



## Thelma A. Nations

January 11, 1945 - March 11, 2025

Thelma A. Nations, 80, of Perryville, Missouri peacefully passed away Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at her residence surrounded by her loving family.

She was born January 11, 1945 in Longtown, MO to Anton J. and Wilma M. (Unterreiner) Buchheit.

Thelma and Clarence Eugene Nations were married November 28, 1964 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Apple Creek, MO. They were blessed with sixty years of marriage. He survives her in Perryville.

She was a home maker and a secretary for Fr. Charles Rice at the National Shrine of the Association of the Miraculous Medal. Thelma was a seamstress for Perry County for many decades, making priest vestments, casket palls, formal attire, band uniforms for both high schools and more. She loved sewing and quilting. She made many quilts for the Seminary Picnic. She volunteered for her children's school activities for many years. Thelma loved going on road trips with her husband and spending time with family and friends. In a 2015 statewide contest in Marceline, MO, she was voted Missouri's Best Grandmother.

She was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church and volunteer at the National Shrine of the Association of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville.

Survivors include thirteen children, Margie (Dale) Persch of Festus, MO, Rev. David Nations C.M. of Wasilla, AK, Connie (Donnie) Terbrak of Perryville, MO, Randall Nations, Terry (Pattany) Nations of Perryville, MO, Diane (Stephen) Kirksey of Caseyville, IL, Teresa (Ronnie) Moll of St. Mary, MO, Rev. Mr. Larry (Cori) Nations of St. Louis, MO, Michael (Sharon) Nations of Blue Springs, MO, Bonnie (Gabriel) Franklin of Nevada, MO, Mary (Eric) Cantu of McGregor, TX, Cole (Abigail) Nations of Perryville, MO, Reese (Jesus) Puente of Festus, MO; two sisters, her twin Zelma (Elmer) Wibbenmeyer of Uniontown, MO, Mary Jane Cissell of Perryville, MO; brother, James (Marsha) Buchheit of Perryville, MO; twenty-two grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; infant child, Angel Nations; granddaughter, Harlee Moll; brother-in-law, Robert Cissell.

Visitation will be from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Friday, March 14, 2025 at St. Marys of the Barrens Catholic Church in Perryville and will continue from 10:00 am to 10:40 am on Saturday, March 15, 2025 at the church.

Funeral Mass will be at 11:00 am Saturday, March 15, 2025 at St. Marys of the Barrens Catholic Church in Perryville with Rev David Nations C.M. officiating and Rev. Mr. Larry Nations assisting.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery in Perryville.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Friends Foundation of Ste. Genevieve Memorial Hospital.

Online condolences may be made at [www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com).

Ford & Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Hope Cemetery

Perryville, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **14.** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary of the Barrens-National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and Rosary Walk  
1805 W St Joseph St  
Perryville, MO 63775-1598  
(573) 768-7000

## Visitation

MAR **15.** 10:00 AM - 10:40 AM.

St. Marys of the Barrens Church

## Funeral Mass

MAR **15.** 11:00 AM.

St. Marys of the Barrens Church

# Tribute Wall

CS

“ Cathaleen S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thelma A. Nations.

Cathaleen S. - March 18, 2025 at 11:51 AM

PM

“ Patty & Jesus Mendoza purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Thelma A. Nations.



Patty & Jesus Mendoza - March 14, 2025 at 11:19 AM

PM

“ Patty & Jesus Mendoza planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thelma A. Nations.

Patty & Jesus Mendoza - March 14, 2025 at 11:19 AM

GT

“ Dear Eugene and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I offer my heartfelt condolences and prayers.

Gene Tucker - March 13, 2025 at 11:58 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thelma A. Nations.



March 13, 2025 at 07:26 PM

OS

“ OLV Staff purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thelma A. Nations.



OLV Staff - March 13, 2025 at 06:08 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Thelma A. Nations.



March 13, 2025 at 04:48 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thelma A. Nations.

March 13, 2025 at 04:48 PM

CV

“ CVHS purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Thelma A. Nations.



CVHS - March 13, 2025 at 02:24 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thelma A. Nations.



March 13, 2025 at 12:36 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thelma A. Nations.

March 13, 2025 at 12:36 PM

DG

“ In deepest sympathy to Eugene and family. May Thelma's light shine bright for all -in your heart. Such a special woman of faith. Never new a stranger. A great person that we will miss. May all of her great gifts of volunteering & sewing & generous garden gifting be rewarded. She was welcomed into heaven with God as Reece was awaiting her hug..Rest in Peace dear friend. You will be missed.

Dale & Diane Grogg - March 13, 2025 at 01:57 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of *Thelma A. Nations*.

March 12, 2025 at 07:30 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of *Thelma A. Nations*.



March 12, 2025 at 05:57 PM

WB

“ *Connie & Family::*  
*My sympathy for the loss of your Mother. After 13 children and all her work on earth may she rest in the arms of Jesus*

**Waldemar Bergdolt** - March 12, 2025 at 04:59 PM

TF

“ *The Cantu Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Thelma A. Nations.*



**The Cantu Family** - March 12, 2025 at 02:12 PM

TF

“ *The Cantu Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thelma A. Nations.*

**The Cantu Family** - March 12, 2025 at 02:12 PM

DB

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the family of Thelma. May God give you strength and peace as you go thru this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and may she rest in peace!*

**David and Rosella Bohnert** - March 12, 2025 at 02:07 PM

JK

“ I remember all the get togethers with all the families over all New Years Eves. She always had/brought awesome food and a loving smile. In school (I was between Mike and Bonnie with age), I remember seeing her at so many events. She loved her family with all her heart.

Justin and Amy Klobe - March 12, 2025 at 11:05 AM



“ Garden Bench - "Gone yet not forgotten..." was purchased for the family of Thelma A. Nations.



March 12, 2025 at 09:31 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thelma A. Nations.

March 12, 2025 at 09:31 AM

JW

“ Her KINDNESS and love for the LORD will forever continue.

Janal Whistler - March 12, 2025 at 09:05 AM

RW

“ Bonnie and Family,  
My prayers for you as you all begin this new life chapter. Thelma has an incredible legacy that extends beyond family. Thelma was an extraordinary person! Brad and I were blessed to be part of Thelma's Christian family. It's heartwarming for me to think that Brad was part of Thelma's heavenly reunion. May your faith comfort you.  
God's peace,  
Rita Weber

Rita Weber - March 11, 2025 at 09:49 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thelma A. Nations.

March 11, 2025 at 08:33 PM

BF

“ *Bellis Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thelma A. Nations.*



**Bellis Family** - March 11, 2025 at 08:11 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Thelma A. Nations.*



March 11, 2025 at 08:03 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thelma A. Nations.

March 11, 2025 at 08:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thelma A. Nations.*



March 11, 2025 at 07:48 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thelma A. Nations.

March 11, 2025 at 07:48 PM

RO

“ *Ron,Sandi,Donnie,Lisa,Dan,Lexi purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Thelma A. Nations.*



**Ron,Sandi,Donnie,Lisa,Dan,Lexi** - March 11, 2025 at 07:36 PM

GF

“ Garland, Hahn and Shelton families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thelma A. Nations.



Garland, Hahn and Shelton families - March 11, 2025 at 06:24 PM

GF

“ Garland, Hahn and Shelton families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thelma A. Nations.

Garland, Hahn and Shelton families - March 11, 2025 at 06:24 PM

BS

“ Thelma always had a smile. Distant relative of mine, and I was classmate with Eugene at SVHS. Condolences and prayers

Betty (Buchheit) (Gary-dec) Statler - March 11, 2025 at 04:55 PM

DF

“ Don Layton & Family purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Thelma A. Nations.



Don Layton & Family - March 11, 2025 at 04:22 PM

DF

“ Don Layton & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thelma A. Nations.

Don Layton & Family - March 11, 2025 at 04:22 PM

LM

“ So sorry for your loss. She was a very sweet n giving person . May God bless you all !

Larry and Karolyn Marr - March 11, 2025 at 03:55 PM

DK

“ Teresa and Fr David and the rest of your family. I'm so sorry for your loss Thelma was such a sweet caring lady who did anything she could to help people. She will be missed but God sure has a very special Angel with him

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**Deborah Keller** - March 11, 2025 at 03:43 PM