



## Bette Jane Thornhill

November 11, 1926 - May 24, 2013

Bette Jane Jones Thornhill was born to the late Gustan and Fannie Meade Jones on November 11, 1926 and departed this life at her daughter's home in Wichita, KS on May 24, 2013. Bette's entire life was spent in Huntington, West Virginia where she participated in civic and social organizations and activities. She graduated from Douglass High School and received her Bachelor's Degree from West Virginia State University. She was a social worker and retired from the WV Department of Health and Human Resources after 30 years. Bette married the love of her life, Melvin T. Thornhill in September of 1948. Three children were born to this union, which lasted until Melvin's death in 1981: Windle A. Thornhill, Melvin T. Thornhill, II, and Fannette Thornhill-Scott. Bette was an active member of First Baptist Church serving many years on the usher board and participated in Group 9 Women's Organization. She was a 67-year member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and a volunteer with the Cabell Huntington Hospital Auxillary. Bette loved playing bingo, traveling, and spending time with her children and grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband; sister, Aileen Johnson; niece, Janice Gould; great nephew, Melvin Grayson; and special cousins, Kennol and Everett Knight. Mourning her loss are two loving sons, Windle A. Thornhill, Huntington, WV, Melvin T. Thornhill, II, Wichita, KS; a devoted daughter and son-in-law, Fannette Thornhill-Scott, MD, MPH and Thomas Scott, MD of Wichita, Kansas; grandchildren, Marcus, Christopher Michael, Christopher Aaron, Vincent, Winde, Winnetta, Jasmine, Juan, Jonathan,

Ryan, Kent Esq., Kevin, Teddi MD, Andrea MD, Angela MS, Adrienne Esq., Ayinde; niece, Claudia Grayson (Frank), Conyers, GA; nephews, Herbert Johnson and William Woody; special friends Nellie Lee Myers and Nettie Jackson; godson, DuVaughn Hale, and a host of great grandchildren, family, and friends. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be sent to the "Raise a Roof, Open the Doors" campaign at First Baptist Church, Huntington, WV. The Celebration of life will be 1:00PM Friday at the First Baptist Church with Pastor Donte' Jackson, officiating. Burial will follow in Spring Hill Cemetery. Friends may call from 6-8PM Thursday at Ferrell-Chambers Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bette Jane Thornhill*

October 08, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ *Condolences to the family and loved ones.*

**Cynthia Slaughter Pate** - June 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sorry to hear about your mom guys, only time will help.*

*Love you All*

*Gay*

**E.Gay Ferguson** - June 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Fannette and Thomas,*

*I am saddened by the loss of your mother. Hold strong to your memories and let them guide you during this time of sadness.*

*Acquenetta Wheeler*

**Acquenetta Wheeler MD** - May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ I'm really sorry to hear of Bette's passing. She was good at making new workers feel welcome at DHHR. She was able to maintain her sense of humor in the most trying of circumstances. She will be missed. I will always have fond memories of Bette.

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**Bob Kapinos** - May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ To the family, I would like to offer my deepest sympathies & condolences for your loss. May GOD bless & keep you in his loving arms.

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**Kathy Murrell Stuart** - May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ So sorry to hear of Bette's passing. She and I worked together at WVDHHR many, many, years ago. We also bowled together. I married and moved away but always remembered her kindness when I started working in 1966 for DHHR. You are in my thoughts and pr

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**Sharon Henry Malcom** - May 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ May God continue to comfort you in this special time of need. So many memories, she will always be in my heart.

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**Garnett Moore** - May 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ So sorry to hear of Bette's passing. She was a wonderful lady, always cheerful and funny. I worked with her at the DHHR many years, although not in the same division. She will be missed.

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**Joyce Ross** - May 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ To the Thornhill Family.I am deeply saddened for the loss of your loved one.She want suffer no more.God said suffer no more little children,God has called another angel home.Windle,you hold dearly in my heart for losing your Mother.May the good Lord prote

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**Linda Hendricks** - May 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ I have known and loved Mrs. Thornhill since 1965 when I went to work @ DHS. She was my supervisor for a couple of years, and was my mentor and always my friend. She was a strong advocate for the underserved - particularly for children; had a fantastic sen

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**Dottie Turner** - May 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Fanette, Wendle, Teddy and family, I would like to offer my sincere condolences in the loss of your mother, grandmother, and aunt. May God continue to bless and strengthen you.

With Love,  
Dovie & John

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**Dovanetta Deering -Parker** - May 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM