



Mrs. Ella Ruth Thurston

December 28, 1938 - June 30, 2025

Mrs. Ella Ruth Thurston was born December 28, 1938 in Clarksville, Tennessee to the late Cyrus and Izora Milan. One June 30, 2025, her Lord and Savior called her home.

Ella accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Lord and Savior at Springhill Missionary Baptist Church in Clarksville, Tennessee at an early age. Upon returning from Italy, she became a member of Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church where she served in many capacities, choir, trustee to name a few.

Ella's passions were her family, her church and work. She was a district manager for Quikstop 23 years retiring in 2005.

Ella was preceded in death by her parents, Cyrus and Izora Milan and 12 siblings.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her husband of 52 years, Alfred Thurston; daughter, Gwendolyn Young; son, Jeffrey Young; grandchildren, Johnathan Young, Jamal Young, Ebony Young-Echenique and Jaleel Young; eight great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Viewing

JUL 7. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home and Crematory
2010 Murchison Road
Fayetteville, NC 28301
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Funeral

JUL 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church
118 Johnson St
Fayetteville, NC 28303

Burial

JUL 29. 2:00 PM (ET)

Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery
8220 Bragg Blvd
Spring Lake, NC 28390

Tribute Wall



“ Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Ella Ruth Thurston



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - July 15, 2025 at 02:49 PM

TM

“ Sending My Condolences To Gwen And Family. So Sorry For The Loss Of Your Mom, We Been Neighbors For Years But U Are Not Just A Neighbor But U Are Family. I Will Continue To Keep U And Your Family In Prayer. Always Here For U Sis, Love U 🙏



Tonya Malloy - July 08, 2025 at 04:28 AM

SM

“ Stella Boykin & Michelle purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Mrs. Ella Ruth Thurston.



Stella Boykin & Michelle - July 07, 2025 at 11:00 AM

SM

“ Stella Boykin & Michelle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Ella Ruth Thurston.

Stella Boykin & Michelle - July 07, 2025 at 11:00 AM

GY

“ Gwendolyn and Jeffrey Young lit a candle in memory of Ella Thurston



Gwendolyn and Jeffrey Young - July 05, 2025 at 08:51 PM

CP

“ Corliss Parson lit a candle in memory of Ella Thurston



Corliss Parson - July 05, 2025 at 08:28 AM

RC

“ Bro. Thurston, MS. Gwen and all families connected, may you have comfort in this time of bereavement knowing Sis. Thurston's soul now rest in peace.

Robert & Elaine Coleman
Earlie Cabble

Robert & Elaine Coleman. Earlie Cabble - July 05, 2025 at 07:39 AM

MC

“ Mrs. Thurston was a strong wonderful & encouraging woman of God. Pretty, smart insightful loving mom. I will always remember how dedicated she was to the task at hand. This beautiful black queen has a queens heart and spirit. I thank God she passed my way, rest well with Jesus sweetie.



Melba Conley - July 04, 2025 at 10:55 AM

LA

“ Brother Thurston and Minister Gwen, I am so sorry for the loss of your wife and mother. Please accept my condolences and love to you and the family. May God keep and give peace to you. Gwen may God shelter you and comfort you and the family at this sad time. I know you loved your mother so much and you will find peace and Hope in Jesus hands. Jesus loves you and I know he is watching over you.. please received my love and condolences. Your friend and sister in Christ. Linda A.



Linda A - July 03, 2025 at 02:55 AM

MD

“ Michele Dillon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ella Ruth Thurston



Michele Dillon - July 02, 2025 at 03:49 PM

SS

“ *Sandra A. Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ella Ruth Thurston*



Sandra A. Smith - July 02, 2025 at 01:27 PM