



## Mrs. Shelly Deann Thornburg

December 8, 1967 - January 26, 2024

Shelly is mourned by her husband of 22 years, Michael Thornburg; four children, Jeramii Martin, Jarvia Klipka, and Janine and Justin Thornburg; two brothers, John and Jeffrey Klipka; and seven nieces and nephews, as well as many other family members and friends. She is predeceased by her brother, Jim Klipka; her father, James Klipka; and her mother, Ursel Klipka (née McMurtry).

Shelly grew up in the Denver, CO area, and attended Sheridan High School. After graduating in 1986, she attended Barnes Community College. In addition to being a mom to four children whom she loved, Shelly had several careers, including in mortgages for Vectra Bank, in accounting for Men's Warehouse, and eventually in 401k disbursements for Dyatech. Shelly enjoyed several years between careers as a stay-at-home mom - her children were always her top priority.

Shelly had a special place in her heart for giant breed dogs. While living in Colorado, she and her family fostered St. Bernards for the Colorado Saint Bernard Rescue, in addition to adopting two of their own.

Shelly and her family moved from Denver to Houston, and eventually to Brandon, MS, where Shelly loved the warm weather and cared for her garden. She was a great lover of Christmas decorations, and she and her husband went all-out each year to decorate their house, bringing holiday cheer to their

entire neighborhood.

In 2017, Shelly was diagnosed with Stage 2 breast cancer. Over the course of the following year she went through chemotherapy, surgery, and radiation with the support of her husband, and of her mother-in-law, Judi Carey, who helped to care for Shelly while she recovered from surgery. She was declared 'in remission' in 2018 and was officially a breast cancer survivor.

An avid knitter, Shelly gifted many friends and family members with baby blankets or afghans knitted by hand. All of her blankets were given as gifts - she refused to be paid for anything that she made for anyone.

Shelly was a wonderful mom and wife, a great friend, and will be missed by everyone who knew her.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

"Lovie" Dean Memorial Chapel  
745 Hwy 468  
Brandon, MS 39042

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dean Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Shelly Deann Thornburg*



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**Dean Memorial Funeral Home** - February 02, 2024 at 11:35 AM

SA

“ *Sherry Andrews lit a candle in memory of Shelly Thornburg*



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**Sherry Andrews** - February 02, 2024 at 12:45 PM

KS

“ *We are praying for you and your family during this difficult time and beyond. May the grace of LORD JESUS CHRIST be with you all !! JESUS loves you and we do too. From Pastor Kenneth Scott and NewLife Apostolic Church*

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**Kenneth Scott** - February 01, 2024 at 03:57 PM

KS

“ *Kenneth S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Shelly Deann Thornburg.*

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**Kenneth S.** - February 01, 2024 at 03:53 PM

HM

“ Heather Morgan lit a candle in memory of Shelly Thornburg



Heather Morgan - February 01, 2024 at 03:25 PM

BG

“ BSCP Sales/Customer Experience Group purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Mrs. Shelly Deann Thornburg.



BSCP Sales/Customer Experience Group - January 31, 2024 at 10:23 PM

BG

“ BSCP Sales/Customer Experience Group planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Shelly Deann Thornburg.

BSCP Sales/Customer Experience Group - January 31, 2024 at 10:23 PM

US

“ United Steel Supply planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Shelly Deann Thornburg.

United Steel Supply - January 31, 2024 at 04:55 PM

US

“ United Steel Supply purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Mrs. Shelly Deann Thornburg.



United Steel Supply - January 31, 2024 at 04:55 PM

RT

“ Rob Nemeth & the Precoat Metals team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Shelly Deann Thornburg.

Rob Nemeth & the Precoat Metals team - January 31, 2024 at 10:46 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Shelly Deann Thornburg.



January 31, 2024 at 10:46 AM



“ Christie Twiner lit a candle in memory of Shelly Thornburg



Christie Twiner - January 30, 2024 at 11:03 AM

RT

“ Rhonda Tate lit a candle in memory of Shelly Thornburg



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**Rhonda Tate** - January 30, 2024 at 10:24 AM

EA

“ Eddie Ainsworth lit a candle in memory of Shelly Thornburg



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**Eddie Ainsworth** - January 28, 2024 at 10:01 AM