



Bessie Faye Thomas Brown

February 3, 1927 - July 15, 2016

Bessie Faye Thomas Brown was born on February 3, 1927 in Forsyth County, North Carolina. She was 10th of 12 children. She was born to Buford and Dora Anna Thomas and grew up on a farm close to Kernersville, NC. She was the valedictorian of her high school class. In her early 20's she moved to Scottsburg Indiana and raised 6 children, four boys and two girls.

At the young age of 39 she decided to get her nursing license and graduated in 1967 and received her Licensed Practical Nurse license at age 40. Later on she continued her nursing career by becoming a Nursing Home Administrator. She worked at various nursing facilities during her years, yet always helping her family through their lives.

In later years, she volunteered through the library system in the Adult Literacy program as a tutor. She found this calling very rewarding. She often remarked that helping adults to read often changed their lives.

She was very active in her church life, among other callings two of her favorite were serving as a visiting teacher and leading the "singles" group.

Bess had a very giving nature and loved to help people. She had an unmatched sense of humor, as well as a knack for telling the truth and stating what was on her mind. She was an avid reader and enjoyed travel and did so as much as possible.

Her last few years she lived at Greenwood Health and Living where she sparked enthusiasm for life in the residents and staff alike. Everyone enjoyed her spontaneity in conversation and actions.

Bessie is survived by her children, Robert Sidney Jones, Mary Ellen (Jones) Edginton, Thomas Allen Jones, Cheryl Ann Jones Tolbert, Ernest Hilton Jones and Dennis Jones; 19 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren.

She left this life peacefully on Friday July 15th, 2016. Services will be held at noon on Monday July 18, 2016 at the LDS chapel located at 900 East Stop11 Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46227. Viewing precedes the service at 11 AM.

Cemetery Details

Washington Park East

10612 E. Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46229

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 18. 11:00 AM - 11:50 AM (ET)

Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day-Saints
900 East Stop 11 Road
Indianapolis, IN 46227

Funeral Service

JUL 18. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Brian Connor purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Bessie Faye Thomas Brown.



Brian Connor - July 18, 2016 at 08:04 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Bessie Faye Thomas Brown.



July 17, 2016 at 08:29 AM

Sheila
Steward-
Craft

“ She always wrote a journal, many times she would let me read. She had no filter when it came to telling you what for. As a young woman, sometimes it would upset me. As I grew older- everything she said made absolute sense. She was always for the 'underdog', so to speak. I remember her calling many mornings when we were still sleeping. That's because she always woke at 4:30 am - had her bath ate her breakfast & coffee, so assumed everyone was awake & ready to go! Driving to Scottsburg to visit Grandma Jones, staying about 45 minutes & then- ok, time to go. Same with eating out. You eat, you are done. Let's go. Always on the move. She once told me that Orville Lee took Ernie to Kentucky when he was a baby for three days. She said when they came back, Ernie still had on the same diaper. Just made me laugh. Bess/aka Graggy- you will always be remembered. In a special way. One of a kind, for sure! <3

Sheila Steward-Craft - July 16, 2016 at 11:25 PM

Susie
Tolbert
Hensley



Susie Tolbert Hensley - July 16, 2016 at 11:41 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Bessie Faye Thomas Brown*.



July 16, 2016 at 01:52 PM