



## Theresa Reed

February 23, 1934 - September 30, 2024

Mary “Theresa” Gardener Reed, age 90, passed away Monday, September 30, 2024 at her home following an extended illness. She was born in Houston, Texas on February 23, 1934 to the late Lee Sr. and Lena Dechario Gardener. Theresa worked as a librarian for nearly 30 years. She loved her grandchildren and great grandchildren and enjoyed spending time with them. Some of her favorite things were playing dominos, crocheting doilies and scrubbies for neighbors and friends, watching westerns, gardening and all kinds of flowers.

When she moved to Tennessee from Texas, she learned to “can” vegetables and began canning EVERYTHING according to her family. And, she was a great cook! Over many years, Theresa owned several beloved dogs – Buddy, Abby and Bailey – and they most certainly greeted her when she arrived in Heaven. She loved going to church and how wonderful she felt after attending.

Theresa is preceded in death by her parents, Lee and Lena Gardener; son, Roy Reed, husband of 66 years, William Edward “Ed” Reed, a brother, Lee Gardener, Jr.; step-father, Jesse “Pinkie” Clifton; and a great grandson, Myca Duncan. She is survived by a son, Dwight E (Delia) Reed, Barren Plains, TN and a daughter, Sondra Reed Matthews (Roger Alff) Hendersonville, TN. She was blessed to have 13 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren, 1 great-great grandchild and her precious puppy dog, Coco.

Funeral services will be held at 1 pm, Thursday, October 10, 2024 at Oakland UMC in Adairville, Kentucky with Clay Burchett officiating. Visitation with the family will be from 11 am to the time of service at the church. Burial will follow at the Pleasant Run Cemetery in Russellville, Kentucky. Active pallbearers will be Landon Matthews, Jarrett Reed, Bradley Rogers, Jeremy Rogers, Hunter Duncan and Jacob Head. Honorary pallbearers are her nephews, Holden Reed, Josh Randall Reed, Vince Hand, Trent Hand and Charles Ray, Keith Wilson and Kelly Wilson; friends, Steve Collier, Larry Chatman, James Chatman and Mike Cobb.

The family has requested donations in Theresa's memory to Pleasant Run Cemetery Fund c/o Joyce Wilson, 2860 Jim Sawyers Road, Russellville, KY 42276, Oakdale UMC, 492 Dot Road, Adairville, KY 42202 or the Alzheimer's Association. Any donations may be sent in c/o Austin & Bell.

Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield is in charge of these arrangements.

AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME-

509 WALNUT STREET, SPRINGFIELD, TN (615) 384-1000

# Cemetery Details

## Pleasant Run

Russellville, KY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **10**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Oakland United Methodist Church  
3096 Barren Plains Road  
Adairville, KY

## Funeral Service

OCT **10**. 1:00 PM.

Oakland United Methodist Church  
Adairville, KY

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Sondra and Dwight, you have our deepest sympathy for the loss of your mom.  
I have many fond memories of playing together when we were all little kids living across the hall from each other in Berlin. Also, of our families getting together while our dads were both stationed in San Antonio.  
I'm thankful for the lasting friendship our moms shared over the years. They enjoyed many happy visits together in person and over the phone.  
I will always treasure the beautiful doilies I have that Theresa made. From our family to yours, we are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. With love, Lee, Audrey, Lynda and Denise*

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**Claudeen Neal** - October 08, 2024 at 03:20 PM

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“ *Stanley Access Technologies Engineering purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Theresa Reed.*



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**Stanley Access Technologies Engineering** - October 08, 2024 at 08:35 AM

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“ *Troup 246 purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Theresa Reed.*



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**Troup 246** - October 07, 2024 at 12:34 PM

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“ *My entire family and I will always remember Mrs. Theresa. She loved her children and her grands. I know she made an impression on their lives. Rest in peace Mrs. Theresa. I'm sure Mr. Ed I was waiting for you, wondering 'wife, what took you so long.*

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**Leeanne Smith Stites** - October 05, 2024 at 10:19 PM