



Deborah Thurman Tonkin

July 21, 1950 - November 24, 2025

Deborah Thurman Tonkin, age 75 of Fort Payne, passed away on Monday, November 24, 2025. She was born on July 21, 1950 in Fort Payne to the late Ernest, Sr. & Inez Fox Thurman. She was a 1968 graduate of Fort Payne High School.

A graveside service will be held at 2:30 p.m., Friday, November 28, 2025 at Glenwood Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Friday from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

She is survived by her husband, Gregg Tonkin; children, Melissa Croft (Chris), Chelsea Tonkin, Kenneth Tonkin (Ronda) and Kellie Lopez (Jose); grandchildren, Emeline, Alohilani, Annabella, Kennedy, Rayne, Skyler, Madisyn, and Elijah; great-grandchildren, Liam, Alessia, Ella, and Emma Rose; siblings, Bud Thurman (LaRae), Steve Thurman, Pam Thurman, and Danny Thurman (Leshia).

She was preceded in death by her sons, Wilburn H. Hall, III and Derik Tonkin; and her parents.

She always tried to walk on the sunny side with her quiet strength and faith. She found joy lifting others. Always a mother at heart!

Cemetery Details

Glenwood Cemetery

1002 Grand Avenue SW
Fort Payne, AL 35967

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 28. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Funeral Home
3801 Gault Ave. N
Fort Payne, AL 35967

Graveside Service

NOV 28. 2:30 PM (CT)

Glenwood Cemetery
1002 Grand Avenue SW
Fort Payne, AL 35967

Tribute Wall

FF

“ From Bart & Julie Graham and Family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Deborah Thurman Tonkin.



From Bart & Julie Graham and Family - November 26, 2025 at 05:55 PM

CL

“ Cheryl Little sent a virtual gift in memory of Deborah Thurman Tonkin



Cheryl Little - November 26, 2025 at 02:47 PM

JF

“ Jim & Kim Creech & family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Deborah Thurman Tonkin.



Jim & Kim Creech & family - November 25, 2025 at 07:37 PM

KS

“ Deb was a great woman and will be sadly missed. Our prayers are with Gregg and the rest of the family.



Kerrie Singler - November 25, 2025 at 07:12 PM

BF

“ *Brett, Margaret and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Deborah Thurman Tonkin.*



Brett, Margaret and family - November 25, 2025 at 05:17 PM

BF

“ *Brett, Margaret and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deborah Thurman Tonkin.*

Brett, Margaret and family - November 25, 2025 at 05:17 PM

PF

“ *Pamela Ferguson sent a virtual gift in memory of Deborah Thurman Tonkin*



pamela ferguson - November 25, 2025 at 04:22 PM

SG

“ *Shelia Vaughn Gentry lit a candle in memory of Deborah Thurman Tonkin*



Shelia Vaughn Gentry - November 25, 2025 at 03:58 PM