



*Celebrating the Life of*



*Thelma Rutledge*

*Saturday, July 1, 2023*

*St. Mary United Methodist Church  
100 Pine St, Hogansville, Ga 30230*

*Reverend J. Elaine Gilbert, Pastor  
Rev. Robert Talley, Eulogist*







## Obituary


*Ms. Thelma Rutledge, 85, peacefully passed away in the early hours on Monday, June 26. She was born to the late Minnie Lee Moody and Ike Rutledge on January 22, 1938 in Hogansville, GA. Thelma's parents had a total of fifteen children of which eleven preceded her in death.*

*Due to health conditions that she faced throughout her life, Thelma worked many years as a homemaker. She loved to cook and bake. Thelma was known for her delicious sweet potato pies. Several have tried but no one was able to duplicate her pie recipe. She was also an avid gardener. She loved all kinds of plants and flowers. Thelma had a green thumb like no other. She could talk for hours about gardening.*

*In addition to cooking, baking, and gardening; she also had a special gift for playing numbers. The cash three is the one she played the most. She won often. Thelma loved her family especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren.*

*In addition to her eleven siblings, Thelma was preceded in death by her son Randy Morgan, a daughter that passed away as an infant, and a grandson Master Tyler Rutledge.*

*Thelma's memory will be cherished by the family she leaves behind. Her siblings Mandy Heard of Grantville, GA; Annie (James) Hall of LaGrange, Ga; and Katie-Bell Rutledge of Atlanta, Ga. Her children, James (Lucy) Rutledge of Newnan, Ga; Michael Rutledge of Atlanta, Ga; Anthony (Tammy) Rutledge of Grantville, Ga; Venita Lakes of Atlanta, Ga; Nicholas (Connie) Morgan of LaGrange, Ga; and Dexter (Jennifer) Rutledge of Jonesboro, Ga. A special niece Sarah-Kate Tigner of Hogansville, Ga and a special cousin Kenny Grisom of Atlanta, Ga. Thelma will also be missed dearly by her grandchildren James Rutledge Jr (Body) of Newnan, Ga; Travis (Jasmine) Terrell, DeMarkus Lakes, Terrell Daniel all of Atlanta, Ga, Deshaun Rutledge of Newnan, Ga; Tavaris Johnson of Grantville, Ga; LaQuavis Cameron (Qua) of Atlanta, Ga, JaQuannis Rutledge of Folkston, Ga; Austin Rutledge of Newnan, Ga; Royalty Wyche of Thomasville, Ga, and Calvin Rutledge of Jonesboro, Ga. Great grandchildren Travis Terrell Jr (TJ), Tavarree Terrell, Tahj Terrell, Tiffany Rutledge, Tavanna Rutledge, Destiny Rutledge, and Novanna Rutledge, along with a host of relatives, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.*







## *ORDER OF SERVICE*

*Call to Order*

*Revered Talley*

*Prayer of Comfort*

*Inetha Hatten*

*Scriptures*

*Old Testament*  
*New Testament*

*Fred Lowe*  
*Fred Lowe*

*Song*

*Destiny Reeves Great-Great Niece*

*Remarks (Please limit to two minutes)*

*Song*

*Destiny Reeves Great-Great Niece*

*Eulogy*

*Reverend Talley*

*Acknowledgement*

*Closing Prayer*

*Recessional*

*Committal and Benediction*

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*To those I love and those who love me*

*Now that I'm gone, release me, let me go:  
I have so many things to see and do.  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears.  
Be happy that we had so many years.  
I gave you love and you can only guess how much  
You gave me in happiness  
I thank you for the love each of you have shown,  
But now it's time I traveled alone.  
So grieve awhile for me, if you must:  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It's only for a little while that we must part.  
So bless the memories within your heart.  
I won't be far away, for life goes on.  
So if you need me, call and I come.  
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near.  
If you listen with your heart, you'll hear  
All my love around you soft and clear.  
And when you must come this way alone,  
I will greet you with a smile and  
"Welcome You Home"*







*My Dear Mom*

*"You didn't talk a lot mom.  
Saying I love you was pretty rare.  
When I needed mothering you were always there.  
I could always count on you to do what's good and  
right. Your love is something no one can explain. It's  
made of deep devotion, sacrifices, and pain. You are  
the best mother a daughter could ever ask for.  
I'm truly blessed that God chose you to be my mom.  
This isn't a goodbye its a see you later."*

*I will Love You Forever your daughter*

*-Venita*







*Pallbearers:*

*Grandchildren – Travis Terrell, DeMakus Lakes,  
LaQuavis Cameron, Austin Rutledge, Terrell Daniel,  
and James Rutledge Jr (Body)*

*Flower Ladies:*

*Nieces and Great Nieces*

*Acknowledgement*

*The family wish to express our deepest  
appreciation to Connie for her love and dedication  
for Thelma throughout the years.*

*It was a source of great comfort to have Dexter and  
Jennifer Rutledge who cared for our mother,  
grandmother, and sister during her final days. The  
family would like to express their deep appreciation  
and sincere thanks for all messages, floral tributes,  
delicious food, your prayers of consolations and all  
acts of kindness shown to them in their time of  
bereavement. May God's blessings abound with you  
always.*



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