



Lucy Jane Thornton

December 8, 1935 - January 20, 2025

Lucy M. Thornton, age 89, passed away Monday, January 20, 2025.

Lucy graduated from Cocke County High School in the class of 1954, where she earned the title of “most athletic”. She attended the Knoxville School of Business. After raising her boys, she was a secretary in the Jefferson County School System, Tennessee Truck Lines, Thornton Chiropractic and Bush Beans.

Lucy played the piano for Chestnut Hill UMC for many decades. She was a leader in her community. In her later years, you could find her line dancing and dominos with friends.

She is preceded in death by her husband, J.C. Thornton; parents, Jesse and Ella Clementine Morgan; and brother, J.P. Morgan.

She is survived by her sons, Jay (Esther) Thornton and Keith (Rhonda) Thornton; brothers, Charles (Betty) Morgan of Birmingham, AL, and her twin brother, Wiley Morgan of Newport, TN; sister, Sue Hurst of Newport, TN; grandchildren, Jaynese (Jon) Waddell, Keeley (Nathan) Hays, JJ (Emily) Thornton, Kaeley (Jackson) White, and Korrey (Matthew) McFalls; great grandchildren, Jaydon Cooper Waddell, Eliana Joy Thornton, and Koen Ridge McFalls.

The family will receive friends 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Sunday, January 26, 2025 at Manes Funeral Home. The Funeral Service will follow at 1 p.m. in the Manes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Stacey Morgan officiating. The Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Gardens.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at www.manesfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements with Manes Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Resthaven Memorial Gardens

Dandridge, TN 37725

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

JAN 26. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Inc.
363 East Main Street
Newport, TN 37821
(423) 623-6952
manesfuneralhome@bellsouth.net
<https://www.manesfuneralhome.com/index.cfm>

Funeral service

JAN 26. 1:00 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Chapel
363 East Main Street
Newport, TN 37821

Burial

JAN 26 (ET)

Resthaven Memorial Gardens
Dandridge, TN 37725

Tribute Wall



“ *Manes Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Lucy Jane Thornton*



Manes Funeral Home, Inc. - January 25, 2025 at 10:31 AM

BW

So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Carolyn Sartain and Bobba & Allen Wilson

Bobba Wilson - January 26, 2025 at 11:32 AM

LM

“ *We have very special memories of Mrs. Lucy. We are very sorry for your loss and you have our sympathy. We will be praying for her family and friends.*

Rob and Lisa Myers

Lisa & Rob Myers - January 27, 2025 at 03:38 PM



“ *May the Lord give you and your family peace today Keith, blessings. D & D 🍷 Duane & Debra Bobbitt*

Debra Bobbitt - January 26, 2025 at 09:09 PM



“ *Our Deepest Sympathy
Doug and Joyce Shoemaker*

Shoemaker - January 26, 2025 at 08:22 PM



“ *We are sorry to hear about Lucy passing away. Prayers for your family*

charlie & lana Williamson - January 26, 2025 at 10:40 AM



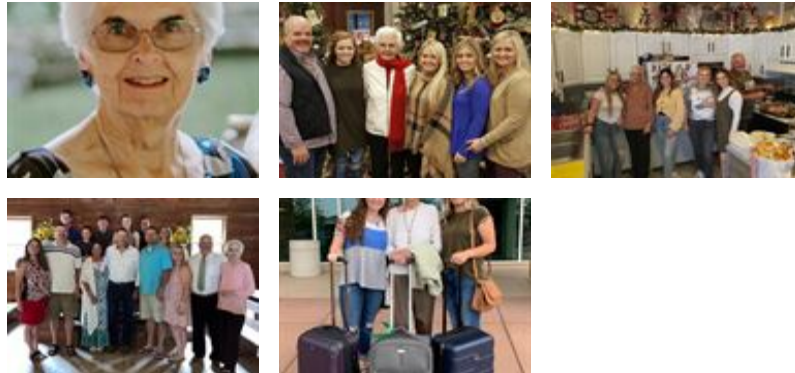
“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Lucy Jane Thornton.*



January 25, 2025 at 12:38 PM



“ *96 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Manes Funeral Home, Inc. - January 25, 2025 at 10:12 AM

AK

“ Our prayers go up for all the family, may God be with everyone of you 🙏❤️🙏

Ann Keasler - January 24, 2025 at 07:24 PM

RM

“ We are very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Roger Mynatt, Administrator, Jefferson Park at Dandridge

Roger Mynatt - January 24, 2025 at 03:23 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Lucy Jane Thornton.



January 24, 2025 at 12:21 PM

EC

“ Please accept our heartfelt condolences on the passing of your mother. Her love and guidance will forever be a part of you, and her memory will live on in the hearts of those who knew her. We know she is dancing with our Lord and pray you continue to hold onto her memories.

Love Ron and Ellen Crivellone

Ellen Crivellone - January 24, 2025 at 08:22 AM

BG

“ My deepest sympathy for the loss of precious Lucy! Wishing you peace and comfort in this difficult time.

Brooke Grahl (Tennova Newport Rehab)

Brooke Grahl - January 24, 2025 at 08:04 AM

JR

“ Jeff Roberts purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lucy Jane Thornton.



Jeff Roberts - January 24, 2025 at 05:55 AM

JR

“ Jeff Roberts planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lucy Jane Thornton.

Jeff Roberts - January 24, 2025 at 05:55 AM

KL

“ Thornton Family,
We are so sorry to hear about your Mom's passing. You all are in our thoughts & prayers.
Judy & Kim Loveday

Kim Loveday - January 23, 2025 at 08:19 PM

AN

“ Lucy to me was a wonderful Christian lady. Sadly missed but not forgotten.
Due to major back problems I will be unable to pay my respects in person.

Alfred Newman - January 23, 2025 at 01:14 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lucy Jane Thornton.



January 23, 2025 at 11:50 AM

DD

“ Lucy was such a sweet lady, dedicated to her church and family. Prayers for all of her family and friends as she will be sorely missed.
Lloyd and Diane Dibble

Diane Dibble - January 23, 2025 at 09:16 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Lucy Jane Thornton.



January 23, 2025 at 08:53 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lucy Jane Thornton.

January 23, 2025 at 08:53 AM



“ Brian & Salli White purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lucy Jane Thornton.



Brian & Salli White - January 23, 2025 at 08:42 AM



“ The Gruden Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lucy Jane Thornton.

The Gruden Family - January 22, 2025 at 09:19 PM



“ The Gruden Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Lucy Jane Thornton.



The Gruden Family - January 22, 2025 at 09:19 PM

BJ

“ *B and Jess purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Lucy Jane Thornton.*



B and Jess - January 22, 2025 at 08:26 PM

JC

“ *In loving memory, John and Norma Clark*

John and Norma Clark - January 22, 2025 at 07:23 PM

DG

“ *Sending my Deepest Condolences to All of the family and friends* 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏❤️



Debra Gann - January 22, 2025 at 06:35 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Lucy Jane Thornton.*



January 22, 2025 at 05:53 PM

JP

“ When I reflect on memory of Lucy, I see a woman who lived her life reflecting the love of our Savior Jesus Christ. Lucy was steadfast in her faithfulness, kindness, goodness, patience, generosity and compassion. I am thankful to God for her and who she meant to me in my walk of faith. I am sad that God has called another humble and loyal child of His home yet I am filled with Joy for Lucy. With Love and Prayer for family. Jane Ann Poe

jane ann poe - January 22, 2025 at 02:36 PM

JC

My deepest sympathy to her family. Lucy did so many kind things for me. Our CCHS class of '54 would never have had so many joyous reunions but for Lucy's hard work and persistence. Rest in peace, Dear Friend.

Jan Carpenter - January 23, 2025 at 12:49 PM

TP

“ Lucy was a very special woman...gentle, kind, and loving to everyone she knew... she was like family to the Poe family, JC was too; we loved them dearly.. I will always remember her with love ❤️

Terri Poe-Wilson - January 22, 2025 at 01:05 PM

DM

“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

David and Dona Merritt - January 22, 2025 at 12:09 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lucy Jane Thornton.

January 22, 2025 at 11:44 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lucy Jane Thornton.*



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“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Lucy Jane Thornton.*



January 22, 2025 at 11:27 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lucy Jane Thornton.*

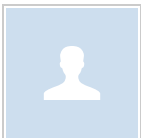


January 22, 2025 at 09:44 AM



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lucy Jane Thornton.

January 22, 2025 at 08:33 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Lucy Jane Thornton.



January 22, 2025 at 08:33 AM



“ So sorry for this families loss. Prayers and blessings to all who loved her so much.

Don & Barbara Welch

Don & Barbara Welch - January 22, 2025 at 08:02 AM



“ So Sorry for Your Loss ❤️ 🙏🙏🙏

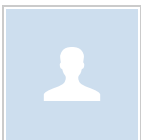
Jim & Cherry Derrick - January 22, 2025 at 05:57 AM



“ Eric Birkemeier purchased the Butterfly Tribute Blanket for the family of Lucy Jane Thornton.



Eric Birkemeier - January 21, 2025 at 10:28 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lucy Jane Thornton.

January 21, 2025 at 09:34 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Lucy Jane Thornton.*



January 21, 2025 at 09:34 PM



“ *I have many loving memories of Lucy and JC growing up in Chestnut Hill. They always welcomed the youth of the community into their home and hearts. Prayers for the family*

Jimmye Blair - January 21, 2025 at 09:27 PM



“ *I worked with Lucy at TTL many years ago. She was always so sweet and we shared many lunch breaks laughing together. She is one lady I will never forget!!!* ❤️

Angela Ramsey - January 21, 2025 at 06:31 PM



“ *Korrey & Matt's Connect Group purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Lucy Jane Thornton.*



Korrey & Matt's Connect Group - January 21, 2025 at 06:30 PM

SJ

“ Sammi J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lucy Jane Thornton.

Sammi J. - January 21, 2025 at 05:37 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lucy Jane Thornton.

January 21, 2025 at 05:33 PM

KA

“ Lucy was one of my favorite people at Chestnut Hill UMC. I have fond memories of memories of her from summer bible school and from my visits there. I truly enjoyed singing while she played piano and her bible school lessons. She will be forever in my memory and heart.

Katrina Atchley Arbogast - January 21, 2025 at 05:31 PM

KI

“ My condolences to the family. Prayers for you all.

Karen Greene Isaacs - January 21, 2025 at 05:30 PM

JP

“ Our Prayers and Condolences go out to Jay Thornton and Family for the Peace of God to be with you during this time of loss.

James and Carol Prince

Ooltewah, TN

James Prince - January 21, 2025 at 05:18 PM





“ Jay I am so sorry to hear about your sweet moms passing...Love and prayers for you all..



Pat Evans Larry Stephenson - January 21, 2025 at 05:08 PM



“ My first memory of Lucy is at the old First Baptist Church on Easter Sunday in the mid-1950s. She wore the most beautiful yellow and black ensemble complete with a stunning hat. I thought she was from Hollywood. I also remember attending her wedding to JC and Preston Moore bringing her portrait to the reception. It goes without saying she was a beautiful bride. In later years we renewed our friendship at First United Methodist Church. Lucy was as beautiful inside as out and will be sorely missed.

Duay O'Neil - January 21, 2025 at 05:00 PM



“ Steve Harrison purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Lucy Jane Thornton.



Steve Harrison - January 21, 2025 at 04:29 PM

DD

“ Jay and Keith

Many memories of time spent with you as children. I would tag along to care for the both of you while Lucy and JC would be attending church meetings. If there is one thing I have learned in this world today is how grateful to have been a part of the Chestnut Hill Community. Lucy was a great Christian lady and set the bar high for all of us to follow in her footsteps. Prayers for all the Thornton and Morgan families.

Debbie Chesteen Davis - January 21, 2025 at 03:57 PM

DW

“ Jay and Keith

*We are so sorry to hear about Lucy . She has always been one of my favorite people enjoyed our conversations . Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love always
Jackie & Debbie
Wylie*

Debbie Wylie - January 21, 2025 at 01:20 PM

RB

“ Jay, Keith and family, I have too many memories of your sweet Mom to pick only one. She was a precious lady with a sweet soul. I'm blessed to have known and loved her dearly. My world is a little dimmer with her light gone. But I can rejoice that she now hears perfectly, can eat anything she wants, and is at peace sitting at Jesus's feet. Love and continued prayers.

Rebecca N Boggan - January 21, 2025 at 10:33 AM

ER

Keith and Jay

So very sorry to hear about Lucy. She was such a dear friend and family for so many years. She was such a special person in my life and she will be so missed.

Evelyn Brooks Reese

Evelyn Brooks Reese - January 21, 2025 at 09:36 PM

MR

Jay and Keith so sorry for your loss. Lucy came to visit Mom after Dad passed. We had a great visit with her. I will always remember her as a beautiful lady. Prayers for you and your family. Melanie Coleman Rolen

Melanie Coleman Rolen - January 22, 2025 at 08:25 AM

LC

I worked with Lucy at Tennessee Truck Lines for many years. A beautiful lady in every way. A kind Godly heart and always helpful and just a joy to be around. I am praying for God's comfort for family and friends. Linda Conard

Linda Conard - January 23, 2025 at 10:13 AM

RC

Jay and Keith and families it breaks our heart to hear the passing of Lucy. She and JC made the difference in many young lives growing up in the Chestnut Hill community. In all the years in knowing Lucy I never seen anything but a smile on her face, she was a precious soul. Love the family dearly. RONNY & COOKIE COLEMAN

Ronny Coleman - January 23, 2025 at 12:15 PM