



Rosemary Thornton

May 19, 1951 - October 4, 2025

Ms. Rosemary Thornton was born in Albany, GA on May 19, 1951. She is the daughter of Mr. Sam Thornton and Mrs. Frankie Mae Baker Thornton. She was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers, Grady Frank Evans and Samuel Jesse Thornton, and sister, Patricia Dent- Oliver. Rosemary is survived by her only child, Kesha Thornton-Runner (Donald), three grandchildren, Kelis, Rene', and Adonis and loving partner of more than 30 years, James "Calhoun" Wilborn. God, in His infinite wisdom called Rose home on October 4, 2025. She attended Madison Elementary School, Carver Jr. High, and Monroe High School in Albany. She and her family moved to Atlanta in the late 60's. There she attended Atlanta Area Tech and later attended Dekalb Community College. Upon becoming a Certified Nurse's Assistant, she worked for The State of Georgia Department of Medical Assistance, Visiting Nurse Association, and the Cerebral Palsy Center of Atlanta where she worked with kids with physical disabilities. She loved helping people and would often volunteer with Non-Profit organizations. Rosemary joined Third Kiokee Baptist Church at an early age under the leadership of Rev. R. B. Smith, where she sang in the choir and taught a children's Sunday School class. She remained a member until moving to Atlanta. She attended various churches and later joined Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, Rev. Willie Tarver, Pastor. Later moving to Orlando, she joined Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in Eatonville, FL, Rev. Willie C. Barnes, Pastor. After moving back to Atlanta, she regularly attended Welcome Friend

Baptist Church in Ellenwood, Rev. Dr. John H. Smith. She loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren who lovingly called her “Granny” and close friends of many years affectionately called ‘The Golden Girls’ Annette, Estella, Miriam, Elaine, Geri and Madonna. When “the girls” got together, they always had big fun. Rosemary is also survived by nieces, Michelle, Sandra, Cherethia, Jakara, and Sara. Great Niece, Kaneiya, Great nephews, Michael, TJ, Linton, Darnell, Jr. and DaJuan as well as a host of cousins, aunts, and other relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 17. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rainbow Park Baptist Church
2941 Columbia Dr
Decatur, GA 30034-4146
(404) 288-1910

Family Hours

OCT 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life Service - Live Streamed

OCT 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Rosemary Thornton

 Tribute Video

Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc. - October 14, 2025
at 05:06 PM

JW

*I am sorry to hear about my cousin passing she will truly be missed
RoseMary you gain your wings fly high my cousin sorry I could not be
there but my Prayers and Love goes out to her daughter and family
Love cousin Janice Walker*

Janice Walker - October 18, 2025 at 01:46 AM

JW

Rosemary you are going to be truly miss

Janice Walker - October 18, 2025 at 01:48 AM

EB

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Rosemary over 30 years ago and have many fond memories from those years. I could always see the love in her heart for her family. To me, she was like a little firecracker — small in stature but strong-willed and never afraid to speak her mind. If you crossed her, you were probably going to have a bad day.



I loved seeing her with her daughter and grandkids — the joy on her face said it all. She cherished them immensely.

I'm going to miss her lively spirit, her jokes, her laughter, and that smile. I know she loved orchids, so I'll plant some in her honor. I'm grateful for the times we shared and saddened that we didn't have more.

Everett (Elb) Banks

Everett (Elb) Banks - October 15, 2025 at 04:18 PM

EF

“ Everett Banks & Family purchased the Lavender & White Standing Spray for the family of Rosemary Thornton.



Everett Banks & Family - October 15, 2025 at 04:02 PM

EF

“ Everett Banks & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rosemary Thornton.

Everett Banks & Family - October 15, 2025 at 04:02 PM

BA

“ *Birmingham Business Alliance purchased the Flo or Plant for Sympathy for the family of Rosemary Thornton.*



Birmingham Business Alliance - October 14, 2025 at 12:12 AM

JB

“ *Ms Rose was indeed a beautiful lady. She was a class act and she loved her daughter and grandchildren. We were blessed to meet her and we were sad to hear that she had passed. She will truly be missed and she will forever be loved. Our prayers are with her family during this difficult time. Love, Jerry and Jackie Bryant San Antonio, TX.*

Jerry & Jackie Bryant - October 13, 2025 at 02:00 AM

CS

“ *Auntie Rose you were one beautiful and bossy woman. Always dressed to the T and always carried yourself like a lady. The times we shared will never be forgotten. Those conversations and the advice will always be treasured. I'm saddened that you have to leave, but I'm rejoicing that you are in the arms of the Father. No more pain...no more suffering. Until I see you again...Weet :(*

Cherethia Springer - October 09, 2025 at 05:45 PM