



## Mary Lazenby Thompson

June 15, 1911 - October 3, 2017

Mary Lazenby Thompson of Bluefield, WV passed away Tuesday October 3, 2017 at Westwood Center in Bluefield, VA.

Born June 15, 1911 in Bluefield, WV she was a daughter of the late Robert E. Lazenby and Willie Blanche Dinwiddie Lazenby.

Mary spent her early years living on Highland Ave., later moved to Bland Road. She attended wade elementary and junior high. She graduated from Beaver High School in 1929 with honors. She attended Westhampton College (The University of Richmond) and graduated from Concord Normal School (now Concord University) in 1933.

She briefly taught school in Grayson County, VA and rural Greenbrier County, WV.

In the late 50's she opened the first cafeteria at Memorial Elementary School. Mary was a lifetime member of College Avenue Baptist Church where she was very active on many committees and as a Sunday school teacher. She was a passionate bridge player, enjoyed reading, cooking, gardening, going to the beach, going on tours.

Mary has been at Westwood Center since April 2006 where she loved all their activities. The staff was very kind to her at Westwood and the good care was greatly appreciated.

She is preceded in death by her husband Carel H. Thompson, Sr. to whom she was married for 68 years, and seven sisters and one brother.

Mrs. Thompson is survived by three sons; Carel, Jr. (Caroline), Jerry (Janice),

and Ed (Ann), six grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and four great great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Saturday October 7, 2017 at 4:00 pm at Mercer Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Ed Fisher officiating. Entombment will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made, if desired to College Avenue Baptist Church, 1908 Jefferson St., Bluefield, WV 24701.

Those who wish to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting: [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com). Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Mary Thompson.

# Cemetery Details

## Roselawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery

Princeton, WV

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

OCT 7. 4:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel  
1231 West Cumberland Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Lazenby Thompson*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *I am so sorry to learn of Mary's passing. I have many fond memories of Mary and your family. May God give you peace and comfort at this time.*

*Laura J. Rush*

Laura rush - October 07, 2017 at 09:19 PM



“ *Lisa VanDyke lit a candle in memory of Mary Lazenby Thompson*



Lisa VanDyke - October 06, 2017 at 04:39 AM



“ *It was a privilege to be Mary's nurse at Westwood. I will miss her and her sweet smile, which could light up the room. My heart is broken, but I know she's in a better place. May God wrap His arms around your entire family and give you comfort and strength.*

Lisa VanDyke - October 06, 2017 at 04:38 AM

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“ We are so very sorry to hear about Mary. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the family. You have our deepest sympathy.

*John, Lisa and Jay Alderson*

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**John, Lisa and Jay Alderson** - October 05, 2017 at 03:09 PM

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“ Dwight & Annie, Greg & Cecily purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Mary Lazenby Thompson.



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**Dwight & Annie, Greg & Cecily** - October 05, 2017 at 01:07 PM