



Katie Mae Dalton Thornton

January 28, 1937 - October 22, 2019

Katie Mae Dalton Thornton passed away on Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at the age of 82. Katie was born on January 28, 1937 to John Clarence and Ruby Mitchell “Dee” Dalton. Katie graduated from Cleveland High School and attended Delta State College. Katie was married to her high school sweetheart and love of her life, Ray Thornton. Katie and Ray were married for 64 years and lived in Cleveland, MS for many years before retiring to Cherokee Village, AR. Katie was a wonderful and loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Katie enjoyed making candy, sewing, spending time with her family and friends, and flower gardening. Katie enjoyed sitting on the back porch of their beloved mountain cabin and enjoying the beautiful flower gardens she and Ray planted for which they gave God all the glory. She was a member of Spring River Baptist Church and enjoyed the friendship and faith of her “little church”. Katie is preceded in death by her father, John Clarence Dalton, her mother, Ruby Mitchell “Dee” Dalton, her brother, Arthur Earl “Fats” Dalton and sister, Lillian Dalton Boone. She is survived by her husband, Ray W. Thornton, her daughter Diana Thornton Farr, her granddaughter, Brooke Farr Kemp and spouse Shane, and great-granddaughters Katie Isabella Kemp and Ruby Annalise Kemp. A memorial and celebration of life will be held at Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5688 Poplar Ave, Memphis, TN on Saturday, November 2. Visitation will be at 10:30 with the service beginning at 11:30 and reception to follow. All family and friends are invited to share their memories and honor the wonderful life of Katie. To view the memorial tribute video, please click the link

below: <https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/3NSKHWMD2S8BYB89>

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“ Life lessons I learned from watching my Aunt Kate: 1. Always leave the carport door open because you never know who may need “some lovin”2. A jar of Ragu can be spiced up and watered down in order to feed the masses that show up at that unlocked door. 3. There is ALWAYS room for one more at the table. 4. Laughter is contagious and makes everyone feel safe. 5. A can of mushroom soup is a kitchen staple. 6. Be the person to stay and care for loved ones because true blessings come when no one is watching. 7. Stay up all night to watch a Magnolia blossom open. 8. Take the initiative to learn something on your own. 9. Keep God at the center of everything. 10. Love, Love LOVE and then LOVE some more!

Lynsey Newman - October 30, 2019 at 07:04 PM



“ I worked with Kate for almost 20 years. As a young person just starting life in the business world, she taught me so many things. One of the first was how to make coffee. I know she will be missed so much by all her family and friends, but I also am positive she is in a beautiful place as her journey on this earth has ended. My prayers are with you.

Glenda Bruce - October 30, 2019 at 08:15 AM



“ Oh I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. I know she was so dearly loved! My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Rachel Reich - October 28, 2019 at 12:06 PM



“ Brooke,
My thoughts and prayers are with you. It is always hard to lose someone who has been such a blessing in our lives. Find peace in knowing she had a strong faith and is forever healthy and happy in heaven! What a day it will be when we get to reunite with them! I love you and your family!!

Keri Hunsucker - October 28, 2019 at 08:20 AM



“ I barely knew Katie, but through her daughter Diana, I knew how much she was loved. My heart is breaking for Diana and the rest of their family as they navigate these difficult days, weeks, and months ahead without their mom, grandmother, great-grandmother, and wife. I'm sending love and prayers to all of them for the loss of Katie.

Jackie Cash - October 26, 2019 at 11:55 AM