



El Dean Thurman

September 5, 1936 - September 26, 2017

Services honoring the life of Francis “El Dean” Thurman will be 10:30 a.m., Saturday, September 30, 2017 at Eastland Assembly of God. A private family burial will take place at Woodlawn Cemetery, Claremore, Oklahoma. Friends may visit the funeral home on Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with family there to receive visitors from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

El Dean was born in Flippin, Arkansas on Saturday, September 5, 1936 to John Orland and Lettie (Moore) Beaver. El Dean passed away at her home on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at the age of 81.

She married Jack Thurman and their union was blessed with two children. El Dean was a wonderful wife and mother. She adored her family and loved spending time with them. El Dean loved traveling and particularly enjoyed seeing her grandchildren and great grandchildren in Germany.

El Dean worked as a librarian in Claremore and contributed to it’s historical society. She also worked at the family business, Thurman Traveland RV Sales as well as MAPCO and Oral Roberts University. El Dean was a devoted member of Eastland Assembly of God for 50 years. She served as deaconess at Eastland Assembly of God and was heavily involved in many aspects of the church, especially supporting missions. She also helped start the church’s food pantry which has helped countless people in the Tulsa area.

Memorials may be made to the Eastland Assembly of God, General Building Fund, 12310 E. 21st St., Tulsa, OK 74129.

El Dean is survived by,

Children, Greg Thurman and Don White, Kansas City, MO

Rhonda Dougall, Jacksonville, FL

Grandchildren, Megan and Jared Busby, Augusta, GA

Alyson Dougall, Occala, FL

Chase Dougall, Jacksonville, FL

Great Grandchildren, Gabriel, Jackson and Charlotte Busby, Augusta, FL

Sister, Norma Dorsey and husband Don, Claremore, OK

El Dean was preceded in death by her parents and husband Jack.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

310 S. Nome Ave.
Claremore, OK 74017

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **29**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home
1660 South Elm Place
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
(918) 258-9623
hayhurstfuneralhome@gmail.com

Viewing

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Funeral Service

SEP **30**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Eastland Assembly of God
12310 E. 21st
Tulsa, OK 74129

Tribute Wall



“ *El Dean Thurman*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *El Dean and Jack Thurman were wonderfully used by a God to minister to many people over the years. The impact of their lives will only be calculated in eternity. Rest in the arms of Jesus.*

Betty and Kevin Adams - September 30, 2017 at 10:32 PM



“ *Thinking of the family of ElDean today. She was a wonderful example to us and many others of a strong Christian woman. We appreciate the love that her and Jack poured into our lives. We are honoring her memory as we are trekking cross country in our RV. Mike and Lisa Harris.*

Mike Harris - September 30, 2017 at 12:09 PM

DH

“ We have SO many memories with Jack and ElDean...Friends for over 50 yrs. Bought several RV's from them, plus went to church with them for several years before moving out of Tulsa. Traveled with them in a Holiday club for several years and had a barrel of fun.



ElDean's death is hard for me to wrap my head around right now. It just seems like yesterday, we chatted and saw her at the Cancer Center where I take Lynn too. She was happy (always), making the best of a bad situation, but we both thought she had whipped the cancer battle and had received her healing.

I know now for sure, she has WON the battle and is totally healed In Jesus Arms in Heaven. That makes my heart happy, but sad at the same time that we are unable to attend her farewell service on this earth because Lynn is quite bad now and having a rough time with his renal cell kidney cancer that he has fought since 2005. God has been good and brought him through so much and that was our hope for my special friend El Dean. My heart aches today, but one day soon, we will be rejoicing with her and Jack in Heaven and can see them again.

Love to ALL the kids and family...Love you All Dearly and you are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Comfort and Blessings to everyone....Loved you ElDean and going to miss you!!

Donella and Lynn Hanover

Donella and Lynn Hanover - September 29, 2017 at 06:28 PM

LF

“ Lynn and Donella Hanover and extended family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of El Dean Thurman.



Lynn and Donella Hanover and extended family - September 29, 2017 at 03:20 PM

RA

“ Sending prayers for ElDean's family and friends as we celebrate a life well lived for her Lord and Saviour. She will not have to fight the "beast" cancer ever again, but dwells in peace with those who had gone on before her.

Robbie and Laura Mae Armbrister - September 28, 2017 at 04:45 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of El Dean Thurman.



September 28, 2017 at 11:20 AM

MM

“ Marshawn, Cathy and Murrey purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of El Dean Thurman.



Marshawn, Cathy and Murrey - September 28, 2017 at 09:50 AM

HH

“ *It is our honor and privilege to serve the Thurman family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of El Dean Thurman.*



Hayhurst Funeral Home - September 27, 2017 at 02:49 PM