



## Dorothy Ricketson Griffin Thurman

October 3, 1923 - December 17, 2017

Mrs. Dorothy Ricketson Griffin Thurman passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 17, 2017. She was 94 years old. Born on October 3, 1923, she was the daughter of Robert and Fannie Ricketson and grew up on their farm near "The Rocks" north of Broxton.

Her first marriage to Felton Griffin ended with his death in a tragic accident, leaving her to raise three daughters, Gwen 12, Gloria 5 and Debbie 3 on her own. Her skills as a seamstress became her livelihood as a single parent, and she continued using those skills throughout her life.

She married George Thurman of Pridgen in 1964 and they had a wonderful marriage until he passed away.

Her life was lived by these important values to her - faith, family, friends and community. She was active in all her girls school activities, even to making all the uniforms for a Coffee High cheerleading team and majorette corps. She was an active member of TOPS and other community groups.

Her devotion to her church, College Avenue Baptist, was exemplary. When the church doors were open, her family was there. She sang in the choir for many years. For approximately 30 years she volunteered at Shady Acres Convalescent Center in their Tuesday worship service.

Of special joy to her were her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, whether they were reading books, cooking with them in her kitchen, or her most favorite - taking them fishing.

Although she lived in Douglas most of her life, she was always a country girl

at heart, loved to pick fruit and vegetables and can or freeze them. She was most happy when her freezer was full.

Survivors include:

3 Daughters: Gwen DeWalt and her husband Tom of Savannah, GA

Gloria Griffin of St. Simons Island, GA

Debbie Youmans and her husband Sam of Douglas, GA

2 Sisters: Ruby Johnson of Broxton, GA

Arletha Tate of Snipesville, GA

3 Brothers: Waymon Ricketson, Charles Ricketson and J. M. Ricketson all of Denton, GA

4 Grandchildren: Carmen McConnell Knox of Brunswick, GA

Greg DeWalt of Atlanta, GA

Doug DeWalt of Savannah, GA

Jason Youmans of Fitzgerald, GA

9 Great Grandchildren

A number of Nieces, Nephews, Cousins and a host of Friends

The funeral service will be Wednesday morning, December 20, 2017 at 11:00 A.M. at College Avenue Baptist Church will Rev. Matt Rutland and Rev. Mark Mercer officiating. The interment will follow in Vickers Rural Cemetery.

The family requests memorials be made to Bethany Hospice 101 Bowens Mill Road Douglas, GA 31533 and College Avenue Baptist Church 714 South College Avenue Douglas, GA 31533.

The family will receive friends, Tuesday evening, December 19, 2017 from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. at Ricketson Funeral Home.

Ricketson Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **19**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Ricketson Funeral Home, Inc.  
305 West Ward Street  
Douglas, GA 31533  
(912) 384-1155  
ricketsonfunhm@windstream.net  
<https://www.ricketsonfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

DEC **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

College Avenue Baptist Church  
714 South College Avenue  
Douglas, GA 31533

## Interment

DEC **20** (ET)

Vickers Rural Cemetery  
12026 GA 158 West  
Ambrose, GA 31512

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy Ricketson Griffin Thurman*

November 08, 2022 at 06:41 PM



“ *Maudine M Wright lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Ricketson Griffin Thurman*



**Maudine M Wright** - December 20, 2017 at 06:02 PM



“ *Such a beautiful obituary of her lifetime! Praying for comfort in the loss of your Mother.*



**Marie Medders** - December 20, 2017 at 09:25 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dorothy Ricketson Griffin Thurman.*



December 19, 2017 at 11:57 AM

GO

“ *Greta Burch O'Steen lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Ricketson Griffin Thurman*



**Greta Burch O'Steen** - December 19, 2017 at 09:39 AM

GO

*I always loved Ms. Dorothy. Some of my fondest memories of childhood was visiting her with my mother Mary Alice Burch and my sisters. We could spend hours at her house listening to the ladies talk. So sorry for her loss!*

**Greta Burch O'Steen** - December 19, 2017 at 09:40 AM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Dorothy Ricketson Griffin Thurman.*



December 19, 2017 at 09:20 AM

DB

“ *Deborah Boyd lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Ricketson Griffin Thurman*



**Deborah Boyd** - December 18, 2017 at 11:38 PM

EP

“ *Elaine Wiggins Peacock lit a candle in  
memory of Dorothy Ricketson Griffin Thurman*



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**Elaine Wiggins Peacock** - December 18, 2017 at 10:48 PM