



## Joan Lynn Thompson Morse

November 10, 1934 - September 21, 2024

Born November 10, 1934, in St. Tammany Parish as Joan Lynn Thompson. On September 21, 2024, passed away surrounded by her loving family at Summerfield Assisted Living. At an early age the family moved to Ponchatoula, Louisiana where she completed elementary and high school, graduating in 1953 as salutatorian of her class. Joan attended Southeastern Louisiana College that fall. In the spring of 1954, she left school to marry Melvin Morse. They had a daughter, Belinda, in May of 1956, and a son, Melvin, in May of 1959. In 1961, she opened a private kindergarten in Ponchatoula that was known as "The Little Red Schoolhouse". In 1965, she returned to Southeastern and received her B.A. degree in elementary education with certification in kindergarten and graduating with high honors in 1969. She was also a part of the Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society and The Thirteen Club SLU Honor Society. In the fall of 1969, she began to teach the first public school class of kindergarten boys at D.C. Reeves School in Ponchatoula. She continued at Southeastern and received her M. Ed. Degree in elementary education with certification in Special Education and Supervision in 1971. During the 1972-73 years of school, she began to work with student teachers where she found the work greatly rewarding. Later, Joan received a master's degree from Louisiana State University in Supervision and Administration which she used in her more than 30 years of teaching at Tucker and Perrin, where she retired as Principal. Joan was also part of the Ponchatoula Gardenettes as secretary. She was a devoted church and

community volunteer. Joan and her husband, "Tuck" devoted their time to the Collinswood Museum in Ponchatoula where they would arrange exhibits and answer questions from tourists. Joan was also a member of "The Red Hatters". Joan wrote a column in the Daily Star newspaper called "Ponchy Patter" where she always used a quote about chocolate and talked about her granddaughter "Sweetie". She has been a member of First Baptist Church of Ponchatoula since 1946 where she sang in the Triple S Choir, was active in the Young At Heart program, was a member of the WMU, taught Sunday school, and helped with Vacation Bible School during the summers. Joan and "Tuck" enjoyed many years of traveling the United States and all over the world, from the Holy Land, China, Russia, Africa and all parts of Europe. Joan was a beautiful loving wife, mother, aunt, grandmother, and so much more, who is dearly and greatly missed by all that knew her.

Joan is survived by her daughter, Belinda Morse of Crowley, LA; son, Melvin "Tuck" Morse, Jr. (Patrice), and beloved granddaughter, Ashley Nicole "Sweetie" Morse; and half-brother, Manson Thompson Jr. (Lisa).

Joan is preceded by her loving husband of 62 ½ years, Melvin "Tuck" Curtis Morse, Sr.; her parents, Manson Thompson Sr. and Vennie Gottschaulk Thompson; and half-sister, Darlene Thompson.

The family would like to give special thanks to the staff at Summerfield Assisted Living and Hospice of Baton Rouge and her caregiver, Mamie Weatherspoon.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend a visitation at First Baptist Church of Ponchatoula on Saturday, September 28, 2024, from 1 p.m. until the start of the Memorial Service at 3 p.m. Pastor David Cranford will officiate with an interment to follow in Ponchatoula Cemetery.



# Cemetery Details

## Ponchatoula Cemetery

Hwy 22  
Ponchatoula, LA 70454

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

SEP 28. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Ponchatoula  
325 E Pine St.  
Ponchatoula, LA 70454

## Memorial Service

SEP 28. 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joan Lynn Thompson Morse*



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**Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home** - September 26, 2024 at 11:05 AM



*Belinda*

*I am so so sorry. Ms Joan was a special person and a great woman. I just watched the beautiful video and was so touched by seeing her and Mr Tuck. And her beautiful radiant smile. She was a blessing for so many. Chuck Gideon*

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**Chuck Gideon** - September 28, 2024 at 10:29 PM



*Belinda*

*So sorry about your mom. I will always have fond memories of her. Sorry I was unable to make the services due to another obligation. Prayers for you, your brother and his family. Patti Ridgdell Hilbun*

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**Patti Hilbun** - October 03, 2024 at 12:23 AM

LS

“ *Linda Sylvest purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Joan Lynn Thompson Morse.*



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**Linda Sylvest** - September 28, 2024 at 11:26 AM

LS

“ *Joan was a dear friend and I shall miss her until I see her again.*

Linda Sylvest - September 28, 2024 at 11:16 AM

BB

“ *What a wonderful spirit this lady was (& is). I was blessed with the opportunity to get to know her on our trips to Master Gardener meetings in Amite and at church. I will always remember her as the loving, feisty, Christian friend of mine. It was a pleasure, Joan. See you in Paradise.*

*Betty Baker*

Betty Baker - September 27, 2024 at 04:30 PM

EP

“ *I met Joan through the Gardenettes of Ponchatoula many years ago. She was a very sweet lady always ready to help with any project that we were involved in and was very knowledgeable about plants and flowers.*

*She was kind to me when I first joined and I'll always remember her smile.*

*God rest her sweet soul.*

Ellen Pusey - September 27, 2024 at 02:47 PM

MW

“ *Morse Family & Lauren & Chuck Williams purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joan Lynn Thompson Morse.*



Morse Family & Lauren & Chuck Williams - September 26, 2024 at 05:40 PM

ED

“ I mostly had the privilege of knowing Mrs. Joan through church and Triple S choir. As our secretary, she always kept up with sending out birthay greetings, get well cards, and sympathy cards. I loved her whit and sense of humor. She managed to always keep Bro. Chip in line. Lol. I know that all through her health challenges of late that she kept her eyes on Jesus and prayed for us all. Prayers for you, Belinda and Mel and family, for God's comfort and peace. What a great lady Mrs. Joan was!

*Ed Danley*

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**Ed Danley** - September 25, 2024 at 11:13 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joan Lynn Thompson Morse.*



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September 25, 2024 at 11:36 AM

RO

“ *Belinda, I was sorry to hear of your mom's passing. My prayers are with your family*

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**Ros** - September 24, 2024 at 06:37 PM

KB

“ I am saddened to hear of Miss Joan’s passing! I have known her since 1985 when PELC opened its doors. We taught together until she retired, we were in KKI meeting at her home often, and we were in Gardenettes together. She always had a smile and wit of humor. I always enjoyed her company and her vast knowledge for anything pertaining to gardening or kindergarten education. Prayers to her family 🙏🙏

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**Kathy Bruce** - September 24, 2024 at 01:20 PM

JC

“ I knew Joan for only a short time as a master gardener but quickly was impressed by her energy, humor, and always ready to spar verbally. I enjoyed her company.

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**John W Cleary** - September 24, 2024 at 10:36 AM

TT

“ I was saddened to hear of Mrs. Joan’s passing. We spent many Thursday evenings together at our Kappa Kappa Iota meetings and get-togethers. I also taught with her at Tucker and Perrin. She was always so cheerful and her love for her family was evident through our many conversations. She will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with her and her family.

Sincerely,  
Tessie Tournillon

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**Tessie Tournillon** - September 24, 2024 at 01:28 AM