



Vanetta "Tookie" Thornberry

JAN 8, 1937 - SEP 26, 2024



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Vanetta "Tookie" McClellan Thornberry passed away on Thursday, September 26 after a lengthy illness. Born in 1937 and raised in Clarendon, she was the daughter of Carroll and John McClellan and devoted older sister to Jackie McClellan Clark.

Tookie enjoyed growing up in Clarendon where her life was full of friends, Church, Girl Scout camp, and school activities. She embraced it all with a big heart and a fun-loving spirit, qualities that stayed with her throughout life.

A graduate of Clarendon High School, Tookie also attended Clarendon College. In 1957, she married her high school sweetheart, Don Thornberry, and they shared 63 years of marriage until his passing in 2021. Tookie was a full partner on the Thornberry Ranch, keeping an eagle eye on cattle and weather.

Tookie was a worker. Whether it was in real estate, a long career at Donley County State Bank, or volunteer activities, she gave her all. She was a lifelong member of Clarendon Methodist Church where she served on various committees and enjoyed Sunday School. Tookie loved her community and its history and was an active board member of Saints' Roost Museum where she played a role in helping start the Annual Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff. She also enjoyed her membership in Les Beaux Art Club and served Meals on Wheels for a number of years. She treasured her friends of all ages.

At the center of Tookie's life was her family. She is survived by three sons – Mac, and his wife, Sally; Lance and his wife, Judy; and Drew and his wife, Lesa. She was the beloved "Meme" to Chase (Caitlan) Cortnee (Matt) Will (Temnite) Mary Kemp; Amber (Paul); Ashlen (Patrick) and ten great-grandchildren.

She is also survived by her sister, Jackie Clark, and brother-in-law, Will; her sister-in-law, Pat Thornberry, her nephews Richard (Leane); Sandy (Bobbie) and Mark (Cynthia) and her dear



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niece, Haley (David). She cherished each of them and their families.

The Thornberry family would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the staff of Goodlife Senior Living for the exceptional love and care they gave Tookie. We would also like to thank Enhabit Hospice for their professionalism and compassion.

A memorial service will be held at Clarendon Methodist Church on Wednesday, October 2 at 1:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to can donate in her honor to: Clarendon Methodist Church, P.O. Box 157 Clarendon, Texas 79226 or Saints Roost Museum, <https://www.saintsroostmuseum.com/Donate> or P.O. Box 781, Clarendon, TX 79226.




Events


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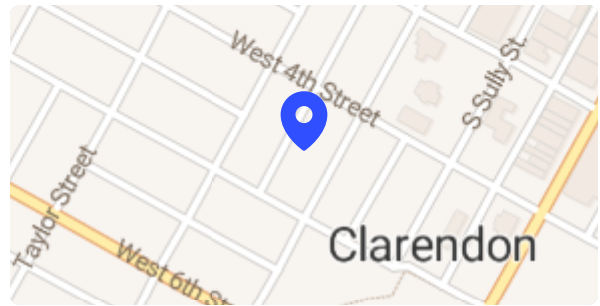
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Memorial Service

 **Wednesday**, October 2, 2024

 1:00 PM CT

 **First Methodist Church - Clarendon**
420 S. Jefferson, Clarendon TX 79226





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AA

Ayesha Abdullah posted:

Tookie was a wonderful lady with a really big heart. May God be with all of the Thornberry family during this time!

October 3 at 11:13 AM

CM

Carrie Moss posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss.

October 2 at 2:58 PM

MN

Martha Northcutt posted:

Tookie has been my Best friend since we were 6 She will be in my heart forever.

October 2 at 9:52 AM

JM

Josh, Heather, And Emme Martin sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Thornberry family.

October 1 at 11:16 AM



SF

Seeds Family sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Thornberry family.

October 1 at 9:51 AM



SW

Susan Wenger posted:

Sending our thoughts and prayers for the Thornberry family. I remember beautiful Tookie when I was privileged to work on the campaign and congressional staff for Mac. Her down-to-earth gracious nature conveyed the southern born and bred woman I knew and admired! It seemed as though she never aged a bit! I know that the comfort that she is well and whole and is united with Don are a comfort in her passing. Her faith is now in full view of our Savior and Lord. Bless you guys! Susan and Bob Wenger

October 1 at 7:52 AM



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Dennis Kirk Knowles shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Our family sure loved Tookie. Dad enjoyed his time with Tookie time during years at DCSB. Prayers to the sons and family. We will miss your live and kindness, Tookie! Tell dad, hi for me...



October 1 at 5:50 AM



Kay Hayes posted:

Mac, Lance, and Drew, Jim and I always have loved your family. Your parents were so welcoming when we moved to Clarendon. Tookie was a beautiful person inside and out. We were all better for knowing her. She was very proud of you all and your families. Kay Hayes

October 1 at 3:24 AM



R Bell posted:

Sincere condolences to the family. I am so very sorry for your loss. May God provide the necessary peace and comfort to your family and friends during this difficult time. Please remember these words of encouragement from the Bible: " Jesus plainly told her: "I am the resurrection and the life. He that exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life." —John 11:20-25.

September 30 at 12:12 PM



Martha Northcutt sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Thornberry family.



September 30 at 11:22 AM



Fred And Renee Buchanan sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Thornberry family.



September 30 at 6:41 AM



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Huvepharma sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Thornberry family.



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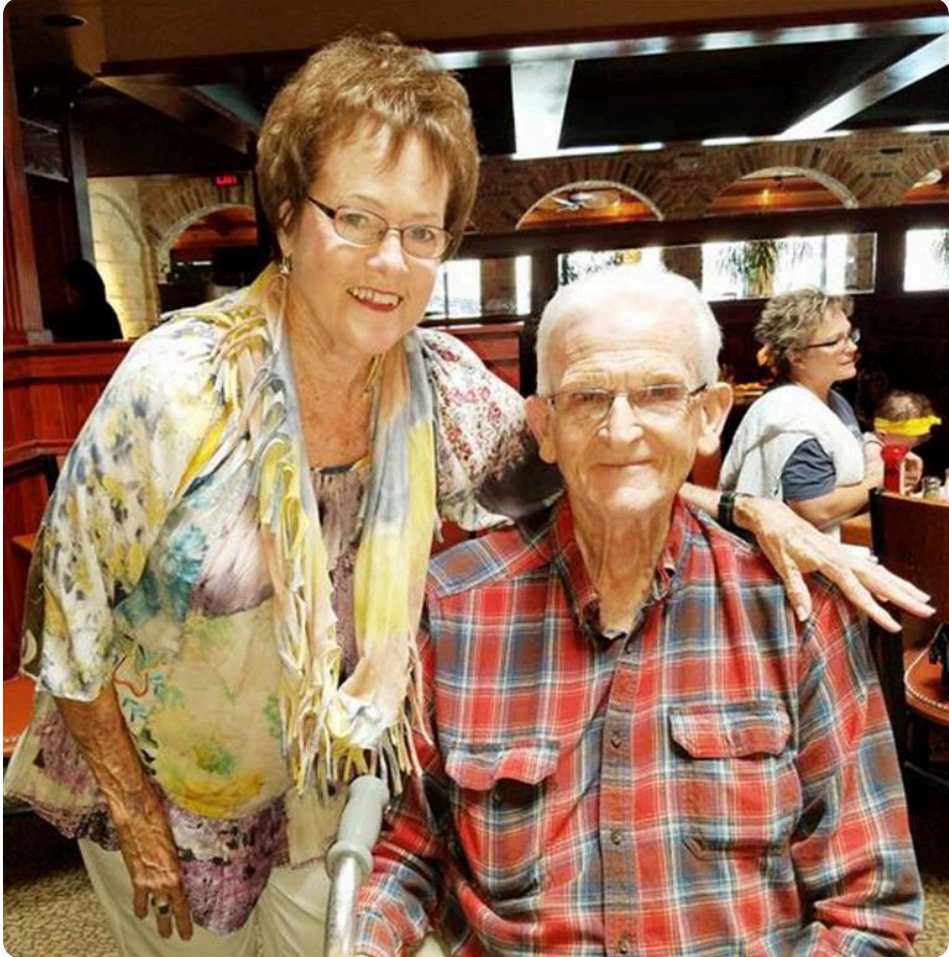
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