

## **Lillian Vivian Grooms Thompson | 1942-2016**

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Lillian Vivian Grooms Thompson, 74, of Bridgeport, died Sunday, June 19, 2016, in Decatur.

Funeral is 2 p.m. Thursday, June 23, at Cates Street Baptist Church in Bridgeport with the Rev. Larry Potts officiating. Burial will follow at Chico Cemetery.

Visitation is 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Jones Family Funeral Home in Bridgeport.

Pallbearers are Dewayne Burgess, Dace Grooms, John Thompson, Mitch Thompson, Glenn Groves and John Randall Dawson.

Lillian was born May 3, 1942, in Justin to John Franklin and Raney (Brunson) Grooms.

She became complete on Nov. 9, 1957, when she married the love of her life, Thuron Ray “Tom” Thompson, in a simple ceremony in Fort Worth. She spent her early years in Justin but was mainly raised in Chico. She moved to Bridgeport in 1957 where she resided until her death. Lillian found Christ at an early age and served Him her entire life.

She was a Southern Baptist and member of Cates Street Baptist Church in Bridgeport. She raised her four children in a loving, Christian home.

Lillian was kind, loving and sweet-natured. She started her career as a great housewife and mother. Her second career was as a seamstress at Sue Ann Fabrics in Bridgeport and Haggard Slacks in Bowie. Her last and favorite career was as a greeter at Wal-Mart in Decatur. She was known as "Ms. Lillian." All who knew her loved her.

Lillian was preceded in death by her husband of 39 years; daughter MaryLee Thompson; her mother and father; stepfather John Mara; mother-in-law and father-in-law; sister Geneva Dawson; brother Jalmer Ray Grooms; and brothers-in-law Curt Cowley and Bennie Dickinson.

She is survived by her daughter, Cara Ann Thompson of Bridgeport; sons Thuron Ray Thompson Jr. of Weatherford and Melvin Wayne Thompson and wife, Pamela, of Euless; grandson Terrence Christopher Lightfoot and wife, Montse, of North Richland Hills; great-grandsons Christopher and Tyler; sisters Gussie Marie Groves and husband, R.L., of Chico, Nancy Cowley Dickinson of Chico and Yvonne Burgess and husband, Scott, of Chico.

She is also survived by brother Eugene Grooms and wife, Willine, of Crafton; sister-in-law Chris Grooms of Fort Worth; brother-in-law Donald Thompson and wife, Linda, of Plano; sister-in-law Lee Roy Pettit of Laplace, La.; and many beloved nieces and nephews.