



## Shirley Gay Thompson

December 5, 1935 - September 21, 2025

Shirley Gay Thompson, age 89, of Henderson, KY, passed away on Sunday, September 21, 2025, at the Lucy Smith King Care Center under the care of St. Anthony's Hospice.

Shirley was a member of Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church. She was a school bus driver for the Henderson County School System for over 30 years. After retirement, Shirley worked at Thelma B. Johnson Early Learning Center where she assisted with the children and also worked at Goody's. She loved family and keeping in touch with her friends via Facebook and facetime. Shirley was a soft-spoken lady with a good heart.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents Alphonso and Bertha Hamilton and her husband Dalton Thompson.

She is survived by her daughters: Patty Caton, Laura Scott, and Kim Lowery all of Henderson, KY; son James Thompson (Dana) of Henderson, KY; 8 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, several great-great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to Shirley's Life Celebration from 5:30 until 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday and from 9:00 until 11:30 a.m. on Thursday at Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home in Henderson, KY. A Mass of Christian

Burial will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 25, 2025, at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church in Henderson with Father Richard Meredith officiating. Burial will follow at Fernwood Cemetery in Henderson, KY.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to St. Anthony's Hospice 2410 S. Green St., Henderson, KY, 42420 and Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, 511 2nd Street., Henderson, KY, 42420.

Arrangements entrusted to Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home, A Life Celebration® Home. Please visit [www.bentongluntandtappfuneralhome.com](http://www.bentongluntandtappfuneralhome.com) to share memories and words of comfort with Shirley's family.

# Cemetery Details

## Fernwood Cemetery

Henderson  
KY 42420

# Previous Events

## Life Celebration

SEP **24.** 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home  
629 S. Green St.  
Henderson, KY 42420  
(270) 827-3535  
email@bentonglunttapp.com  
<https://www.bentongluntandtappfuneralhome.com/>

## Life Celebration

SEP **25.** 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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## Mass of Christian Burial

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SEP **25**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church  
511 2nd St.  
Henderson, KY 42420

# Tribute Wall

BC

“ I am honored to have met Mrs. Thompson during late summer visit to our Holy Name Giving Garden per sweet daughter, Laura. Truly I wish I could have met her sooner as instantly I knew there was something very special in her. It's wonderful that she was able to enjoy the fruits of our garden with Laura sharing fresh vegetables with her mother and with many others. Vegetables grown with labor of love in church volunteers and Laura. Laura's mom lives on through her beautiful family and cherished memories. When Mrs. Thompson was recently taken to hospital, our parish priest, Fr. Richard had been to visit her and told me of how he knew that I would have loved getting to know her. Obviously, he too instantly recognized her as a very special woman upon their meeting. May she rest in eternal peace. Beth Crafton

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**Beth Crafton** - September 24, 2025 at 09:28 PM

KJ

“ Kimmy, (Bo) Cheryl , Dale, and Judy, purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Shirley Gay Thompson.



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**Kimmy, (Bo) Cheryl , Dale, and Judy,** - September 24, 2025 at 04:46 PM



“ 54 files added to the album Life Tributes



Benton-Glunt Funeral Home - September 24, 2025 at 03:00 PM

BC

These are precious! Happy and Fun Times for sure!

Beth Crafton - September 24, 2025 at 09:30 PM

BD

“ Deepest sympathy to Patty and family. She was the sweetest.

Betty Denton - September 24, 2025 at 01:00 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Shirley Gay Thompson.



September 24, 2025 at 09:54 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Shirley Gay Thompson.

September 24, 2025 at 09:54 AM

DE

“ *Im so sorry for your loss. Shirley was a sweet person and wonderful neighbor*

**Diana Emerson** - September 24, 2025 at 07:17 AM

PC

*Thank you Diane. She thought a lot of you.*

**Patty Caton** - September 24, 2025 at 09:27 AM

MS

*Sorry to hear about a fine lady passing. Mike and I thought a lot of her. She had such a warm smile.*

**mary siewert** - September 24, 2025 at 11:50 AM

DS

“ *Prayers*



**Donna Simpson** - September 23, 2025 at 08:36 PM

JG

*Many prayers for Patty, Kim, Laura & Jimmy. Shirley was my sweet friend of over fifty years, I will miss her dearly as I know you will but I know she is in a better place. Good night my sweet friend, I love you!!!*

**joy griffin** - September 24, 2025 at 08:13 AM

PC

*Thank you Donna*

**Patty Caton** - September 24, 2025 at 09:28 AM