



Mrs. Helen Arcenia Thorn

January 6, 1938 - July 27, 2017

THORN, Mrs. Helen A. - Age 79, passed away Thursday, July 27, 2017 at her residence. Family hour 11:00 AM Wednesday, August 2, 2017 at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 6901 N. Saginaw St., with funeral service commencing at 12:00 PM, Pastor Randy Schultz, officiating. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 11:00 AM Wednesday. Mrs. Thorn will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed from 1:00 PM-8:00 PM Tuesday.

Mrs. Helen Arcenia Thorn was born January 6, 1938 in Philadelphia, Mississippi, the daughter of Arquilla and Florene Madison Wheaton. She was a resident of Flint, Michigan where she ran an Adult Foster Care Facility since 1973. Helen was very active in the community, a Board Member of the AFC Providers of Genesee County Association for many years. Also a long time member of the Our Savior Lutheran Church where she dedicated her life to serving God and everyone she met. Helen loved to travel, she always had a bag ready. A trip to Alaska or just a weekend getaway to the casino or shopping with the girls. She was a member of The Red Hat Society. Helen Arcenia Thorn was a warrior! She battled and beat cancer 3 times before it came back to challenge her once again. Helen fought it to the very end. Always with that heart warming smile and a hug for everyone she met.

Mrs. Helen Arcenia Thorn leaves to cherish her memory: sons, Keith O. (Linda) Thorn of Lansing, MI, Alton Thorn III of Flint and special nephew, O'shea (Kathy) Wheaton of Montrose, MI; grandchildren, Keith O. (Reyna) Thorn II, Kelvin M. Thorn, Alton Zachery (Lauren) Thorn IV, Zoë S. Thorn, Christian M. Thorn, Jaden D. Thorn and Meghan Campbell; great-grandchildren, Dy'Gan Thorn, My'Cah Thorn, Izaiah Thorn, Kai Thorn, Brooklynn Hatcher, Amirah Thorn, Renise Barton, Ashley Minor and Roderick Minor; brother, Dr. Rudolph D. Wheaton; nieces, Keysha, Ciera (Andy), LaDonna Thompson and Karintha Wheaton; nephews, Jamaal Wheaton, Jonathon Wheaton, Jesse Hawkins, Andre Hutchins and Kaheem Hutchins; cousin, Ethel Shaw; a host of other relatives too numerous to name. You all know who you are.

Mrs. Thorn was preceded in death by her husband, Alton Thorn, Jr.; father, Arquilla Wheaton; mother, Florene Wheaton; and brothers, Willie and Renē.

The family would like to express special thanks to Dana Thorn and Debbie Marlow for always being there.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG 1. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
Flint, MI 48505
(810) 789-MOON (6666)
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

Family hour

AUG 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Our Savior Lutheran Church
6901 N. Saginaw St.
Flint, MI

Service

AUG 2. 12:00 PM (ET)

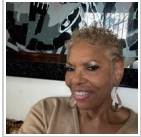
Our Savior Lutheran Church
6901 N. Saginaw St.
Flint, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Helen Arcenia Thorn*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *The Flint majestic's Red Hats extend our deepest sympathy to our former Queen Helen. May she rest in paradise.*



Cassandra Williams Burks - August 01, 2017 at 08:26 PM




“ *Nancine Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Arcenia Thorn*



Nancine Jackson - August 01, 2017 at 06:09 PM



“ *I am thankful to have known Mrs. Helen Thorn. You have taught me many things, and mentored me over the years in the field of caring for others. Your huge heart and warming smile will greatly be missed! I will remember our last conversation, and hold it dear to my heart. Love you always! Lisa* 



Lisa Gonzalez - August 01, 2017 at 05:53 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Helen Arcenia Thorn.*



August 01, 2017 at 05:26 PM



“ *Our hearts go out to the family.*



Tonia Maitland - August 01, 2017 at 04:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Helen Arcenia Thorn.*



August 01, 2017 at 04:12 PM



“ *Kasie White lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Arcenia Thorn*



Kasie White - August 01, 2017 at 02:21 PM

BK

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Brenda Kimble - August 01, 2017 at 09:42 AM

KD

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Helen's family...Helen was a loving and giving Christian. While there is sorrow at her death, we must all remember and REJOICE that because of her great faith she has eternal life with her Savior Jesus Christ. Her race is done and she has her crown! Praise God!!



Ken & Debra Deming - August 01, 2017 at 08:45 AM



“ Praying for you and your family. Tim & Sheri Whitmore -Kirkland



Sheri Kirkland - August 01, 2017 at 08:04 AM

BK

“ Brenda Kimble lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Arcenia Thorn



Brenda Kimble - August 01, 2017 at 07:01 AM

MW

“ *Malinda Willingham lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Arcenia Thorn*



Malinda Willingham - August 01, 2017 at 05:54 AM

SS

“ *Keith, Alton and family, Dale & I are so sorry for your loss. It is also a loss for all of us as your friends. I have known your mother forever and will miss her. My family and I truly loved her. May God Bless you all. Dale, Sharon Sneller & family.*



Sharon Sneller - July 31, 2017 at 02:14 PM

FW

“ *From Dr and Mrs Irvin Williams purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Helen Arcenia Thorn.*



From Dr and Mrs Irvin Williams - July 31, 2017 at 10:14 AM

RJ

“ *Rudy I am so sorry for your loss, may God comfort you at this time and bring you peace*



Roz Jones - July 31, 2017 at 06:55 AM

TW

“ Aunt Helen was an important strong ladies in our family. We shared many hours of fun as we traveled together, instructing our children how they should practice their faith and to always trust in the Lord for His will for us.

Aunt Helen treated everyone respectfully and freely gave to help all in need. She especially wanted her children and grandchildren to enjoy live, knowing that it was God who provided for all. Aunt Helen you will truly be missed.

Thelma Watson - July 30, 2017 at 06:48 PM

 Terry Gates

“ Terry Gates lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Arcenia Thorn



Terry Gates - July 30, 2017 at 06:45 PM

RS

“ Rosalind Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Arcenia Thorn



Rosalind Smith - July 29, 2017 at 06:50 AM

LQ

“ *One of the first families I met after moving to Flint in 1981...great people...*



Lesa Quade - July 28, 2017 at 09:21 PM

MP

“ *Michele Kirksey Parker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Arcenia Thorn*



Michele Kirksey Parker - July 28, 2017 at 12:14 PM