



## Mrs. Thelma Jenkins Kersh

September 28, 1936 - January 5, 2023

Mrs. Thelma Louise Jenkins Kersh was born September 28, 1936 in Brandon, MS to the union of Levi and Geneva Jenkins. She entered into her eternal rest on January 5, 2023, at home, surrounded by her family. She is preceded in death by her parents, Levi and Geneva Jenkins, one brother, Levi Jenkins, one granddaughter, Atira Hughes, and one great-grandson, Jaidon Hill.

Thelma Jenkins graduated from Carter High School in 1953. Prior to attending Carter High School, she and her sister attended Lanier High School in Jackson, because there was no high school for African Americans in Rankin County.

She later graduated from Jackson College in 1957. Mrs. Thelma Louise Jenkins Kersh subsequently became a third-grade teacher at Carter High School. Following integration in 1970, she was transferred to Pearl Elementary School in 1970. She retired from the classroom in 1992. She believed, "To teach is to touch lives forever."

She grew up in the Taylorsville United Methodist Church (Trinity U.M.C.) and later joined Evergreen United Methodist Church and served as a faithful servant to many ministries within the church.

Thelma was united in holy matrimony Sidney Kersh. They were married for 65

years and blessed with three children: Sharon "Peaches" Kersh Jones of Brandon, MS; Patricia Diane (Reginald) McClelland of Gulfport, MS; Judith (Roger) Sinclair of Brandon, MS. Their family grew to consist of four grandchildren: Dameon (Ravynn) and Atira Hughes; Alese and Taylor McClelland; and four great-grandchildren: Jaidon Hill and Elijah, Cason, and Kaitlyn Hughes.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 8. 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Dean Memorial Funeral Home  
745 Highway 468  
Brandon, MS 39042  
(601) 825-3884  
<https://deanmemorialfuneralhome.com/>

## Service

JAN 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

Evergreen Christian Community Church  
1011 Trickhambridge Road  
Brandon, MS 39042

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dean Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Thelma Jenkins Kersh*



Dean Memorial Funeral Home - January 08, 2023 at 05:37 PM

CS

*This wonderful woman meant so much to me. She was one of my Grandmother's very best friends and I will miss her for sure. ❤️*

Carlos Spann - January 09, 2023 at 12:07 AM

V(

“ *Veronica (Michael) lit a candle in memory of Thelma Kersh*



Veronica Applewhite (Michael) - January 17, 2023 at 06:01 PM

JM

“ *Janice Moore lit a candle in memory of Thelma Kersh*



Janice Fleming Moore - January 16, 2023 at 10:08 PM

LC

“ *Condolences to the Family*

Lloyd Collier - January 16, 2023 at 03:41 PM

LC

“ *Lloyd Collier lit a candle in memory of Thelma Kersh*



Lloyd Collier - January 16, 2023 at 03:40 PM

KE

“ *Deepest condolences to your family. Mrs. Kersh was one of my teachers . She was such a sweet, nice and encouraging teacher. She gave of herself to many students . Many prayers to you all.*

Karen Bishop Edwards - January 14, 2023 at 09:59 PM

HH

“ *Hertisene Hunley lit a candle in memory of Thelma Kersh*



Hertisene Hunley - January 14, 2023 at 03:37 PM

SH

“ Sharon Hoard lit a candle in memory of  
Thelma Kersh



Sharon Hoard - January 13, 2023 at 05:25 PM

MB

“ Myra Boone sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Thelma Kersh



Myra Boone - January 12, 2023 at 08:32 PM

IJ

“ Irene Johnson lit a candle in memory of  
Thelma Kersh



Irene Johnson - January 11, 2023 at 08:24 PM

CH

“ Carolyn Harper lit a candle in memory of  
Thelma Kersh



Carolyn Johnson Harper - January 10, 2023 at 10:24 PM

SA

“ Extending my condolences to you and your family during your time of grief and loss.



Sandra Abby - January 09, 2023 at 07:33 AM

SN

“ Stefanie Nelson lit a candle in memory of Thelma Kersh



Stepfanie Nelson - January 08, 2023 at 11:31 PM

VP

“ Words cannot describe the feelings and memories. I will always have a special place in my heart for this woman. Thank you Cousins Sidney, "Judy", Peaches and Diane for sharing her with me every summer since I could remember. ❤️

Vera Purry-Kennedy - January 08, 2023 at 09:52 PM

BM

“ Barbara Magee sent a virtual gift in memory of Thelma Kersh



Barbara Magee - January 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM

GM

“ Gwendolyn Mack lit a candle in memory of Thelma Kersh



Gwendolyn Mack - January 08, 2023 at 07:04 AM

ST

“ Mrs. Thelma, my grandma Lena Taylor and I will Truly wish you. We love you and until we see you again Thank you for all you have done for my grandma mother Lena Taylor and family ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️ and prayers for the family of Mrs. Thelma Kersh



Sandra Taylor - January 08, 2023 at 12:55 AM

CS

“ Carolyn Stewart lit a candle in memory of Thelma Kersh



Carolyn Jenkins Stewart - January 07, 2023 at 10:31 PM

CS

“ Sincere condolences to the family. She was such a nice and beautiful woman/teacher.

Carolyn Jenkins Stewart - January 07, 2023 at 10:24 PM

VR

“ *vickie riley lit a candle in memory of Thelma Kersh*



vickie riley - January 07, 2023 at 08:16 PM

ET

“ *Our sincere condolences to the family. We pray God's strength and comfort will sustain you all, during this difficult time.*  
*Evelyn and Lynda Tillis*

Evelyn Tillis - January 07, 2023 at 08:13 PM

JF

“ *Janice Fleming-Moore lit a candle in memory of Thelma Kersh*



Janice Fleming-Moore - January 07, 2023 at 08:00 PM

JS

“ *Wow I've known Thelma all my life it's so hard to think about her not being here anymore but I know God knows best to Sidney Peaches Diane and Judy I'm praying for you that God will give you peace in the mist of your Storm farewell Thelma I love you and I will truly miss you Jerry*

Jerry Spann - January 07, 2023 at 06:30 PM

LT

“ *Praying for Family,*

*Laron & Arleshia Trigg*

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**Laron Trigg** - January 07, 2023 at 05:16 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mrs. Thelma Jenkins Kersh.*



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January 07, 2023 at 04:12 PM

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“ *Such a beautiful and sweet woman!  
Continued prayers for her beautiful family*



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**Natalie Owens-Keyes** - January 07, 2023 at 02:27 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mrs. Thelma Jenkins Kersh.*



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January 07, 2023 at 02:22 PM

VM

“ *Vaddie Myers lit a candle in memory of  
Thelma Kersh*



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**Vaddie Myers** - January 07, 2023 at 01:47 PM

C-

“ *Carolyn -Fairley lit a candle in memory of  
Thelma Kersh*



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**Carolyn Lloyd -Fairley** - January 07, 2023 at 01:14 PM

NC

“ *and Gazelle Lonie Carson lit a candle in  
memory of Thelma Kersh*



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**Noble and Gazelle Lonie Carson** - January 07, 2023 at 12:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for  
the family of Mrs. Thelma Jenkins Kersh.*



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January 07, 2023 at 12:13 PM

JN

“ *Jeanette Neal lit a candle in memory of  
Thelma Kersh*



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**Jeanette Neal** - January 07, 2023 at 11:58 AM

JH

“ *My condolences to the Kersh family.*



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**Juanita Hill** - January 07, 2023 at 11:24 AM

JM

“ *Juanita Murchison lit a candle in memory of  
Thelma Kersh*



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**Juanita Hill Murchison** - January 07, 2023 at 11:20 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Mrs. Thelma Jenkins Kersh.*



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January 07, 2023 at 10:40 AM

GS

“ Thoughts of love, prayers for comfort and strength to endure to the family of Our Cherished Teacher and life long friend.



Gwendolyn & Dallas Sutton - January 07, 2023 at 10:27 AM

CS

“ Mrs. Kersh was such a beautiful spirited person. Our family sends our prayers and condolences may God keep and comfort you all during this time. From Mr. & Mrs.Douglas (Cynthia)Spann Sr. and family.



Cynthia Spann - January 07, 2023 at 03:40 AM

EA

“ Eddie Ainsworth lit a candle in memory of Thelma Kersh



Eddie Ainsworth - January 07, 2023 at 12:13 AM

NL

“ Nancy Lonie-Taylor lit a candle in memory of Thelma Kersh



Nancy Lonie-Taylor - January 06, 2023 at 10:14 PM

DK

“ Dorothy Keys lit a candle in memory of  
Thelma Kersh



Dorothy Keys - January 06, 2023 at 09:05 PM

DK

“ I will always remember that contagious smile and many soft spoken  
words. My sincere condolences to my Kersh family.

Dorothy Keys - January 06, 2023 at 09:04 PM

DW

“ Mrs. Thelma Kersh was the kindest person I  
have known. She was very sweet, pleasant  
and always greeted me with a smile. Sharon  
and Judy so sorry for your loss.  
Almeda Harmon



Dee Wash - January 06, 2023 at 09:02 PM

DW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Dee Wash - January 06, 2023 at 08:52 PM

IL

“ My condolences and prayers to Mrs.Kersh family...She was my teacher ar Carter High School, a great teacher and role model, I will forever thank you for your service, Inez Lloyd-Carr.

Inez Lloyd-Carr - January 06, 2023 at 05:56 PM

IL

“ Inez Lloyd-Carr lit a candle in memory of Thelma Kersh



Inez Lloyd-Carr - January 06, 2023 at 05:52 PM

EW

“ Years of memories! Praying comfort for the families. God is able. Johnny & Edna Winsley

Edna Winsley - January 06, 2023 at 04:14 PM

SG

“ Samantha Gipson lit a candle in memory of Thelma Kersh



Samantha Smith Gipson - January 06, 2023 at 03:45 PM

RR

“ *Rose Rogers lit a candle in memory of  
Thelma Kersh*



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**Rose Rogers** - January 06, 2023 at 02:18 PM

JM

“ *JoAnne McCoy lit a candle in memory of  
Thelma Kersh*



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**JoAnne McCoy** - January 06, 2023 at 12:27 PM

SW

“ *My deepest sympathy is extended to the Kersh family. She was a  
great friend of my mother and was such a sweet Woman of God.  
See you in paradise, my queen. Until we meet again, The Baker-  
Wilson family.*

*Love*

*Dr. Sandra Faye Wilson*

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**Sandra Wilson** - January 06, 2023 at 11:05 AM

JS

“ *Jean Swayzer lit a candle in memory of  
Thelma Kersh*



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**Jean Swayzer** - January 06, 2023 at 08:58 AM

MM

“ *Mary McCoy lit a candle in memory of Thelma Kersh*



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**Mary McCoy** - January 06, 2023 at 08:11 AM

MS

“ *Condolences and prayers to the family of Mrs. Thelma Kersh. She was an educator all of her days and I thank God she help to educate me. Mary Stapleton-Carr*



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**Mary Stapleton-Carr** - January 06, 2023 at 08:03 AM

BT

“ *Bessie Taylor lit a candle in memory of Thelma Kersh*



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**Bessie Taylor** - January 06, 2023 at 07:06 AM

EY

“ *Evelyn Young lit a candle in memory of Thelma Kersh*



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**Evelyn Young** - January 06, 2023 at 06:09 AM

PJ

“ Patricia Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Thelma Kersh



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Patricia Jones - January 05, 2023 at 10:36 PM

PJ

“ Patricia Jones lit a candle in memory of  
Thelma Kersh



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Patricia Jones - January 05, 2023 at 10:36 PM

PJ

“ Phyllis Jenkins lit a candle in memory of  
Thelma Kersh



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Phyllis Jenkins - January 05, 2023 at 09:27 PM

KM

*Mrs Thelma was my third-grade teacher and as my late mother called her a dear friend. I'm sure she will be missed and I know I appreciate what she taught me. My sympathy to her family and all affected.*

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Kenneth McElroy - January 06, 2023 at 07:47 PM