

Obituary

THERESA L. PEDEN WAS BORN NOVEMBER 13, 1927 TO MOZELLA HENRY-LEWIS AND FREDDIE LEWIS IN GARYVILLE, LOUISIANA. SHE WAS ONE OF TWO CHILDREN BORN OF THEIR UNION.

THERSA WAS EDUCATED IN THE GARYVILLE SCHOOL SYSTEM. THERESA SPENT THE MAJORITY OF HER ADULT LIFE IN NEW ORLEANS, LA, IT WAS THERE THAT SHE RAISED HER ONLY CHILD LESTER BLACKMORE SR. AND MARRIED HER HUSBAND OF FOURTY-FOUR YEARS, MERVIS E. PEDEN.

THERESA WAS EMPLOYED AT EAST JEFFERSON HOSPITAL UNTIL SHE RETIRED. IN 2005 SHE RELOCATED TO FORT WORTH, TX FOLLOWING HURRICANE KATRINA. WHILE IN TEXAS THERESA ATTENDED AGAPE UNITED CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH. AND SHE REMAINED IN TEXAS UNTIL FEBRUARY OF 2017 WHEN SHE BECAME A RESIDENT OF KEMPER COUNTY, MS. WHEN SHE CAME TO LIVE IN MISSISSIPPI, SHE ATTENDED MT. SINAI MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH UNTIL HER HEALTH FAILED AND SHE REMAINED IN KEMPER UNTIL HER PASSING ON MAY 15, 2023. SHE WAS 95 YEARS OLD AT THE TIME OF HER PASSING.

SHE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER HUSBAND, MERVIS PEDEN, HER SON, LESTER BLACKMORE SR, HER PARENTS, FREDDIE AND MOZELLA LEWIS AND HER SISTER, LEANNA BYNUM. THERESA LEAVES TO MOURN HER PASSING A DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, SHIRLEY BLACKMORE OF WIGGINS, MS; FOUR GRAND-CHILDREN AND FIVE GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. ONE BROTHER-IN-LAW, EDDIE PAYTON (FLORA) OF DEKALB.MS A SPECIAL NEPHEW, MARTIN DANIEL RUSH AND A HOST OF NIECES, NEPHEWS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS.