



## Theda Irene France

July 29, 1943 - January 26, 2020

Theda Irene France, age 76, of Newport, passed away Sunday, January 26, 2020.

She was retired from Cocke County School System.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William France; parents, Albert and Sarah Watts; brothers, John Watts, Bob Watts and Charles Watts; and sister, Debbie Watts.

She is survived by her son, Todd France (Kassandra Saltonstall); daughter, Alicea (Bill) McNealy all of Parrottsville; brothers, Gary (Jessie) Watts of Newport, Eddie (Brenda) Watts, of Talbott; sister, Ima (Robert) Fields of Newport; grandchildren, Seth (Kristan) Willis, Rowan Saltonstall; great-grandchildren, Gracelyn Samuel, Alyannah Samuel; and a host of other family and friends.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at Manes Funeral Home.

Celebration of life services will be held 11:00 am Wednesday, January 29, 2020 in Resthaven Memorial Mausoleum, with entombment following the service.

The family will gather at Resthaven Memorial Mausoleum at 10:45 am Wednesday prior to the Celebration of Life Service.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at [www.manesfuneralho](http://www.manesfuneralho)

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Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **28**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Theda Irene France*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *We were sorry to learn of Theda passing .  
She was a very kind and wonderful person .  
We will be keeping all her family in our  
thoughts and prayers . Love , James and Gail  
Frisbee*



**James and Gail Frisbee** - February 02, 2020 at 03:40 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss  
Bobby Debbie Melissa Erby*

**Bobby, Debbie, Melissa Erby** - January 29, 2020 at 07:26 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss*

**Bobby, Debbie, Melissa Erby** - January 29, 2020 at 07:25 PM



“ *Todd/Alecia and entire family, sincere condolences this day in the  
passing of such a special lady....*

**abby balch** - January 29, 2020 at 06:02 PM



“ *You all are in our prayers. Michael and Tammy Shelton*

**Michael Shelton** - January 29, 2020 at 03:04 PM

AL

“ I love u all ,prayers for all. God bless u Alicia and Todd !! Mamaw Joyce and Sue, I'm sure she enjoyed all the time u hung out and took care of her. A special lady is now in heaven with no pain !!! God bless u all ,love Angie Lane

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**Angie Lane** - January 29, 2020 at 02:22 PM

JB

“ So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you.

*Bea, Jan & Sydney Brooks*

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**Jan Brooks** - January 29, 2020 at 11:53 AM

BG

“ So sorry to hear of Theda's passing. She was a sweet lady, so glad I got to know her, I so enjoyed being around her!! Prayers for her Family!

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**Becky Greer** - January 29, 2020 at 10:30 AM

BB

“ I'm so sorry for your loss! I remember Theda so well from my mom's classroom as a child. She was such a wonderful, sweet lady. She will be missed!

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**Brooke (Fullington) Boggs** - January 29, 2020 at 09:49 AM

BG

“ So sad to hear of her passing! Theda was such a sweet lady, I always enjoyed being around her, she will be missed. Prayers for her Family!

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**Becky Greer** - January 29, 2020 at 08:37 AM

DB

“ Alecia, prayers and sympathy in the passing of your mother.

Dot Barnes - January 29, 2020 at 06:53 AM

AH

“ I just now read of her homegoing. Was so shocked and saddened. She was such a sweet lady and was so kind to me and Wayne. My favorite memory of her was she would bring me a jar of her homemade salsa. To my delight she would bring me a new jar when I returned the empty one. Such a sweet lady, she will be missed by all who knew her. So thankful we got to know her. Anita & Wayne Hamilton

Anita Hamilton - January 28, 2020 at 09:22 PM

AN

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you....Edna Stokley

Annie Norwood - January 28, 2020 at 08:00 PM

SH

“ I'm very sorry for your loss.. Y'all are in my thoughts & prayers.. God bless you both..

Shelby Hayes-Gentry - January 28, 2020 at 07:27 PM

LH

“ Prayers!

Louise & Jimmy Hux - January 28, 2020 at 05:36 PM

BD

“ Sincere Sympathy to Theda's family.

*Bud & Linda Dawson*

**Bud & Linda Dawson** - January 28, 2020 at 04:37 PM

MC

“ We are very sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family.

*Jay & Mary Ann Chrisman*

**Mary Chrisman** - January 28, 2020 at 01:11 PM

LS

“ I'm so sorry....prayers for you all...

**lisa talley Stuart** - January 28, 2020 at 12:59 PM

RF

“ Sending love and prayers ❤️



**Ron and Debbie Greene church family** - January 28, 2020 at 10:42 AM

MF

“ Death leaves a heartache no one can heal but love leaves a memory that no one can steal. I remember Theda back in the 50's.  
*Myra Woodson Fowler*

**Myra Fowler** - January 28, 2020 at 10:34 AM



“ Gary & Family so sorry to hear of the loss of your sister. Just wanted you all to know you all are in my thoughts & prayers



Audrey Owenby - January 28, 2020 at 08:53 AM



“ Alicea, I was so sorry to hear of your mother's passing She was such a sweet, precious lady. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Melanie Strange Smith

Melanie Strange Smith - January 28, 2020 at 08:48 AM



“ So sorry for your loss were praying for you all

Amy and Kenzie Starnes - January 28, 2020 at 08:18 AM



“ Theda was always a very special lady who worked so hard with the students at northwest. She was a joy to know and I will always remember how much the students loved her and how she never gave up on them.

penny ervin - January 28, 2020 at 08:17 AM



“ Alicea, I am so sorry for your loss. Your mom was a very sweet lady. Prayers for you all.

Amy S Dorsey - January 28, 2020 at 08:14 AM

MW

“ Deepest sympathy to Thedas family. She was such a nice and caring lady. She was one of my favorite classmates in high school. She will be missed by many. 🙏

Marie Wood - January 28, 2020 at 07:25 AM

PG

“ We loved Theeda. So sorry for your loss. My late husband Bill Gunter and I loved Theda. God Bless each one of you.

Patricia Gunter - January 28, 2020 at 06:23 AM

KB

“ So sorry to hear about Theda's passing. She was always nice to everyone and I remember her with fondness. Condolences to the family.

Kim Bolton - January 28, 2020 at 05:23 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Theda Irene France.



January 27, 2020 at 08:44 PM

BE

“ Thoughts and prayers go out to the family. I remember her working at NW School when I attended there.

Benjamin Evans - January 27, 2020 at 01:43 PM

SS

“ *Alicea, we're sorry to hear of Theda's passing. We loved her. She was a sweet and gentle person, and we'll always remember what a wonderful cook she was. Just like her precious mother. love and sympathy, Sherry & Bryce*

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**Sherry & Bryce Strange** - January 27, 2020 at 12:26 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Theda Irene France.*



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January 27, 2020 at 12:22 PM