



## Willene "Willie" Thigpen

July 8, 1926 - May 14, 2025

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of Willene "Willie" Thigpen on May 14, 2025. She graced this world with her presence for 98 wonderful years. Born as the eldest of 14 children in York Alabama, she was the embodiment of love, kindness, and warmth. She was known for her infectious smile and her remarkable ability to turn strangers into friends with just a few words.

Her life was a tapestry of cherished moments and fond memories, with many years spent in the beautiful state of Colorado where she worked in the public school system. Upon retiring, she and her beloved husband Guy Thigpen Jr. moved to Alabama, where they enjoyed their golden years together.

One of her favorite pastimes she shared with her daughter was sitting by the big picture window, sipping her coffee, and watching the birds gather outside, a scene that brought her immense peace and happiness.

She will be missed terribly by her daughter, Margaret Thigpen, two loving sisters, Barbara Nichols and Mary Joyce Sikes, and her devoted brother, Jerry Brown. Aunt Willene will live on in the memories of her many nieces and nephews that loved her dearly. She loved sharing her secret recipes and her culinary prowess was legendary, particularly her mastery of chicken and dumplings and banana pudding, that brought comfort and joy to many. She

had an endearing habit of giving everyone she met their own little nicknames, a testament to her attentive and loving nature.

As we bid farewell to this extraordinary woman, we take solace in the memories she leaves behind and the love she spread wherever she went. She will be deeply missed but forever remembered in our hearts. A celebration of life and love will be organized at a later date and posted on [Ever Loved.Com/Willene Thigpen](https://www.EverLoved.com/WilleneThigpen) where you can share photos, read about her life and share in the memories.