



The Celebration of Life for Florence Holley Thatch

Acknowledgements

The Price family would like to thank everyone for the many acts of kindness, prayers, calls, cards, and other acts of sympathy shown during passing of our loved one.

May God continue to bless you.

If Flowers Grow in Heaven

*If flowers grow in heaven,
Lord please pick a bunch for me,*

*Place them in my Mother's arms
and tell her they're from me.*

*Tell her I love her and miss her,
and when she turns to smile,
place a kiss upon her cheek
and hold her for a while.*



July 26, 1946 – June 2, 2020

Saturday, June 13, 2020

Two O'clock in the Afternoon

Beach Rivers Funeral Home

310 E. Grice Street

Elizabeth City, North Carolina 27909

Pastor Marcus Holley, Officiating



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Obituary

Florence Holley Thatch was the 6th child born to the late Martha Grandy on August 16th, 1946. (July 26, 1946 recorded by midwife). She transitioned peacefully in her home on Tuesday, June 2, 2020.

Florence grew up in Elizabeth City, North Carolina where she graduated from P. W. Moore High School at the age of 16 and continued her education at Elizabeth City State Teachers College where she obtained her Bachelor's degree in English with a minor in Music at the age of 20. In 2006, she obtained an MBA Education with a concentration in Instructional Technology.

At a young age, she joined Olive Branch Missionary Baptist Church and played the piano for the church. At the age of 3, she started playing the piano by ear. She later took piano lessons to learn how to read music. Because of this gift, she played the piano for multiple churches in Elizabeth City and surrounding cities. After giving her life to the Lord, she joined Eastern Star Church of God in Christ, where she joined the choir and became a pianist. She later returned as the pianist, at her home church, Olive Branch Missionary Baptist Church and became a deaconess.

After college, **Florence** became a devout educator. She began her career as a parochial teacher at St. Catherine's in Elizabeth City, NC for grades 5, 6, 7 and 8. She, then, worked as an elementary school teacher for over 30 years in the North Carolina Public School System in Edenton, NC. She was Teacher of the Year multiple years in the Edenton-Chowan School System.

After retiring in 2000, **Florence** moved to Lithonia, GA where she continued to demonstrate her love of music and teaching. She joined New Covenant Christian Ministries in Lithonia, GA, where she served for 18 years in multiple ministries, including serving as a teacher in the Kids in Covenant children's church elementary grade class. She not only taught in several Georgia private schools, which included Indian Creek Christian School, Crossroads Christian School, she also taught piano and voice and tutored both children and adults in Georgia and North Carolina. She was the homeschool teacher for her granddaughter from pre-school to 5th grade and volunteered hours at Berean Christian Academy during her granddaughters 6th grade year.

Florence loved to teach and she loved music. Even as dementia progressed, she taught her grandson how to play a few chords on the keyboard.

Florence was predeceased by her husband, William H. Thatch, Sr.; her mother, Martha M. Grandy, her great grandmother, Fannie L. Holley and her brother, John Thomas Holley; two sisters, Fannie Sylvia and JoAnne. She is survived by her two children, J. Daren Price (Charlotte), Covington, GA and Stephanye Price, Lithonia, GA; two grandchildren, Nikyah Price, Lithonia, GA and Joirdan Price, Covington, GA; three siblings, Mauricia Eleby (Eddie), Cambria Heights, NY, Mary L. Whidbee, Elizabeth City, NC and Julius Holley (Vanessa), Brooklyn, NY; a godson, Christopher Poole, Sr.; three goddaughters, Tasha Smith, Lynetta Jordan, Jamie Melson and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.



Order of Service

Processional

Reading of the Holy Scriptures

Old Testament..... Joirdan Price

New Testament..... Pastor Marcus Holley

Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Marcus Holley

Musical SelectionAntonio Webb, Jr.

Tribute Video

Reflections (Limit 2 minutes please)

Eulogy..... Pastor Marcus Holley

Morticians Brief..... Beach Rivers Funeral Home

Recessional

Committal

Benediction

