



## Mrs. Ernestine Thompson

January 7, 1943 - December 30, 2017

Ernestine Thompson was born January 7, 1943 to the union of Annie Laura Shelbourne and Thomas Jefferson Witherspoon in St. Louis, Missouri. Ernestine received her formal education from the Milwaukee Public School System attending North Division High School and graduated from Summer High School in Saint Louis, Missouri with famous classmate Arthur Ashe (tennis player).

Ernestine accepted Christ at an early age and most recently attended Love Tabernacle Church under the leadership of Pastor Atwater.

Ernestine was united in holy matrimony to David Thompson in July 1971 in Milwaukee, WI. Their union was blessed with five children - Jalisa, David Jr., Christel, Christopher and Diane.

Ernestine had several jobs throughout her career including, St Anthony Hospital, George Watts Tea Shop, Disabled Veterans Center and her last position was at the VA Medical Center.

In her leisure time, Ernestine enjoyed attending sewing and craft classes at Washington Park Senior Center, searching out a good rummage sale with family and friends, and visiting family every chance she could. Ernestine loved the Lord and enjoyed serving in the church. She would often pass out

bibles and help feed the needy. Singing was another one of Ernestine's gifts. She was often requested to sing a solo for her family, friends, and church. Always thinking of others, Ernestine would often call to check on her friends and family. Most of a" she enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren telling them about God and the benefits of eating their fruits and vegetables.

Ernestine departed this life on December 30,2017. Her parents Annie Laura Shelbourne and Thomas Jefferson Witherspoon, and brother Anthony Levada Shelbourne preceded her in death.

She leaves to cherish her memory: husband David Thompson, Sr.; five children: Jalisa (Clarence) Manns, David Thompson Jr., Christel Thompson, Christopher (Rashida) Thompson, and Diane Thompson. Eight grandchildren: Keven, Tianna, Rahmad, Sandhya, Christopher, Saliha, Fairyn and Brooke; one sister Artieste (Steven) Johnson-Shelbourne; one brother John Shelbourne; sisters-in-law: Bobby Thompson, Marie Gillesple-Gully, Peggy (Stanley) West, and Ernestine Gillespie: brothers-in-law: Charles (Jessie) Gillespie, Lester (Pam) Gillespie and Terry Gillespie: nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Glen Oaks Cemetery

4533 N. Greenbay Ave.  
Milwaukee, WI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 11. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Northwest Funeral Chapel  
6630 W. Hampton Ave  
Milwaukee, WI

## Service

JAN 11. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Rest in heaven mom well done saint love your daughter Christel* ❤️

**Christel her daughter** - January 14, 2018 at 12:06 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ernestine Thompson.*



January 08, 2018 at 10:57 AM