



Carmelita Thomas Keener

July 3, 1931 - August 18, 2024

Ms. Carmelita Thomas Keener, of Zellwood, Florida, passed away on Sunday, August 18, 2024. She was 93 years old.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 am on Thursday, August 22, 2024 at the Beyer's Funeral Home in Umatilla, Florida, with Rev. Joe Brockman officiating. Burial will follow at the Lakeside Memorial Gardens Cemetary in Eustis, Florida. The family will receive friends and family at 9:00am in the funeral home prior to the service.

Carmelita was born in Pelham, Georgia on July 3, 1931 to the late Judson Leon Thomas and Winnie Hayes Thomas. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her brother, Jerome Thomas and her sister, Myriam Tomlinson. She is also preceded in death by two sons, Thomas Floyd Williams and Roger Ladon Williams; her late husband, Eldridge Lee Williams; a granddaughter, Dawn Ganoë; sons-in-law Melvin NeSmith, Eugene Abston, and Don Roberts; and daughters-in-law, Rhonda Williams and Twila Hook.

Carmelita loved attending church at Zellwood Church of God. She loved her church family as well as her own family. She was faithful to teaching Sunday School for many years. Besides raising six children, she also worked jobs outside the home, starting her career at First National Bank in Mt. Dora, Florida on September 1, 1965 and retiring on June 28, 1996 as a bank officer.

She is survived by her three daughters, Irita Dale NeSmith, Beverly Joyce White, and Patricia Diane Johnson (Willie), along with her son, Edward Leon Williams. Her surviving grandchildren are Scott Marquis, Christopher Brian NeSmith, Jason Moyer (Angel), Kimberly Colleran (Glen), Kelly Roberts, Cindy Williams, Tia Grantham (Chuck), Tania Allen (Josh), Brent Woodlief, Tara Biddle (Bobby), Donnie Williams (Amanda), and Cassidy Williams (Jacob). And she has one surviving sister, Eulaine Herrin. Carmelita also leaves behind 20 great-grandchildren, with two on the way, and a great-great-grandchild along with many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home of Umatilla, Florida.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **22**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory - Umatilla
279 South Central Avenue
Umatilla, FL 32784
(352) 669-2146

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ I have great memories of visiting with Aunt Carmelita and Uncle Eldridge. We would pile up with all the cousins and play til the sun went down. But on Sundays we would have to go with them to Church. Those were some of the best memories of our childhood. Love to you all, Donna Williams Singleton-Hunter.

Donna Williams Singleton-Hunter - August 22, 2024 at 04:27 PM

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“ I'm quite sure that I was a little handful as a young kid. Grandma's patience and love was never questioned. My favorite memory is staying with her Saturday nights so I could go to church with her Sunday mornings. Her time on Earth may be over, but she is undoubtedly living an eternity in Heaven.

Jason - August 21, 2024 at 08:41 PM

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“ Wish all of us could be there. Hugs to the whole family. Williams Grandkids

Amanda Williams - August 20, 2024 at 12:31 PM