanooga, Tennessee and the Rescue Mission. Niecey had a kind heart and a giving spirit, willing to help anyone.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother Larry Taylor; and nephew Jermario Moore.

Denise will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who knew and loved her. Those left to cherish her precious memories, her loving daughters, Annissa Thurman and Twilia (Justin) Sims; grandchildren, DaRianna and London King, Jalayah, Justice, and Justin Sims Jr.; brothers, Bobby Fanning and Anthony (Pauline) Thurman, Sr.; sisters, Diane Domineck, Debbie Thurman, Belinda Thomas, Audrey Thurman, and Bobbie Moorner; nieces, LaTosha (Jason) Harvey, LaKasha Thurman and Takilya Thurman; nephews, Anthony, Jr. and Justin Thurman, Andre Henderson, Brandon (Calmesha) Thomas, Jason and Jonathan Nicholson, Cordarius and Yacoubian Taylor;



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and a host of other relatives and friends. Most remember Denise for her small stature and big personality. She will be sadly and deeply missed.

Denise will lie-in-state on Friday, November 28, 2025, from 12:30-5:00 p.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Saturday, November 29, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at Taylor Funeral Home chapel with Pastor Ronnie Bullard as the Eulogist. Burial in Highland Memorial Gardens.



Events

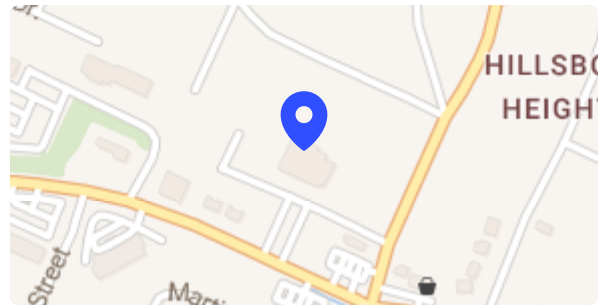
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Lie-In-State

Friday, November 28, 2025

12:30 PM - 5:00 PM ET

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3417 Wilcox Boulevard, Chattanooga TN 37411-1076

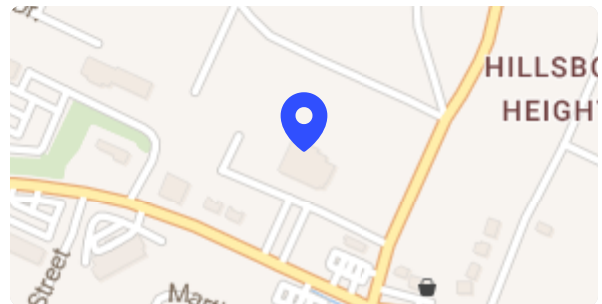


Funeral Service

Saturday, November 29, 2025

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM ET

Taylor Funeral Home
3417 Wilcox Boulevard, Chattanooga TN 37411-1076

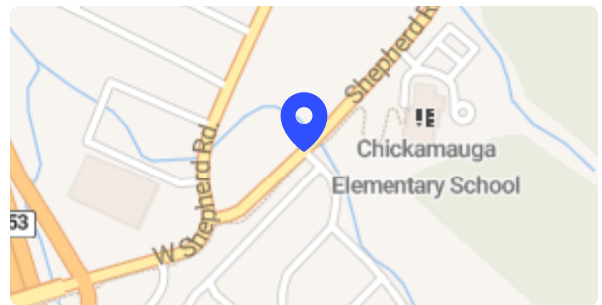


Burial

Saturday, November 29, 2025

12:00 PM - 12:30 PM ET

Highland Memorial Gardens Cemetery
2116-2124 Shepherd Road, Chattanooga TN 37421



Cemetery Details

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Yahunna Wadley lit a candle in honor of Denise.

Lit a candle in honor of Denise

December 12 at 10:34 AM



Silk Moorer lit a candle in honor of Denise.

My sincere condolences to the family during this difficult time! PrayersOtis L Moorer

December 2 at 2:31 PM



Candace Carter lit a candle in honor of Denise.

My condolences to the family.

November 30 at 9:32 PM



Paulette Gipson lit a candle in honor of Denise.

November 29 at 11:20 AM



Connie Gates lit a candle in honor of Denise.

November 29 at 9:40 AM



Blondel Garner lit a candle in honor of Denise.

RIP Sis. Thurman. You made me feel welcome from the time I first joined Zion Hill many years ago. May you be remembered always for your good works and faithful service to God. 🙏😊😔

November 28 at 1:09 PM





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Loretta Nunn posted:

Deepest condolences to the family. May Gods peace and blessings be upon you all today and in the days to come. Loretta Westfield Nunn and family.

November 28 at 9:48 AM



Joyce Fears lit a candle in honor of Denise.

November 28 at 8:14 AM



Luella Reed lit a candle in honor of Denise.

November 27 at 10:04 PM



Richard Reynolds lit a candle in honor of Denise.

My deepest condolences and prayers for the family.I've known her my entire life from childhood on, and grew up side by side through school. She was more than a classmate. She was a true friend whose laughter and kindness will stay with me forever.Richard Reynolds

November 26 at 5:33 PM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Thurman family.

November 26 at 4:26 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Thurman family.

November 26 at 11:53 AM





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NF

Northside Heart Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Denise.



November 26 at 11:53 AM

A

Angela Thomas lit a candle in honor of Denise.

We were babies. Childhood sisters, best friends and Family. I can't put into words the many memories growing up together, From Holzclaw, Bushtown, Churchville, Avondale, growing up next door and across the street from a Funeral Home 🥺🥺🥺 I will never forget U, I will never forget what you taught me and most of all the Good times and the Bad times we shared. I Love ❤️ you Niocy See u later Sis, I know I have another Angel 😊 Smiling and watching over me 🙏🙏🙏🙏 FLY HIGH



November 25 at 9:25 PM

PE

Penny (Hester) Evans posted:

I just found out about Denise, sorry for our loss.She was a beautiful lady. We lost her, but she found a home in glory that out shines the sun. I love you Debbie. Peace and Blessings. Penny. I love you all.

November 25 at 7:23 AM

DP

Dr. David Penn lit a candle in honor of Denise.



November 25 at 3:13 AM

DK

Debra Keith lit a candle in honor of Denise.

Denise was a good hearted person and lovely voice .Knew her from church Sending condolences to the family Rip



November 24 at 6:36 PM



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DK

Debra Keith lit a candle in honor of Denise.

November 24 at 6:33 PM



MJ

Michael Jackson lit a candle in honor of Denise.

November 24 at 3:42 PM



CT

Cody Taylor lit a candle in honor of Denise.

My loving aunt

November 24 at 3:37 PM



AD

Angela Dillard posted:

My memory of Denise , as being a very nice sweet person. That loved living life & laughing! I met Denise in school my sister & I had lots of fun times with Niecy we would walk to meet her half way from Alton Park to the bridge near Howard for her to come over our house & vice versa she would meet us so we could go over her house in Poss Homes those were fun times when friends were really friends. Condolences to her family & may God comfort each of you. 🙏❤️❤️❤�

November 23 at 11:07 PM

MG

Michelle Goines lit a candle in honor of Denise.

November 23 at 10:41 PM





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CS

Calvin Smith lit a candle in honor of Denise.

The First Baptist - Washington Hills Church Family extends their deepest condolences to the Family of Sis. Denise Thurman. May God Bless and Comfort each of you, and we pray God's strength to the Family. Our prayers and thoughts are with the Family during your time of bereavement. Words cannot ease the pain that you are going through; however, we do extend our deepest sympathy during this time in hope that this will bring you some peace and comfort. The memories of Denise will live on in the hearts of the ones that cherishes her so deeply, especially the First Baptist W.H. Church Family. We pray that you will find comfort and support from Family and Friends and have joy in remembering the wonderful memories of Sis. Denise Thurman. May God give Peace to you and your Family during this time. Pastor Ronnie Bullard and the First Baptist -Washington Hills Church Family, Chattanooga, TN.



November 23 at 8:41 PM

VM

Valerie Mills lit a candle in honor of Denise.

1 THESSAONIANS 4 13 through 18, Those Who Died in Christ..... But we do want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who are asleep, so that will not grieve as indeed the rest of mankind do, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose from the dead, so also God will bring with Him those who have asleep through Jesus.



November 23 at 4:14 PM

IA

Ingrid Ashley lit a candle in honor of Denise.

Sis Thurman touched my family life in so many ways in and out of church. We became a close knit family. I loved talking to her about God and everything else that was going on. She brought love and joy to our family. She will forever be missed. Her family will continually be our prayers.



November 23 at 1:08 PM

RD

Regina Dney posted:

This breaks my heart, she was funny and full of life,in fact we were pregnant at the same time, and enjoyed each other company!,you will be missedMy condolences to the Family.Regina Carter Dendy

November 22 at 10:21 PM



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SK

Sophie King posted:

My deepest condolences to my friend classmate

November 22 at 9:29 PM

CV

Caroline Vaught lit a candle in honor of Denise.



November 21 at 5:25 PM

AC

Angela Clark posted:

My Deepest condolences to Belinda and the Thurman... sending you comfort, strength, and peace during this time. Denise was an ole co-worker along with Belinda the 2 sisters 🤗 who kept it real & fun in our younger days... We had some good times... we looked out for each other... After I saved up for my first vehicle I would give Denise a ride home after our work shift .. Denise was a cool person.... I remember when she told this guy who worked with us to leave her sister Belinda alone so Belinda wouldn't get rowled up cuz Belinda was about to put him in check and I told Belinda that he was just acting silly and this how me and Belinda friendship started ...both Sisters Denise and Belinda kept me laughing. So Denise left some fond lasting memories... RIP Denise Niocy Angela

November 21 at 4:00 PM

GE

Gwendolyn Westfield Edmondson lit a candle in honor of Denise.

Condolences to the Thurman family, my wish is that God wrap his loving arms around each and everyone of the family members

November 21 at 12:51 PM



CM

Cornelia Moore sent a virtual gift in honor of Denise.

November 21 at 11:39 AM





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CM

Cornelia Moore lit a candle in honor of Denise.

My sincerest condolences and prayers for the family. May she rest in peace and love 🙏🕊️

November 21 at 11:36 AM



TB

Tanna Bailey lit a candle in honor of Denise.

November 21 at 9:09 AM



YD

Yolanda Dave posted:

Sending my sincere condolences to the family praying God gives you all the strength at this time

November 21 at 1:26 AM

YD

Yolanda Dave lit a candle in honor of Denise.

November 21 at 1:25 AM



BL

Bessie Lovelace lit a candle in honor of Denise.

November 20 at 7:02 PM



FF

From The Cha Family sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Thurman family.

November 20 at 3:40 PM





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November 20 at 3:40 PM

RD

Rosalyn Smedley Dodson lit a candle in honor of Denise.

CARIS HEALTHCARE



November 20 at 2:58 PM

TS

Thailia Smith lit a candle in honor of Denise.



November 20 at 2:35 PM

SH

Shemicia Hardy lit a candle in honor of Denise.

My dear sweet/ out spoken Sis Thurman. May you rest in peace.❤️ I can't reflect back on a childhood memory at church and not picture you in it. Continued prayers to the entire Thurman family.



November 20 at 1:23 PM

BT

Belinda Thurman lit a candle in honor of Denise.



November 20 at 12:41 PM

AC

Angela Clark November 21 at 3:40 PM

Hi Belinda this your ole friend and coworker Angela (Broomfield). Me and your sister Denise all worked together...I send you my deepest condolences during this time...You and Denise come on my mind from time to time and Denise came on my mind recently. I am Reflecting on those ole work fun times we had in our younger days...And I can see and hear the way Denise used to laugh...Her Laugh use to crack me up...May you find strength, comfort and peace during this time of bereavement especially during this Holiday season.Angela Belinda you can reach out to me at aclarkconsultant@yahoo.comAnd, I will follow up with you.



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Valery Norwood lit a candle in honor of Denise.

November 20 at 11:47 AM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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