

**Thompson, Shirley Faye (Sanford)**

1936-2021

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Decatur ~ Shirley Faye Thompson went to be with our Lord Monday, March 15, 2021. Funeral Service is 2 p.m. Thursday, March 18, 2021, at First Baptist Church of Paradise with burial at DFW National Cemetery held at a later date. Family will receive friends 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Hawkins Funeral Home in Decatur.

Dr. Shawn Brewer will officiate. Pallbearers will include Tyler Tolbert, Chris Ray, Dillon Thompson, Heath Gentry, Jake McDaniel, Blas Gentry, James Presley and John Jurek.

Shirley was born Feb. 16, 1936, to Robert and Margaret Ann (McCaskill) Sanford in Rockingham, N.C. She was united in marriage Nov. 11, 1956, to John Kelton Thompson in Kingsland, Ga. Shirley was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt, who will be greatly missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents; 4 brothers and 2 sisters.

Those left behind to cherish her memory are her husband of 64 years, John Kelton Thompson of Decatur; her daughters, Sharon Lancaster of Denton, Tammy Tolbert and husband, James, of Decatur and Sandy McDaniel and husband, Robert, of Decatur; her son, John K. Thompson Jr. and wife, Jean, of Decatur; 11 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Donations can be made to F.B.C. Paradise Women's Ministry or Alzheimer's & Dementia Association.

*Hawkins Funeral Home Decatur*