



*Thelma Griffin*  
*Duckworth*

**March 2, 1921 - April 13, 2020**

Thelma Griffin Duckworth, age 99, of Morganton, North Carolina, passed away in Jacksonville, Florida on April 13, 2020. She was a beloved Mama, Mammaw, Sister, and, Friend.

She was born in Valdese, North Carolina, March 2, 1921. She attended Valdese Schools and later received her G.E.D.

She was married to Richard W. Duckworth on February 2, 1938.

She was a stay-at-home mom while her children were young, and then worked as a book keeper or credit manager. She really loved her family and her church family, and they loved her. She was a long-time member of Mount Home Baptist Church, where she faithfully served in multiple capacities through the years including treasurer and singing in the choir. She will be remembered for her love for family and friends, "mammaw kisses", home cooking, love of shoes, and sharp sense of humor. She was preceded in death by her parents Mamie Ramsey Griffin and Theodore Griffin, her husband Richard, son Jerry, and sisters: Marie Biggs, Vera Powell, Helen Olsen Ross, and Evelyn Carswell.

She is survived by her daughter Loretta Abernethy (husband Albert), of Jacksonville, FL, four granddaughters, Denise Smith (Alan) of Morganton, Darla Lacy of Jacksonville, Lauren Abernethy of Lawrenceville, GA, and Hope Pfister (Kevin), of Concord, NC. four great-granddaughters: Jaime Fleming (Clint) of Morganton, Jordan Lacy and Ashton Lacy, of Jacksonville, and Grace Pfister of Concord, one

great-grandson Jeremy Burris, of Morganton, one great-great granddaughter Macie Fleming of Morganton, and her sister Gwyndolyn Keener.

In lieu of flowers, you may make contributions in her memory to Mount Home Baptist Church, [2272 Mount Home Church Road, Morganton 28655](#) or to Community

Hospice & Palliative Care, [4266 Sunbeam Road, Jacksonville, FL 32257](#). A

Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date. A family private graveside service will be held at Burke Memorial Park in Morganton, NC.

# Tribute Wall

No tributes added yet.