



Thelma J Morrison

September 26, 1945 - February 3, 2018

Thelma Jean Netherly Morrison, passed away in Yakima on Saturday, February 3. She was 72.

Thelma was born in Wapato, Washington on September 26, 1945, to Marvin and Ruby (Duffield) Netherly. Five years later, Ruby met and married Paul Archer and Thelma assumed her place as the eldest sibling in a growing family. Those who knew and loved her can attest to her strong faith in Jesus Christ and witnessed the positive impact she made on the lives of her family and the numerous people she met.

By profession, Thelma was a nurse. She was educated in Toppenish schools and after high school, earned a degree as a Licensed Practical Nurse at Grandview Nursing School. She worked in the trauma unit at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, and also worked at Providence Hospital in Seattle before returning to Yakima Valley. In Yakima she was employed for over 20 years as a head charge nurse at Crescent Nursing Home. Afterward Thelma worked as a nurse and supervisor for a state run drug rehabilitation center for women in Yakima County.

Thelma married Thomas Morrison in 1976. They were married for fourteen years and lived most of them in Toppenish before his death in 1990.

While Thelma was an expert nurse, she is most known for her gift of song. Thelma possessed a beautiful voice which she used to spread and promote the gospel. While in Seattle she sang and traveled all over the Pacific Northwest including Alaska with Teen Challenge Ministries. As a resident of

Seattle, Thelma became acquainted with numerous upcoming gospel artists including the late Andre Crouch and Walter Hawkins. After returning to Toppenish, Thelma served at the church of her childhood, Full Gospel Temple of Prayer, where she assisted with worship and taught Sunday School. Later she attended Full Gospel Church in Yakima which became her church until her passing.

Thelma was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Stephen Netherly, and two sisters, Rev. Barbara Andrews, and Beverly Richardson. She is survived by her brother Paul Archer of Puyallup, (Lourdes) Lynette Stanley of Selah (Ron), and Sandra Young of Columbia, South Carolina (Charles), an adopted grandson, Forrest Counts of North Dakota, and a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

Funeral Services will be held at 11AM Wednesday at the Full Gospel Church 2120 S. 3rd Avenue. Interment will follow at Tahoma Cemetery. Heggie's Colonial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Tahoma Cemetery

Yakima, WA

Tribute Wall



“ *Thelma J Morrison*

October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *I never got to met my cousin Thelma but I miss her. I am her cousin Bridgette Duffield from Houston, Texas. Thelma's mother was Ruby Archer and my mother was Mary Jean Duffield, they were sisters.*

Bridgette Duffield - January 28, 2020 at 08:09 PM



“ *Over my head, I hear music in the air. There must be a God somewhere.
Rejoicing in the Lord always, now aren't you, Sister? See you there.
Maybe I can finally sing in the choir, too. Love, Garth.
PS: Karon, I remember you too.*

Garth Williams - February 20, 2018 at 01:57 PM



Hi Garth. Good to hear from you.

Karon Williams - February 22, 2018 at 01:02 PM

KW

“ *Thelma was a lifetime friend. I'm grateful to God that we maintained our lives in Christ as well. I was able to serve by speaking and singing her own song, "GLORY TO GOD", at her Home Going service in Yakima, WA.*

It was celebration of honor and glory to God.

Pastor Karon Williams, associate pastor at Seed Of Abraham Pentecostal Church

Renton, WA

Karon Williams - February 13, 2018 at 02:25 PM

BJ

“ *Praying for the family. I remember my sister in the Lord as a child. She was our big sister.*

Bishop Harold Simms jr - February 11, 2018 at 02:16 AM

CE

“ *I have known Sis Thelma since the 70's. A very sweet person. Loved her singing. I know she is with the Lord. Condolences to her family. Love and prayers.*

Carla Evans

Carla Evans - February 08, 2018 at 08:38 PM

JC

“ *Thelma, what a sweet person! Blessed by God, always willing to listen and able to sing a song that penetrated to the core if you needed conviction or to be encouraged. Thelma could do so in song. I have many fond memories traveling on the Teen Challenge bus on the way to choir assignments with Thelma. She was a very special person that truly enriched my life.*

Joe Cruz

Joe Cruz - February 07, 2018 at 10:35 PM

KW

Hello Joe Cruz, This is Karon Williams. Do you remember me from way back in the day of Teen Challenge when I used to direct the choir when we met at the Seattle residence for God Squad meetings? I went to Thelma's home going memorial service and shared memories the church where she attended. I was a nice service. I was so glad that I was able to attend.

Karon Williams - February 08, 2018 at 05:07 PM

JH

“ *Thelma has been a loving friend since the early 70's in Seattle and Teen Challenge. Margie Watson and I would travel to Yakima to visit with Thelma, laugh, eat, and beg her to sing for us. I will miss Thelma's love and friendship. She really cared about people and I felt her love. I'm so glad she is free to sing again.*

Dear Lynnette and Sandra, I'm sorry I am in Taiwan and can't be with you at the memorial, but my heart is definitely there. May God hold you close in His peace.

Juanita Price Hebard

Juanita Price Hebard - February 06, 2018 at 07:47 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thelma J Morrison.*



February 06, 2018 at 07:25 PM

MW

“ Dennis & I have known Thelma for many years. We worked in Teen Challenge with her and were so impressed with her personality and her beautiful voice.

We will miss her very much and are so sorry that we can not come to her funeral.

Dennis & Margie Watson

Margie Watson - February 06, 2018 at 01:46 PM

KW

Hello Margie, This is Karon Williams. Thank you for your constant friendship with our sister Thelma. She would mention your name to me and how you kept in contact with her down through these years as I have. from Karon Williams

Karon Williams - February 13, 2018 at 02:15 PM

LL

“ Loved listening to your beautiful voice. You and my Mama are now a part of that heavenly choir. What a joyous sound that must be. God send his comforter to your loves ones. Respectfully, Lois Lantz

Lois Lantz - February 06, 2018 at 10:19 AM



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February 05, 2018 at 09:33 PM

LW

“ This is for you Ms. Thelma "Soar with the Angels, you are now Free as a Butterfly with Our Father in Heaven.

THE ROSE

by

Laurie Royse Walker

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*Inside this little vase
I found a little place,*

*To set a pretty flower
That had gently brushed my
My face.*

*I watched it bloom completely,
with its color full of cheer
Dancing off the glistening sunlight,
Until the dark drew near.*

*With each mornings daybreak
I saw my flowers smile,
Until one day my flower
Quietly wilted and died.*

*I carefully removed the
Flower from its little vase,
Then simply pressed the
Petals between some pages
To remember the smile
It gave, and how it
Gently brushed my face.*

I will Miss You So Much!

*I will see you everyday
in the Memories we made!*

Blessings, Love, & Comfort to the Family

*Laurie Royse Walker
Neighbor from
Cornerstone Apartments*

laurie walker - February 05, 2018 at 08:50 PM