



## Ms. Debbie Kennedy Thompson

November 24, 1951 - August 27, 2025

LaGrange- It is with deep sympathy that we announce the passing of Ms. Debbie Kennedy Thompson age 73, who transitioned into eternal life peacefully on August 27, 2025 at the residence of her sister, leaving a void that will not be easily filled. The staff of Legacy Cremation Care extend our deepest condolences to the family and please continue to keep the family in your prayers during their time of sorrow.

Ms. Debbie Kennedy Thompson, 73, of La Grange, North Carolina, transitioned to her home in glory on August 27, 2025, in Burgaw, North Carolina.

Born on November 24, 1951, in Duplin County, North Carolina, Debbie lived a life marked by compassion, dedication, and unwavering faith. She was a devoted wife to the late Kenneth Harold Thompson for over 25 years.

Together, they shared a deep love and a spirit of adventure that led them across the country to explore the beauty of America's National Parks. Their shared joy in traveling and fishing at the coast created cherished memories that remain with those who knew them.

Debbie dedicated over four decades of her life to caring for others as a Licensed Practical Nurse at Lenoir Memorial Hospital. Her attentiveness and compassion toward her patients earned her widespread admiration and culminated in an Excellence Award from the hospital in 2004. Her commitment to nursing was not just a profession but a calling—one she fulfilled with grace

and humility for 41 years.

Beyond her professional life, Debbie found joy in simple pleasures: antique shopping, baking specialty cakes, cooking meals for loved ones, and spending time with family and friends. She had a great sense of humor that could light up any room and treated everyone she met like family. Her warmth and generosity left lasting impressions on all who crossed her path.

A woman of faith, Debbie served her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ faithfully throughout her life. For over 32 years, she was a devoted member of Southwest P.F.W.B. Church in Kinston, NC. Her church community held a special place in her heart, and she gave selflessly of her time and energy to serve wherever needed. Whether preparing meals or offering support to fellow members, Debbie's presence was a blessing to many.

Debbie is survived by her son, Kenneth Thompson Jr., and his wife Tania Thompson; her sister, Melba Williams; grandchildren Christopher Thompson and Lauren Thompson; uncle Ressie Howard; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. She also leaves behind dear friends Cathy Whitley, Fran Ward, Joan Howard, and Anell Miller—each of whom held a special place in her heart.

She was preceded in death by the love of her life, husband Kenneth Harold Thompson; father Adam Kennedy; mother Lizzie Kennedy; and brother Raywood Kennedy.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Southwest P.F.W.B. Church in Kinston, NC—a place that brought Debbie immense joy and where she gave so much of herself.

Debbie lived life fully—with love in her heart and laughter on her lips. May her memory bring comfort to all who knew and loved her. A Funeral Service will be held on August 31, 2025, at 01:00 PM at Southwest P.F.W.B. Church 1745 NC 11/55. The funeral service will be officiated by Pastor Charles Heath.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG 31. 1:00 PM (ET)

Southwest Penecostal FWB Church  
1745 NC 11/55  
Kinston, NC 28504

# Tribute Wall

EF

“ I am so deeply sorry for your families loss.so sorry I am so late sending this message. I tried to reach her several times tried to catch her at church and home. I figured she was with her sister. Miss Debbie was one of the most caring and loving person I ever met. I carried a lot of things for her yard sale. And I bought a lot she would try to sale me stuff I didn't need. She cooked the best chicken pastry. OMG and those cakes were great. I got her to make all my cakes. She loved my Grandson Malaciah. I will surely miss hanging out with her. I wish I could of seen her before God decided to call her home. Again,so sorry for your loss. RIP my sweet friend.



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**Elizabeth A Futral** - December 29, 2025 at 02:07 AM

LH

“ Your family are all in our prayers.

*The family of Herbert and Maedeen Thompson  
Red Bay, Alabama*

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**Linda Humphres** - August 31, 2025 at 08:49 AM

DH

“ Gonna miss ya cousin! The miles may have kept us apart, but the memories with you remained close. Enjoy heaven... see ya soon.

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**Dempsey Howard** - August 30, 2025 at 02:30 PM

JA

“ *Debbie, you have always been there when someone needed it. You complain about helping. I remember all the times mom ,dad and I have been over to eat. You were there during my happy times like when I had Jessica and you held her so close till you got her to my daddy's bed. You have been there the bad like when I lost Mom and dad. This world will never be the same. Until we meet again! Love you* ❤️

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**Joy Avery** - August 30, 2025 at 12:25 PM

JA

*I am so sorry! Should say NEVER complain!*

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**Joy Avery** - August 30, 2025 at 12:27 PM

LJ

*May you Rest in Heavenly Peace Debbie! I thoroughly enjoyed working with you on TCU at Lenoir Memorial Hospital. When my Joe was a patient in our unit, I rested well at night knowing that you were working. I know the Lord was red saying " Well done my good and faithful servant", when He called you home to Glory! Meet in Peace dear friend!*

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**Linda D. Jones** - August 30, 2025 at 05:07 PM

JA

“ *Joy Avery lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debbie Kennedy Thompson*



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**Joy Avery** - August 30, 2025 at 12:20 PM

DD

“ *Dina Deering lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debbie Kennedy Thompson*



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**Dina Deering** - August 30, 2025 at 10:26 AM



“ *I know you're so much happier in heaven aunt Debbie. I have so many of my memories of my childhood that are full of you. You'll always be my birthday twin.*

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**Jessica Howard** - August 29, 2025 at 09:25 PM

CA

“ *So sorry for the loss of Debbie, we haven't seen her in years, but we are praying for all of her family. Love and prayers to each of you. Also her Church family.*

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**CarolynArnoldHenderson** - August 29, 2025 at 12:30 PM

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“ *Lauren Thompson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Debbie Kennedy Thompson*



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**Lauren Thompson** - August 28, 2025 at 08:52 PM