



## Irene Wattenbarger Thompson

December 10, 1926 - July 10, 2013

Irene Wattenbarger Thompson, age 86, of Sweetwater, passed away on Wednesday, July 10, 2013, at U.T. Medical Center Knoxville. A lady of true integrity, she set an example for her family by the way she lived. She lovingly sacrificed herself for others throughout all phases of her life, gracefully enduring its many trials and hardships. With a kind and gentle spirit, she earned the respect of those who came to know her. As a lifelong member of Beulah Chapel Church of the Nazarene, she faithfully served in several capacities over the years, enjoyed singing in the choir, and participating in activities with her church family. She served the public for over 20 years through her employment with Little Drugs where she made many friends and acquaintances throughout the community. While her passing has created a great void in the hearts and lives of those who knew and loved her, we are reminded of how much God blessed us by being counted as one who was loved by her. Preceded in death by her husband: Clifford "Cliff" Thompson, parents: Oscar and Mamie Lee Wattenbarger, brothers: Willie and Keith Wattenbarger, sister: Betty Underwood, great-granddaughter: Tabitha Turpin, survivors include her sons and daughters-in-law: Dannie and Linda Thompson, of Madisonville, Lanny and Sharon Thompson, of Johnson City, grandchildren: Heather and Chris Thompson, Melissa Stringer, Karen Danos, Matt Thompson, Grant Thompson, Laura Thompson, several great-grandchildren, and several great-great-grandchildren, sisters and brothers-in-law: Ruby and Kin Tilley, of Niota, Wanda and Junior Monroe, of Decatur,

Jane Foster, of Chattanooga, brothers: Garland Wattenbarger, of Tellico Plains, Ray Wattenbarger, of Athens, several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends on Saturday July 13, 2013, from 5:00P.M. until 7:00P.M. at Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater, with the funeral service to follow at 7:00P.M. in Kyker's Chapel with Rev. Ken Walls and Rev. Bill Dawson officiating. Interment 2:00P.M. Sunday in the Beulah Chapel Church Cemetery. [www.kykerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.kykerfuneralhomes.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dannie & Lanny, my prayers are with you and your families. When I stop and think about Irene; I will always remember how beautiful she is; outside but also on the inside. You knew she was special the first time you were blessed to see her. If it had not been for Clifford, my uncle, marrying her, I might not have ever known her. I was richly blessed and what an honor to have Irene as an aunt. We will pray for you both and your families. We have the blessed assurance of knowing where she is right now. God needed and extra special pink rose in His Garden of Love. God Bless you all!!!

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**Joe & Hope Carter - Decatur, TN - She was my special aunt!!! - July 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

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“ My prayers and thoughts are with the family of Irene, during this difficult. Hold to your faith and the Christian life she lived each day.

Love

Sara

PS: Daughter of Homer and Marcella FlemingK

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**Sara Fleming Johnson - Lenoir City, TN - Family friend since my childhood - July 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM**