



Lona J Thornton

July 18, 1942 - March 14, 2026

Lona Jean Thornton, 83, passed away peacefully in Crandall, Texas, after a long and courageous battle with dementia. She was born in El Dorado, Arkansas, and spent most of her life in Rusk County, Texas, where she built a life centered on faith, hard work, and deep love for her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward Felix and Alcie Christine Childress; her husbands, Jimmy Davis and Jerry Thornton; and her grandson, Matthew Alan Raney Brunk.

Lona is survived by her children: Sondra Rene Holder; Tracy Davis Rickman and husband James; Terri Lynn Brager and husband Oscar; and James Edward Thornton. She is also survived by her siblings, Sheri Jo Young and husband Jim, and Edward Felix Childress Jr.; ten grandchildren Mallory Davis-Crandall, James Raney, Cameron Thornton, Elizabeth Rickman, Courtney Ervin, Sierra Thornton, Tristen Thornton, Danielle Thornton, Blake Thornton, and Harley Thornton; and nine great-grandchildren.

Lona faced the challenges of dementia with remarkable strength. Through every stage of her journey, she never lost her kindness or her ability to share a warm laugh. Her daughters Sondra and Tracy and son-in-law James lovingly cared for her in her home during her final years—an honor they will forever cherish.

A private memorial service will be held to celebrate her life, her faith, and the love she gave so freely.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Karo Stewart lit a candle in memory of Lona J Thornton*



Karo Stewart - March 16 at 05:14 PM

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“ *Betty Johnson lit a candle in memory of Lona J Thornton*



Betty Johnson - March 15 at 10:54 PM



Sondra Holder - March 15 at 11:01 PM