



Minister Tommye Jo Morris

August 25, 1954 - December 8, 2025

Tommye Jo Morris - Child of God, willing to do God's will.

Tommye Jo Love Morris lived a life poured out for God, for her family, and for her community, leaving a legacy as vibrant and enduring as her unwavering faith. Born on August 25, 1954, in Chicago, Illinois, to the late Thomas Love and Martha Elizabeth Watson Love, her remarkable journey began with purpose and promise.

Tommye accepted Christ at the age of ten and faithfully served the Lord throughout her life. She graduated from Vicksburg High School in 1972, then pursued nursing studies at The W-Mississippi University for Women, theatre coursework at Mississippi State University, and later earned her counseling certification from Mississippi College. She continued her biblical training through McKinley Theological Seminary and through extensive study of The Dake Bible, which she considered her true formal education in the Word of God. Her ministry service was extensive; she served as a Deaconess, Minister, Mother, and Youth Pastor in several congregations, building upon the strong spiritual foundation passed down through her family.

On November 2, 1974, she married the love of her life, Pastor James E. Morris, Sr., and together they shared 51 years of devotion, partnership, and purpose. They raised their children with love, discipline, and Christian values

that continue to guide generations. She also faithfully served the Kingdom as co-founder of Christ- Anointed Church in Jackson, Mississippi, where she and her husband ministered for 12 years.

A gifted teacher, leader, and visionary, Tommye spent 31 years alongside her husband operating Milestone Christian Bookstore in Pearl, Mississippi. She founded consulting services JALATA, LLC, and developed impactful community programs, including the ROPE (Rites of Passage Education) program for Jackson Public Schools and the first abstinence education programs in Rankin County and Pearl Public Schools. She spoke nationally with Dr. Freda Bush, founded and wrote the Charm School for the Spring District Association, and contributed to state and community boards, including Communities Working to Unite Youth 501(c)3 (CWUY). Through her work with CWUY, she helped establish White Ribbon Sunday, a statewide recognized initiative for abstinence education. Her leadership extended to Pearl High School as PTO President, and she was honored with the Goodwill of Mississippi Community Award 2019.

Though she guided countless families and youth with wisdom, she proudly considered her greatest accomplishment “earning her Master’s in the Art of Spoiling Grandchildren.” Her love was unforgettable; she could correct you, collect you, and hug you all in one motion, leaving you feeling both loved and lifted.

Tommye Jo departed this life on December 8, 2025, at UAB St. Vincent’s East Hospital, Birmingham, AL, surrounded by her family. She leaves behind a legacy of love, faith, and strength. Tommye was preceded in death by her grandparents, James H. Watson, Sr., and Rev. Thelma S. Watson; her parents, Thomas and Martha Watson Love; her sisters, Denise Darcell Love and Lois Leanette Love Price; and her special cousins, Lerris Cooper and Jose Watson. She leaves to cherish her memory her loving husband, Pastor

James E. Morris, Sr.; her brother, Willie Thomas (ex-wife Aileen) Love; her special cousins, Lamar (Theresa) Cooper, Lionel (Yolonda) Cooper, Jorge Watson, and Lucia Watson; her children, James (Pamela Anne) E. Morris, Jr., LaKisca (Prince) "Keke" Camille Jackson, and Thomas (LaTacita) Allen Morris; along with seventeen grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and a host of adopted children, God-children, nieces, nephews, cousins, and beloved friends.

Tommye believed that a church community should help families grow in faith and strength. She often reminded others, "The devil is busy making plans for our children...ARE WE?" She lived this calling boldly, pouring her life into the spiritual and emotional well-being of families across Mississippi. Though her earthly journey has ended, the impact of her love, wisdom, and service will continue through every life she touched.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 18. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Family Hour

DEC 18. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Homegoing Service

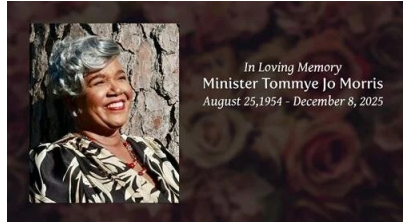
DEC 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

TrueVine M. B. Church
124 Vine Drive
Brandon, MS 39042

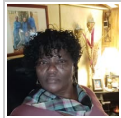
Tribute Wall



“ *Dean Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Minister Tommye Jo Morris*



Dean Memorial Funeral Home - December 17, 2025 at 05:26 PM



My sincere condolences in your time of sorrow 🙏

Vaddie Correa - December 18, 2025 at 12:48 AM

PP

Prayers for peace and comfort for the entire Morris family.

Patawisha Pollard - December 19, 2025 at 11:25 AM



“ *Nothing but great memories with her in my youth. Mrs. Morris' legacy will live on with love and happy laughter.*



A'smile Alexander - January 19 at 12:24 PM

SB

“ *Shirley Beverly lit a candle in memory of
Tommye Morris*



Shirley Beverly - December 21, 2025 at 11:24 PM

DA

“ *Dorene Anderson lit a candle in memory of
Tommye Morris*



Dorene Anderson - December 20, 2025 at 02:32 AM

KT

“ *Wishing you peace and comfort as you grieve
your loss*



Kenivon Ramell Tisdale - December 19, 2025 at 10:13 AM

GP

“ We were heartbroken to hear of Minister Morris' earthly departure. My family and our Pastor, Rev. Audrey Lynne Hall, had not long run into her and Pastor Morris at Country Fisherman, celebrating their anniversary. She, looking so beautiful and radiant in her fashionable all-white attire, reached out to hug us one by one with that brilliantly bright smile of hers. We had not seen them in quite a while. It was like a little reunion of sorts.



She and Pastor Morris were mentors of wisdom early on in our Pastor's ministry. We got to meet them through their relationship in mentoring her. Minister Morris always, and I mean always, had spiritual words of encouragement for my husband and me.

My husband, the Superintendent at our church, Holy Temple MBC, used to drive from Jackson to Pearl to pick up our Sunday School materials, and she would always greet him, as she did all of her customers, with that genuinely friendly smile. I witnessed the same warmth, embrace and positive conversation when I would accompany him.

The world has truly lost a great Woman of God who was devotedly on the battlefield for the Lord. Her heart permeated with agape love for her fellow man.

Our love and heartfelt prayers and condolences go out to Pastor Morris and their family. The two of them were soulmates, like two peas in a pod. What a beautiful lady, inside and out. May you rest in peace, dear lady. You will be sorely missed.

-- Deacon Chairman Edison Brown, Jr., Deaconess Gail H.M. Brown, and son, Edison Brown, III.

Gail H. Marshall Brown, Ph.D. - December 19, 2025 at 05:31 AM

GS

“ Thoughts of Love and Prayers for comfort and strength.



Gwendolyn & Dallas Sutton - December 18, 2025 at 07:37 PM

DH

“ Deepest sympathy to The Morris Families.



Dixie Hampton-Grant - December 18, 2025 at 07:18 PM

PB

“ Prayers for the entire family.

Patricia C. Bracey - December 18, 2025 at 04:30 PM

AS

“ Prayers For The Family. Expresses of Sympathy And Comfort.



Angela Simon - December 18, 2025 at 10:24 AM

PM

“ *My sincere condolences to the Morris Family..
Continue to look toward the Hills which
cometh your Help..*



Patricia Mitchell-Coleman - December 17, 2025 at 03:04 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased
for the family of Minister Tommye Jo Morris.*



December 17, 2025 at 02:21 PM

JL

“ *May the peace of our Lord Jesus be with you
all during your times of sorrows.*



Jimmie Lewis - December 17, 2025 at 09:30 AM

NK

“ *Prayers for the entire family!!*



Natalie Keyes - December 16, 2025 at 09:58 PM

DF

“ Dannielle Taylor-Pinnacle Financial purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Minister Tommye Jo Morris.



Dannielle Taylor-Pinnacle Financial - December 16, 2025 at 02:14 PM

DF

“ Dannielle Taylor-Pinnacle Financial planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Minister Tommye Jo Morris.

Dannielle Taylor-Pinnacle Financial - December 16, 2025 at 02:14 PM

VE

“ Vergiejackson lit a candle in memory of Tommye Morris



Vergiejackson - December 16, 2025 at 11:06 AM

TJ

“ Terneki M. Jackson lit a candle in memory of Tommye Morris



Terneki M. Jackson - December 15, 2025 at 09:44 PM

CL

“ *Crystal Larkin lit a candle in memory of Tommye Morris*



Crystal Larkin - December 15, 2025 at 09:25 PM

FG

“ *Our prayers and heartfelt sympathy to Pastor James E. Morris family and church family. I pray God give you all the strength needed during this difficult time. - Felicia, Sierra (SiSi) and Mason Garner*

Felicia Garner - December 15, 2025 at 02:28 PM

FG

“ *Felicia Garner lit a candle in memory of Tommye Morris*



Felicia Garner - December 15, 2025 at 02:25 PM

BT

“ *Bessie Taylor lit a candle in memory of Tommye Morris*



Bessie Taylor - December 15, 2025 at 10:31 AM

RM

“ *Sleep on sister. You will be missed*



Rev Rufus and Vanessa Mayes - December 15, 2025 at 08:32 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Minister Tommye Jo Morris.*



December 15, 2025 at 05:14 AM

SC

“ *Sister Morris the epitome of a child of GOD a smile that would light up any room and when you had opportunity to be in her presence you knew all the conversation was going to be about was JESUS. She will be missed tremendously, but we know she's in the arms of her Lord now. My prayers are with Pastor Morris and the family.*

Sharon Chancellor-Wilson - December 14, 2025 at 05:19 PM

SC

“ *Sharon Chancellor-Wilson lit a candle in memory of Tommye Morris*



Sharon Chancellor-Wilson - December 14, 2025 at 04:55 PM

KM

“ My heartfelt condolences goes out to The Morris family. Tommye Jo Morris was a wonderful and an amazing woman of God who touched the lives of many. May you all find strength and solace in the cherished memories you shared together. Oh how sweet it would have been just to hear her laugh and to see her smile again! Her legacy of kindness, wisdom and love will continue to inspire us all. We will keep the family in our continued thoughts and prayers. Lean on the love and support of friends and family as you all navigate through this difficult time. We love ❤️ you

Kerri Mosley - December 14, 2025 at 04:39 PM

MB

“ Our deepest condolences to the Morris Family may you find strength and peace in God's will.



Myra Boone - December 14, 2025 at 02:08 PM

RM

“ Renee McCoy lit a candle in memory of Tommye Morris



Renee McCoy - December 14, 2025 at 12:51 AM

DJ

“ *Delphine Jenkins-Davis lit a candle in memory of Tommye Morris*



Delphine Jenkins-Davis - December 14, 2025 at 12:42 AM

AA

“ *Ashlei R. Ainsworth lit a candle in memory of Tommye Morris*



Ashlei R. Ainsworth - December 13, 2025 at 01:32 AM

DJ

“ *Sister Tommye was sweet lady. I remember her as a very positive person interested in the welfare of our children. She was concerned about their cultural knowledge as well as their education and spiritual knowledge. She was proactive in the community. Was encouraging to many; always speaking the Word of Jesus. We are praying for the family's protection and strength. God is able!*



Diann Jenkins-Grant - December 13, 2025 at 01:12 AM

MM

“ To the Morris family, you have my deepest sympathy, condolences and prayers during this time of loss of Sis. Tommye Morris. It is our loss and heaven's gain. Rest well my sister. Sis. Mary H. McGee



Mary H. McGee - December 12, 2025 at 11:11 PM

MM

“ Mary McCoy lit a candle in memory of Tommye Morris



Mary McCoy - December 12, 2025 at 06:03 PM

DT

“ Your beautiful spirit, joyous smile and words of encouragement will be missed tremendously! Mrs. Tommye, your impact here was great but your reward is greater! You shared Jesus Christ and His love to those you saw daily! Rest until He comes again! Love, Deanna, Ravynn, JerMichael and Dylan Thompson



Deanna Thompson - December 12, 2025 at 12:48 PM

HD

“ Hildreth Dunklin-Lee lit a candle in memory of Tommye Morris



Hildreth Dunklin-Lee - December 12, 2025 at 10:14 AM

DJ

“ *Debbie L. Jenkins sent a virtual gift in memory of Tommye Morris*



Debbie L. Jenkins - December 12, 2025 at 08:35 AM

RB

“ *Robert & Bonni Blackmon lit a candle in memory of Tommye Morris*



Robert & Bonni Blackmon - December 11, 2025 at 11:37 PM

JB

“ *Jackye Davis Bender sent a virtual gift in memory of Tommye Morris*



Jackye Davis Bender - December 11, 2025 at 11:20 PM

EA

“ *Eddie Ainsworth lit a candle in memory of Tommye Morris*



Eddie Ainsworth - December 11, 2025 at 11:06 PM

WM

“ Wayne & Gerthania McGee sent a virtual gift in memory of Tommye Morris



Wayne & Gerthania McGee - December 11, 2025 at 09:11 PM

DO

“ Dorene lit a candle in memory of Tommye Morris



Dorene - December 11, 2025 at 09:04 PM

LE

“ Our deepest condolences go out to the Morris Family. James and Lawanda Enochs



Lawanda Enochs - December 11, 2025 at 08:42 PM

TM

“ Thadamenia Morris Mixon lit a candle in memory of Tommye Morris



Thadamenia Morris Mixon - December 11, 2025 at 06:38 PM

RW

“ *Rochelle Washington lit a candle in memory of Tommye Morris*



Rochelle Washington - December 11, 2025 at 11:00 AM

TA

“ *Condolences and prayers to Pastor Morris and family in the homegoing of our first First Lady, Sister Morris. May our Lord continue to bless you. Love, Tom and Carolyn Allen.*



Tom & Carolyn Allen - December 11, 2025 at 10:59 AM

BB

“ *Barbara Buckhaultler lit a candle in memory of Tommye Morris*



Barbara Buckhaultler - December 11, 2025 at 10:45 AM

EW

“ *Eletha Walker sent a virtual gift in memory of Tommye Morris*



Eletha Walker - December 11, 2025 at 10:06 AM

GJ

“ Take your rest my dear sister. Gloria Johnson



Gloria Johnson - December 11, 2025 at 10:06 AM

PJ

“ Patricia Jones lit a candle in memory of
Tommye Morris



Patricia Jones - December 11, 2025 at 09:48 AM

EY

“ Evelyn Young lit a candle in memory of
Tommye Morris



Evelyn Young - December 11, 2025 at 08:07 AM

MG

“ Melonie Taylor Gore lit a candle in memory of
Tommye Morris



Melonie Taylor Gore - December 11, 2025 at 05:31 AM

EY

“ Prayers And Condolences Are Extended To The Morris Family And Friends. I'm Thankful To Have Known Such A Strong Woman Of God. She Was An Inspiration To Anyone She Can In Contact With. Minister Tommye Jo Morris, You Will Be Missed. 🙏🙏🙏



Evelyn Young - December 11, 2025 at 01:18 AM

PS

“ Patricia Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Tommye Morris



Patricia Smith - December 10, 2025 at 11:00 PM

MR

“ Remembering the big hug I got last I saw her at Country Fisherman never will forget her warm smile seems like yesterday always speaking life into others. I will truly miss you Tommye Jo ❤️

Maria Bingham Reed - December 10, 2025 at 09:59 PM

DL

“ Thank you to Minister Tommye Joe Morris for your love and support through the many years. Take you rest, my dear sister. You fought a good fight.

Donnell Lewis - December 10, 2025 at 09:42 PM

DL

“ *Donnell Lewis lit a candle in memory of
Tommye Morris*



Donnell Lewis - December 10, 2025 at 09:41 PM

RW

“ *Rogert and Minyonia Williams sent a virtual gift
in memory of Tommye Morris*



Rogert and Minyonia Williams - December 10, 2025 at 08:33 PM

MM

“ *Melinda Mack sent a virtual gift in memory of
Tommye Morris*



Melinda Mack - December 10, 2025 at 07:46 PM