



## Phyllis Thacker

September 30, 1945 - October 23, 2024

Phyllis Loraine (Belden) Thacker, formally Huff, 79, of Salem, went to be with her Lord and Savior on October 23, 2024. She was born in Salem on September 30th, 1945, to Donald and Bernice (Neaveill) Belden. She would marry Kenneth Huff, and they later divorced. She married Darrell Thacker, and he preceded her in death.

Phyllis is survived by her four sons: Jeff (Michelle) Huff of New Athens, Il., Greg (Felicia) Huff of Bates City, Mo., Mike (Barbie) Huff of Marion, Il., and Doug (Billie) Huff of Salem; two stepsons: Jerome (Annie) Thacker and Jerrod Thacker; many grandchildren and several great-grandchildren; and one sister: Judith (Ronnie) Holmes of Newton, Il.

She was preceded in death by parents: Donald and Bernice Belden; her husband: Darrell Thacker; and a sister: Naomi Jamison.

Phyllis was a woman of great faith, who loved being active in the church, and truly enjoyed gospel music. She enjoyed gardening, canning vegetables, and at one point making baskets that were better quality than anything found in the stores. She was a babysitter before working in the meat department at Salem IGA. Phyllis' greatest joy came from her love of her family, especially her boys and grandchildren, with whom she loved making cookies. She was a caring, loving mother/grandmother, that will be dearly missed by her family, who couldn't ask for anyone better to have been their mom.

A funeral service will be held Saturday November 2nd, 2024, at 1:00pm at the Sutherland-Rankin Funeral Home chapel, with Pastor Phil Martin officiating.

Burial to follow at Paradise Cemetery. A visitation will be held Saturday November 2nd, 2024, from 11:00am till the time of service at the Funeral Home for family and friends. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Mission Salem or Angels for Autism and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Rankin Funeral Home at 310 N. Broadway/PO Box 97 Salem, Illinois 62881, (618)548-1234, who is honored to be of service to Phyllis' family, at this time. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com) or Sutherland Funeral Homes Facebook Page.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 2. 11:00 AM.

Funeral Home for family and friends

## Funeral Service

NOV 2. 1:00 PM.

Sutherland-Rankin Funeral Home chapel

# Tribute Wall

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“ I think I was maybe six years old when her parents built their house across the road from us. She and her younger sister became my only neighborhood playmates. In many ways, they became like sisters to me. To share a memory is impossible for me for there are so many to choose from.

Mustard sandwiches with them for lunch while we watched the construction. Sad surrender of the piles of dirt we played on after they were backfilled against the basement walls. Listening to Phyllis and Judy sing harmonious a Capella duets. Being the first to discover my brother had carved his love interest in her. Pinochle games with her as my partner and pitted against Dad and Kenny. Our many conversations, her laughter, her wit and wisdom, her tender heart, her many skills--what a homemaker and cook!

I thank the Lord for putting her into our lives and that she is again enjoying what gave her much joy: singing praise to the Lord. I miss you, Sis.

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**Charles Huff** - October 25, 2024 at 11:49 AM