



Catherine "Cat"
Thompson

Jan. 11, 1940 - Sept. 4, 2026

Catherine "Cat" Thompson, 86, of Valdese, NC, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Friday, September 4, 2026, after an extended illness.

Born in Burke County, NC on January 11, 1940, she was the daughter of the late Joseph W. Jordan and Florence Catherine Hurt Jordan.

Cat was a member of Nowlings Chapel Freewill Baptist Church for over 30 years. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, and she most enjoyed spending time with her family.

Cat worked for many years as a manager at Winn Dixie and owned various convenience stores in the Salem area. She loved life and people, and she made many friends while working. Cat also spent many years working as a realtor for Causby Realty before her retirement.

Those left to cherish her memory include her son, Ronnie Walker (Sandra); daughter, Cathy Walker Crisp (Alfred); grandchildren, Shannon Griffiths (Matt), Ashlee Walker, Christopher Crisp, and Dillan Crisp; great-grandchildren, Zachary Martins, Harper Griffiths, Grant Griffiths, and Raylee Walker; numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family; and her special niece and caregiver, Sherrie Crabtree.

In addition to her parents, Cat was preceded in death by her husband, Otis C. Thompson; brothers, Buddy Jordan, William "Bud" Clarence Jordan, Carl "Pee Wee" Jordan, and Charles Ray "Red" Jordan; and a sister, Vonnie Jordan Taylor.

The family will receive friends from 12 to 1 p.m., Monday, September 7, 2026 at Nowlings Chapel Freewill Baptist Church. The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. in the church with Rev. Darvy Hensley officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

The family would like to thank Amorem Hospice for the wonderful care shown to Cat, and her church family and friends for the many prayers.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

We are so sorry to hear of Catherine's passing. One thing I know gives you comfort is we know where she's gone & will see her again. She fought a good fight & kept the faith. She was a wonderful lady. She was what I considered a true lady & was always so put together. We love you all & are praying for you.

—Marty & Dena Peterson

I am so sorry to hear of Cat's passing! She was my deli manager at Winn Dixie back in 1976 and for about 4 or 5 years. I always thought a lot of Cat. She was always a very kind and elegant lady. To her children Ronnie and Cathy I am so very sorry for your loss!

—Rebecca Campbell Childs

So sorry to hear of The passing of Catherine she was a wonderful neighbor and friend she will certainly be missed. Judy Johnson

—Judy Johnson



I worked with Cat many years ago at Winn - Dixie , what a wonderful lady. She will be missed. Rest easy my friend.

—Jeff Clemmons

I will miss Katherine she was first person to speak to us when we started to nowlings chapel and always spoke to us she and family were good friends she will. Be missed

–Ken and Donna vassey



Such a wonderful lady. Always enjoyed being around Cat and know she will be missed by all her family and friends but look forward to seeing her again one day. Best wishes to the family. Eddie

–Eddie Grindstaff

Cat was such a beautiful, precious and wonderful person. We will miss our neighbor.

–Keith and Kathy Stark

Praying for you and your family at this difficult time. You have our sincere condolences

–Gary and Sandra Follett



–Laura McCoy

Love and prayers for the family of Catherine. She was always so kind and caring to our family. May God send the family Comfort in knowing that Catherine is at rest and is now with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In Christ Pastor Bobby &

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—Bobby Shehan



Sending prayers to the Ronnie, Kathy, Shannon, Ashley!
Always remember the good times!!! Cat would have wanted
you to!!

—Lowell Summey

Ronnie and Sandra and families I am so sorry for your loss. Catherine was a special Lady always enjoyed working with her in Real Estate. May God comfort you always, Love, Joy Filice

—Joy Filice

I'm saddened to hear of Catherine's passing. She was a wonderful lady. I enjoyed the conversations we have had. She never failed to smile even when she didn't feel good. I remember times that I didn't have money after paying my bills and she would give me store credit. She will be missed. We love her and her whole family. My prayers are with you all.

—Mark Hensley