



Vanessa Glass Thedford

December 7, 1958 - April 16, 2017

A funeral service for Vanessa Glass Thedford, age 58, of Jacksonville is scheduled at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon, Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at Central Baptist Church in Jacksonville with Rev. Larry Smith, Rev. Don Copeland and Rev. Larry Barker officiating. She will be laid to rest at Still Waters Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Thedford passed away Sunday, April 16, 2017 in Jacksonville. Vanessa was born December 7, 1958 in Jacksonville, TX to James and Frances Glass. Mrs. Thedford was a graduate of Jacksonville High School and was voted by fellow students Senior Class Favorite and also Miss Sunshine. She also attended Lon Morris College. Vanessa married David Thedford on April 4, 1981 and remained married for 36 years. During those 36 years they had three children and three grandchildren. Vanessa and her husband David taught in the Children's Ministry for several years. She worked many years in the banking industry. God has always been first in her life. She lived each day to spend time with her family and do for them.

She was preceded in death by her father, James Glass, her grandparents, Dan and Elsie Smith and John and Eunice Glass. She is survived by her husband, David Thedford, daughter, Amanda Stanaland and husband Christopher, son, Grant Thedford and wife Brittany, daughter, Andrea Morris and husband Dewayne. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Kade, Lily

Grace and Corbin Stanaland, mother Frances Glass and brother Brent Michael Glass and wife Peggy.

Pallbearers will include Randy Hollingsworth, George Bostock, Butch Bateman, George Winship, Kenny Birdwell, Sam Bell, Kody Killion and Jarrod Bateman. Honorary pallbearers will be Edward Starling and Tommy Arrington. Visitation will be held at Central Baptist Church, 1909 East Rusk St., Jacksonville, TX from 1:00 p.m. up until service time, Wednesday, April 19, 2017.

Tribute Wall

PC

“ April 12, 2025- My name is Paul Clifford Carroll III, I just now came across this page . I didn't know that Vanessa passed in 2017, So somewhat of a shock. My Grandparents, Paul Carroll Sr. and Bernice, lived next door to the Glass family in the 1960s, I believe it was on Kelly St. They were very kind and helpful to them after Paul Sr had a stroke and was invalid, before dying 6 years later. They attended the same church. Because they would help my Grandmother get groceries etc, He was able to live in place instead of us having to pay the expense of a nursing home. We would visit one weekend a month, and I would spend a week with them each summer. Playing with Vanessa, the next door neighbor, who was my age, was a highlight of these visits for me. After my Grandfather passed they moved away. Over the years I would visit my Parents, who retired back to Jacksonville, and I would occasionally see Vanessa at church, but basically we lost touch. But I remember Her as a fun playmate in our preteen years. RIP!

Paul Carroll - April 12, 2025 at 03:30 PM



“ *Vanessa Glass Thedford*

October 04, 2023 at 11:30 AM

JL

“ *Frances, I've not seen her since she was a child. She looks a lot like you. I am so sorry to hear about this. I lost Joe Bill in 2014. You'll be in my prayers.*

Joan Light

Joan Light - April 21, 2017 at 09:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Vanessa Glass Thedford.*



April 18, 2017 at 03:54 PM



“ *I visited Vanessa at her home one day as a surprise. We had talked on the phone for about 20 minutes; until I had to leave home and run an errand. She had given me directions to her house ; so we could visit in person one day. One of my errands was to a location on Canada Street. I could hear Vanessa's voice saying, "Sharon let me tell you an easy way to get to my house darling."*

So impulsive me, when I left the bank I headed down Canada to Vanessa"s house. My intent was to give her a hug and have a short 20 minute visit.

Almost four hours later I was still sitting with Vanessa in her living room, laughing, talking, tearing up, and continually amazed at my friend's will to live; and her mind on how she could help others! I thank God for Vanessa! She was still the same sweet, lively, caring and compassionate person she had been in high school.

Sharon Simms - April 18, 2017 at 10:09 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Vanessa Glass Thedford.*



April 17, 2017 at 11:22 PM

ND

“ I have known the Glass family my entire life. They were part of the inner circle of friends my parents had. Most of my childhood memories involve them. Vanessa will always mean 2 things... classy and lady. Hers was the first classic, beautiful wedding I ever saw. I can still remember when David proposed to her. It's crazy the "simple" things you remember about someone... like the gold handled flatware for her wedding place setting or her amazing handwriting. She will be missed but more importantly she will be remembered for her sweet spirit and love she showed to everyone.

nancy tennison deleeuw - April 17, 2017 at 10:11 PM

KH

“ I was blessed to live in Jacksonville for 5 years in the 80's and become of friend of Vanessa's. A fun thing I did with her was work on the Bullfrogs and Butterflies kids' program at First Baptist Church. We worked late at the church getting things ready and the songs of that program still come to mind sometimes. Vanessa was a precious lady, so gracious, so encouraging, so giving. She will always be remembered.

Kaye Harkness - April 17, 2017 at 08:35 PM



“ Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vanessa Glass Thedford.



April 17, 2017 at 05:01 PM

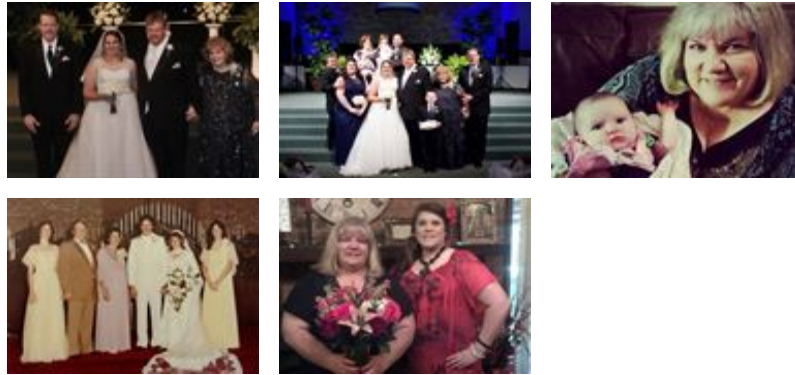
JC

“ *Such a sweet lady was friends with my daughter Mandie who we lost 10 years ago I remember the wedding shower she hosted for Mandie & Hilton precious memories* ❤️

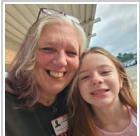
Judy Carroll - April 17, 2017 at 04:08 PM



“ *129 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Wallace-Thompson Funeral Home - April 17, 2017 at 02:26 PM



“ *She was such a sweet lady. We are so sad to see this. Big hugs to you Andrea and the rest of the family as well. Praying for God's comfort in healing for you all.*

Claudette Wooddell - April 17, 2017 at 01:31 PM

LC

“ Vanessa... one of the most beautiful women I've ever known. Her heart was full of kindness and joy that obviously overflowed from her relationship with Jesus. As young mothers we spent time doing crafts and talking (lol we could get a lot of that done between us) ! Heaven will be a little brighter now and even though our hearts ache, she deserves the best! I am praying for you all as you make it through these difficult days. Much love! Lisa Knous Cole

Lisa Cole - April 17, 2017 at 01:15 PM

BT

“ Our deepest condolences to Vanessa's Family.

Billy and Cindy Tynes

Billy Tynes - April 17, 2017 at 12:16 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Vanessa Glass Thedford.



April 17, 2017 at 11:18 AM

MF

“ To the family of Vanessa: I don't have to tell you how much she was loved. Jack and I just cried together yesterday morning when we found out about her. Then he said "Oh mom, she went to see God on Easter!!!" I am reminded of the verse my grandmother gave me when I lost my mom, and she was given when she lost her husband, John 16:22 'So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.'



Monica Fisher - April 17, 2017 at 09:29 AM

DJ

Such a precious lady and precious family! Continued prayers for you all!

David and Becky Jacobs - April 17, 2017 at 01:19 PM

BF

Worked with her for many years at the bank, always sweet and kind to everyone she met. My deepest condolences to the family and prayers for strength to get through this difficult time.

Barbara Farmer - April 17, 2017 at 03:26 PM

JF

Everyone who knew Vanessa was blessed by knowing her. She was the kindest, sweetest person I have ever known. She took Dewayne in as one of her children and we were always thankful to her. We pray for the Glass and Thedford family for the temporary loss of their loved one. We will see her again.

James and Donna Morris family. - April 17, 2017 at 04:10 PM

TS

I am honored to have grown up with Vanessa. We went from Kindergarten through High School together. Our class has lost one of our very best members! I will treasure every memory of her, school days, slumber parties, birthdays, and then we all started getting married, having families, etc. She remained the same loving, gentle spirit through all the years! I will definitely miss you but will rejoice when we meet again! Love you beyond words...Prayers to your loved ones and friends!

Terri Smith - April 18, 2017 at 09:40 AM

DP

A flood of memories... I'll share that Vanessa was so, so helpful when our first daughter Sarah was getting married in 2002, she made corsages, and helped with the flowers and other planning; AND her daughter Amanda was a bridesmaid too! What a treasure to have a closeup view of Vanessa's kindness to friends, and her love for the Lord Jesus. David and Vanessa even hid out the groom's car at their gated home during the wedding, so it would not get decorated!!

Dorothy Parsons - April 18, 2017 at 01:33 PM