



## Thelma Jane Houston Gilbert

May 27, 1956 - October 22, 2023

Thelma Jane Houston Gilbert was born on May 27th, 1956 in Giles County, TN to the late Charlie Houston and Alma Hobson Houston. She was the third youngest of eleven children. She departed this life on Sunday, October 22nd, 2023 at Southern Tennessee Regional Health Systems in Pulaski, TN surrounded by her two loving daughters Carmita Davis and Cissy Fox, along with a host of loved ones.

She was baptized at an early age at Old Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church. She later joined the Tabernacle Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Cornell Martin. Thelma enjoyed singing in the choir and doing arts and crafts.

She received primary education at Anthony Hill School, and later graduated from Bodenham High School in 1975.

Thelma was employed by Southern Tennessee Regional Health System for many years only to retire when her health declined. She was a light to all who encountered her and was affectionately known as “Ms. Thelma”.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, October 26th, 2023 from 3:00pm to 6:00pm at Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory.

A graveside service will take place on Friday, October 27th, 2023 at 1:00pm at Maplewood Cemetery in Pulaski, TN.

To her nieces and nephews, she was known to be the fun “Auntie” and was loved by all.

Preceding Thelma Jane Houston Gilbert in her death are her parents Charlie and Alma Houston. Her brother, Charlie Houston Jr. Sisters: Ann Coleman, Ruth Gilbert, and Pearl Hammonds.

Thelma Jane Houston Gilbert is survived by, her two devoted daughters, Carmita (Kowi) Davis and Cissy (Christopher) Fox. Grandchildren, Avery Fox, Xavier Humphey, and Briana Alexander. Loving brothers; Larry Houston, Michael (Jennie) Houston, Dennis (LaQuita) Houston, and Thomas Houston. Loving sisters: Barbara Howard, Donna Houston, and Beverly Crook. A host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. She will be missed by her beloved pet, Buddy.

Thank you sincerely for your kind expression of sympathy and thoughtfulness. It is deeply appreciated and will always be remembered by the family of Thelma J. Gilbert. Special thanks to nieces, Felicia Hammonds and Carla Siew, brother, Thomas Houston, and sister, Donna Houston.

Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of the arrangements for Thelma Jane Houston Gilbert.

# Cemetery Details

## Maplewood Cemetery

500 Ballentin Street  
Pulaski, TN 38478

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

OCT 27. 1:00 PM (cst)

Maplewood Cemetery  
500 Ballentine Street  
Pulaski, TN

# Tribute Wall

RS

“ I was friends with Felicia Hammonds all through school. I knew this woman and she was nice. I know I've seen her at hospital. So friendly. Ms.Thelma. Love, Ashley Holley pulaski TN



Rebecca Stewart - November 01, 2023 at 09:53 AM

MA

“ Prayers and condolences during this difficult time to the family. Carmita, I am so sorry for your loss, my friend! 🙏❤️🙏

Mekesha D Askins - October 27, 2023 at 02:29 PM

SR

“ Prayers of love and comfort to the family at this time of their loss but heaven's gain.



Sonya Redd - October 27, 2023 at 06:54 AM

CR

“ I am very proud to have called Thelma my friend. We shared a lot of good times in school. I did get to see her when she worked at the hospital. She always had a beautiful smile on her face. Prayers for comfort for all of her family and friends. Love, Cheryl Holley Ralston

Cheryl Holley Ralston - October 26, 2023 at 05:56 PM

SM

“ I was sad to hear about cousin Thelma R.I.H..My deepest condolences to the family..May God give you all strength, comfort and peace..In your time in grievance



sheila mccullom - October 26, 2023 at 04:05 PM



“ 80 files added to the album Life Tributes



Bennett - May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory - October 26, 2023 at 03:04 PM

VB

“ Vickie Burwell sent a virtual gift in memory of Thelma Jane Houston Gilbert



Vickie Burwell - October 26, 2023 at 08:54 AM

SC

“ When I first walked through your door, you treated me as a daughter. You loved and fussed at me like your own. You’re no longer in pain, and bothered by the troubles of this world. I am grateful that Mita and Cissy shared you with all of their friends. You’ll be missed beyond infinity, but we take comfort in knowing that you’re home with the Master. Take your rest Momma, job well done. Love Shana, Ayden and Ashton.

Shana Caldwell - October 25, 2023 at 12:28 PM

DH

“ Deborah B Hopper lit a candle in memory of  
Thelma Jane Houston Gilbert



Deborah B Hopper - October 25, 2023 at 08:48 AM

DF

“ Ms. Thelma I will forever remember your laugh and your smile, but more than anything I will remember your love.  
RISH, my friend

Donna Fox - October 25, 2023 at 12:21 AM

DF

“ Donna Fox lit a candle in memory of Thelma  
Jane Houston Gilbert



Donna Fox - October 25, 2023 at 12:16 AM

PK

“ *Paula Kirk lit a candle in memory of Thelma Jane Houston Gilbert*



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**Paula Kirk** - October 24, 2023 at 10:13 PM

NR

“ *My Condolences to All the Family she was a Sweet Person Always smiling God is a God of Comfort....Nhc Healthcare..Nikki Rivers Foster*



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**Nikki Rivers** - October 24, 2023 at 09:23 PM

TA

“ *TammySimmons lit a candle in memory of Thelma Jane Houston Gilbert*



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**TammySimmons** - October 24, 2023 at 06:55 PM



“ 29 files added to the album Life Tributes



Bennett - May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory - October 24, 2023 at 05:17 PM



“ Love miss Thelma she was sweetheart so sorry for your loss. Now she is healed in heaven set free from pain. Prayers



Cora Darnell - October 24, 2023 at 05:01 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to all the family. I knew Thelma from Bodenham School. She always had a smile on her face and was one of the sweetest people I knew. When I would see her at the hospital she would always stop and talk. She will be missed by many. □

Martha Moore Mize - October 24, 2023 at 04:09 PM

BM

“ *Brian And Elizabeth Maxwell lit a candle in memory of Thelma Jane Houston Gilbert*



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**Brian and Elizabeth Maxwell** - October 24, 2023 at 03:31 PM

CC

“ *With deepest sympathy and love.*

*Marie and Crystal Cotham*



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**Crystal Cotham** - October 24, 2023 at 01:29 PM