



Nelda Jean Thompson

July 29, 1957 - December 27, 2025

Nelda Jean “Nanny Nel” Thompson, 68, of Muskogee, Oklahoma, was born on July 29, 1957, in Longtown, Oklahoma, and passed away on Saturday, December 27, 2025.

Nelda was a lifelong caregiver whose heart and home were always open to children and family. She dedicated most of her working life to child care, a calling that perfectly reflected her nurturing spirit. Over the years, she helped raise and care for numerous children, leaving a lasting impact on countless lives through her patience, kindness, and unwavering love.

Affectionately known as “Nanny Nel,” she cherished time spent watching old television shows and, most of all, caring for children. Her greatest joy came from being surrounded by family, especially her grandchildren, who were the light of her life.

She was preceded in death by her daughters, Michelle Corley and Angela Corley; her parents, Billie V. Thompson and Maggie L. Pratt Thompson; her sister, Margaret Thompson; and her great-nephew, Cody Gray.

Nelda is survived by her daughter, Crystal Bowie of Muskogee; her sisters, Nancy Thompson Phillips and Sandra Thompson, both of Eufaula, Oklahoma; her grandsons, Kendan Watson, Kamel Bowie, Carter Bowie, and Hercules Bowie, all of Muskogee; her granddaughters, Brooklyn Watson, Truely Bowie, Honesty Bowie, and Xena Bowie, also of Muskogee; along with many extended family members and loved ones who will forever cherish her memory.

A family conducted celebration of Nelda's life will be held at New Beginnings Apostolic Church on January 10 at 12:00 p.m., with Tony Haley officiating. Nelda will be remembered for her generous heart, her devotion to family, and the countless lives she touched through love and care. Her legacy lives on through the children she helped raise and the family who loved her deeply.

Previous Events

Family conducted memorial service

JAN 10. 12:00 PM.

New Beginnings Apostolic Church