



## Mrs. Gracie Olivia Thompson

September 22, 1943 - May 8, 2020

Funeral services will be held privately on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 11:00 A.M. CST for Gracie Garriett Thompson. Per request of the family the services will be streamed live via facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/WilliamsFuneralHomeInc/>

Gracie Garriett was born on September 22, 1943 to Doris and Oliver Garriett in Opelousas, Louisiana. She attended North Elementary where she first encountered the love of her life, Patrick Thompson at the tender age of five years old. While Patrick and Gracie certainly had eyes for one another, it would be sixty years before they were married and were able to spend 12 glorious years in a loving relationship.

Gracie was a loving mother, sister, grandmother, aunt, cousin, wife, mentor, professor and friend. She dedicated her life to helping others as a public health nurse in St. Louis MO, Ft. Lauderdale, FL and East St. Louis, IL. Gracie married Samuel Hutchinson, Jr in June, 1965. Although Gracie chose nursing as her profession, anyone who heard her angelic voice knew she could have been a professional opera singer. She shared God's gift as a member of the choir at St. Alphonsus Rock Church in St. Louis for years. Gracie's rendition of Ave Maria in Italian filled the soul and brought tears to your eyes as witness to God's Grace and love.

After receiving her master's degree in nursing, Gracie taught public health at St. Louis University while raising two rambunctious children, Gerard and Graquel Hutchinson, and often playing mother/big sister to Leesa Goudeau, who is 21 years younger. While Gracie is survived by her children, sister, grandsons Alex and James, nieces Dominique and Alexis, she was family in spirit to countless friends and loved ones. She has joined her grandson, Shaun and her mother, Doris in Heaven.

Interment will be in Bellevue Memorial Park.

Share words of comfort with the family of Gracie Olivia Thompson on her Permanent Life Tribute Page at [www.williamsfuneralhomes.net](http://www.williamsfuneralhomes.net). Be the first to post your most treasured memory of Gracie Olivia. Show your support by sharing a personal message or story, meaningful photo or video, or record a video message using your webcam. On behalf of the family, we encourage you share your personal experiences and preserve the memory of Gracie Olivia Thompson for future generations to come.

# Previous Events

## FaceBook Live Stream

MAY 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

<https://www.facebook.com/WilliamsFuneralHomeInc/>

# Tribute Wall

SB

“ *Samantha B. lit a candle in memory of Gracie Thompson* ”



Samantha B. - May 16, 2023 at 02:17 AM



“ *Mrs. Gracie Olivia Thompson* ”

January 28, 2023 at 08:52 AM

FS

“ *Fred Singleton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gracie Olivia Thompson* ”



Fred Singleton - May 19, 2020 at 09:08 PM

SG

“ *May peace and comfort be with you and your family at this difficult time.* ”

Sheriff Bobby J. Guidroz - May 19, 2020 at 11:48 AM

DR

“ *Gracie will truly be missed. We love her.* ”

Diann Roberts - May 19, 2020 at 10:45 AM

IG

“ Irma & Del Guillory purchased the Lovely One Sp  
athiphyllum Plant for the family of Mrs. Gracie  
Olivia Thompson.



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Irma & Del Guillory - May 19, 2020 at 09:30 AM

CG

“ May the loving memories you hold in your heart live on forever.

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Clark and Alfreda Gabriel - May 18, 2020 at 09:02 PM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Mrs. Gracie Olivia Thompson.



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May 18, 2020 at 03:16 PM

LA

“ Gracie n I are 1 month apart in age. Our families were friends n then  
Gracie's mom married my cousin n Leesa was born n we became  
true family. However Gracie n I grew up together n went our  
separate ways as adults we always stayed connected. Keep singing



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Lynette Alsandor-Francisco - May 18, 2020 at 09:03 AM

LA

“ My sincere condolence to her husband children n family. I will be  
there in spirit. See you on the other side Gracie. Love you 🙏

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Lynette Alsandor-Francisco - May 18, 2020 at 08:56 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gracie Olivia Thompson.*



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May 18, 2020 at 08:02 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gracie Olivia Thompson.*



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May 17, 2020 at 10:48 PM



“ *We thank God, for a life filled with light that will always be a bright part of our lives forever. Gracie, thanks for laughs and fond memories that will never pass from us but will be shared with the others. Our Heavenly Father's eternal love and peace will shower you forever. We are forever blessed that our lives crossed each other and one day we will see you in God's eternal rest. With love from Carl and Linda Jackson*

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**linda jackson** - May 17, 2020 at 08:52 PM

SS

“ *Gracie my beloved Classmate, Friend in Christ , I will always remember you in my prayers. I am your spiritual friend, Sister Mary Clare Thomas, SFCC from Baton Rouge, La. I am grateful for your love and friendship. God called you to himself because He loved you as we love you. Thanks for your friendship and love, Classmate of Holy Ghost Catholic School.*

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**Sister Mary Clare Thomas SFCC** - May 17, 2020 at 08:57 AM

WF

“ *Sharing Your Loss*

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**Williams Family** - May 17, 2020 at 02:35 AM

LA

“ *Lynette Alsandor-Francisco lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gracie Olivia Thompson*



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**Lynette Alsandor-Francisco** - May 17, 2020 at 12:34 AM

BS

“ I am saddened to learn that my friend Gracie transitioned. Her gentle demeanor and that great smile will be missed by all who knew her. Many years ago, I met Gracie when we joined Jack and Jill and participated in the activities with our children. Also, Gracie and I were board members of the YWCA (14th and Locust) in St. Louis, MO. My sincere condolences to Gerard, Graquel, who I have known for many years, and to the rest of the family. May you find strength as you remember all of your happy days though the years with Gracie.

*Blessings to the family.*

*Ms. Bettie Shanks*

*St. Louis, MO*

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**Bettie Shanks** - May 16, 2020 at 02:56 PM

JC

*To my Alpha brother, Pat, and to the rest of Gracie's family:  
My family and I send prayers up for the repose of her soul and for strength for all of you during your time of loss. I grew up with Gracie in Alexandria when she visited her family. Pat and I were fraternity brothers at Grambling. Years later after their marriage I spent time with them when they came home. Blessings be to the family in her memory*

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**Joseph Cotton** - October 05, 2020 at 08:16 PM

JT

“ There are so many special times we spent with Gracie. From childhood to adults we have been connected .There is so much to always cherish. Many weekends during the summers we would meet halfway between Chicago and St Louis to camp. On those weekends we enjoyed swimming, water skiing and roasting marshmallows over our campfire. We also did many ski trips together in the Midwest. One Christmas we skied Winter Park and Steamboat Springs, Colorado. She loved skiing. To dance in the rain you must first learn to Praise God in the Storm. Rest in Peace our good and Faithful Cousin! We will meet again! Jimmy and Jo



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**James Thompson** - May 16, 2020 at 02:03 PM

CG

“ Gracie and I had miles between us but to connect with each was just a few clicks on the computer, even if Pat had to do some of her clicking. She never liked the computer. We started out together in diapers. We ran across the neighbors yard to be with each other. We loved, fought, laughed, and cried with each other just like sisters would do. We went to the Douglas neighbors at 6 every day to say the rosary. We skated down the hill on South street. We got into the lipstick and nail polish and, of course, we shared punishments too! I literally have a lifetime of memories with Gracie. Those memories include the arrival of her baby sister, and the birth of her two beautiful babies. I am still honored to be her beautiful baby girl's Godmother. When I visited, we had a barbecue in the fireplace and when she visited me, she got up at the crack of dawn to go for a run. We often met at my brother Jimmy's in Chicago for whatever. Jimmy was her favorite. One of my cherished memories was being one of the surprise guests at her birthday party. They held me back for last and when I came out we hugged and cried. Oh God, I wish we could do all those things again. Leesa, Duke, and Graquel, I am here if you need me just as your mom and I were always there for each other. I love you guys.  
Carolyn Camille Thompson Gabriel

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**Carolyn Thompson Gabriel** - May 15, 2020 at 11:19 PM

SF

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss. I hope you feel the love that surrounds you now and always. Praying for your healing, comfort, strength and peace during this painful time. Graquel has told us stories about her mom that were sweet and what a amazing lady. Many prayers for the family.

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**Sandy and Dale Fularczyk** - May 15, 2020 at 01:11 PM

AU

*Our condolences and prayers go out to Patrick (Pat) at crossing over of his beloved wife. He knows that love never dies we only changes our way of communication. We choose to thank God for all the good times we spent at the J.S.Clark School Reunions together, laughing and reminiscing. The class of "59" is praying with you Pat. Peace and Love our brother.*

**Annie Ussery** - May 15, 2020 at 06:53 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gracie Olivia Thompson.*



May 15, 2020 at 09:32 AM

CD

“ *Beautiful lady..beautiful earthly legacy. Blessed assurance to the family.*

**CAROL DARTEZBATISTE** - May 15, 2020 at 07:44 AM

VB

*My prayers are for the family and to Patrick to trust in God he can and will. Carry you through*

**Van Bryant** - May 16, 2020 at 06:39 AM

PH

“ I’ have lots of memories, but I’ll go back to when we were teenagers in Opelousas. Gracie and I lived in the same area of town and often we’d walk home from school together. Sometimes we’d stop at this certain department store and squeeze in together into this tiny booth to listen to records. We had lots of fun times going to sock hops at this school that was down the street from where I lived. Gracie and I had lots of fun times together and I look back fondly at them. Life took us in different directions but we never lost touch and in the last several years through letters and phone calls. I know Gracie is safely home and is realizing what she always believed as she had such deep faith.

Sincerely,  
Paula Donato Holland.

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**Paula Donato Holland** - May 14, 2020 at 09:57 PM

JE

Gracie came to Springfield Mo. to join Connie for nursing however she was to young and had to go to University!  
She was a devoted Christian and a wonderful person !  
She and her mother lived near my brother’s house.  
Rest In Peace my friend.

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**Jacquelyn Espree** - May 15, 2020 at 09:04 AM

SH

“ Pat, our most sincere thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Our deepest sympathy go out to the family at this time.

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**Samuel & Helen Huntley** - May 14, 2020 at 07:41 PM