



# Thelma Spencer Scott

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**T**helma Spencer Scott was born in Lewistown, Montana, to the union of Leroy L. Spencer and Hazel Spencer. Though born in the West, she often proudly declared herself a "true-born Mountaineer," a heartfelt nod to her parents' deep roots in the hills of West Virginia. In 1967, her family returned home to West Virginia, where Thelma was raised and educated, attending Simms Elementary, Lincoln Jr. High, and Huntington High School.

In September 1981, Thelma set out to fulfill a lifelong dream by enrolling in the Huntington School of Beauty Culture. Upon earning her degree and successfully passing her state board exams, she embarked on what would become an illustrious 42-year career in cosmetology. She began her professional journey at the JC Penney Salon in 1982, where she served for seven years before joining the salon of Ron & Associates in 1989.

In 1996, Thelma reached a significant career milestone when she was invited to join the founding team of El Hajj Salon & Day Spa - a premier, state-of-the-art facility opened by her high school classmate, Susan J. Hage. Thelma remained a cornerstone of the El Hajj family for 29 years, celebrating her final anniversary there in October 2025. For Thelma, cosmetology was never merely a job; it was the only "work" her heart ever desired.

Hall Funeral Home was blessed for more than two decades to call upon the gifted hands of cosmetologist Thelma Scott. Her dedication and artistry helped honor countless families with dignity and grace.

A woman of profound faith, Thelma viewed her professional craft as a ministry. She lived by the mantra that she must "treat her clients like the kings and queens they are," and she felt truly blessed by the deep, lasting relationships she built behind the chair.



## Obituary

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Thelma's spiritual journey began at the First Baptist Church of Huntington. Under the tutelage of Reverend Charles H. Smith, she was baptized and became a vibrant part of the church family, active in the Baptist Youth Fellowship (BYF) Sunday School and the choir. These early years formed the foundation of a life defined by faith and service.

Thelma's devotion to the Lord was the centerpiece of her life. As a founding member of Encouragers' Fellowship Church, she served faithfully on the praise team for 40 years. She was a constant presence at church and community events, always ready with an encouraging word for anyone she encountered. While she found immense joy in serving her clients, her greatest love was reserved for serving her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and her beautiful family.

Thelma loved to travel, and the moment she heard about a trip, she'd start stacking her pennies so she could be there. She had a joyful spirit and a song in her heart. She loved to sing, especially gospel music and praise-and-worship. And if there was a good party, you already knew—Thelma was ready! She gave thanks to God for everything and lived life with gratitude and excitement. She enjoyed cruises, concerts, church plays, and outings to see celebrity singers. Whenever an event was coming up, she would say, "Y'all better get your pennies together so we can go see so-and-so!" And trust her—she'd start saving hers the very moment she heard about it. If nobody else got tickets, Thelma was rolling solo without hesitation. She was getting her chips together and going to that concert regardless. Her joy, independence, and zest for life carried her everywhere she wanted to be.

Thelma was preceded in death by her beloved parents and her dear sister, Elva Diane Spencer.

She leaves to mourn her loss, yet continue her extraordinary legacy: her beloved husband of 46 years, Lee C. Scott, III; loving son, Lee C. Scott, IV (April); adored daughter, Dr. Shanna Denise Scott; and her treasured grandchildren, Aleena Scott and Lee C. Scott, V. She is also survived by her sisters, Bonnita Johnson and Terri Guerrant (Donald); her brother, Roy Spencer (Sharon); sister-in-law, Alice King; her very special best friend, Anna Marie Palmer-Harper; and a host of treasured nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.



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Thelma will be forever remembered for her infectious laugh, her consistent support of her community, and her unwavering faith in God.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, January 17, 2026, at First Baptist Church 801 Sixth Avenue in Huntington, WV. Visitation is at 12:00 PM and the funeral service is at 1:00PM. Hall Funeral Home, Proctorville, OH, is assisting the family with arrangements. "In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the education fund for Thelma's beloved grandchildren, Aleena and Lee Scott. V." Condolences may be expressed to the family at <https://www.ehallfuneralhome.com>.




# Events


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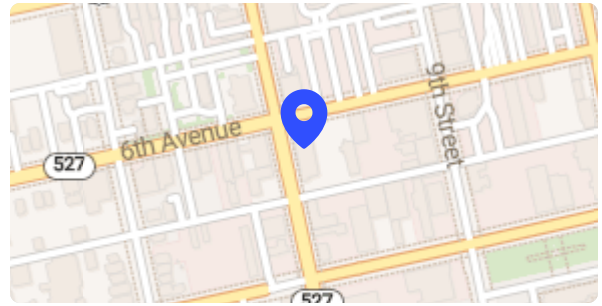
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## Memorial Gathering

 **Saturday**, January 17, 2026


 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ET


 **1st Baptist Church**  
801 6th Avenue, Huntington WV

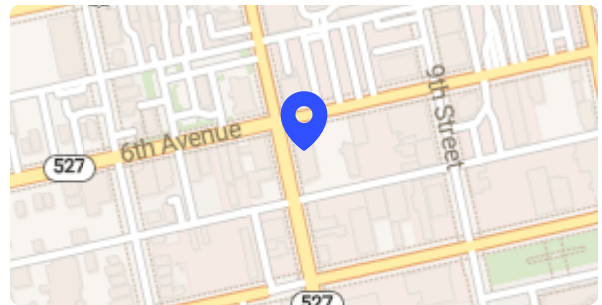


## Memorial Service

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 1:00 PM ET

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# Tribute Wall

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**Sharis H** posted:

REAL LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTER CHURCH 2511 9th Avenue Huntington, WV 25703  
Celebration of Life For Thelma Scott  
To the family and friends of Sister Thelma Scott, we take this time to share our deepest condolence on the loss of your dear loved one. May you always find joy in the memories that you hold together. Sister Thelma walked wholeheartedly in the true love of God, impacting so many with her spirit of worship and song of praise. Although, this cherished woman of God will be missed. We know that he lived life, to live again and we can have peace in knowing that we shall meet again in that heavenly place. We pray confidently that the Spirit of God that lives within you will rise and be your added strength and peace in the days and nights that lie ahead. "He said I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you." Our prayers of comfort and consolation are with you now and always. Submitted By: Bishop Charles D. Shaw & Lady Sharon Shaw & The Real Life Christian Center Church Family

January 17 at 2:33 PM



**William C.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Thelma.



January 16 at 8:09 PM



**Kevin** posted:

Ever since I got the word I have been trying to wrap my head around it. Thelma was a true friend and prayer warrior. I remember Genesis and Thelma used to sing Jesus He Never Fails. The verse started off ' a friend Kind and true. Someone who care for you'. And that's what Thelma was!. I will truly miss our texts. God got another praise and worshipper who loves him with all her heart. Whew Marion and Renee our friend is resting in the arms of Jesus!!.. I can still here Her singing that song!! 🙏🙏🙏

January 15 at 10:16 PM



**Kevin** January 15 at 10:16 PM

This comment is from Brian Ward



**Elder Brian Ward (Chef)** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Scott family.



January 15 at 9:57 PM



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**Your Sister, Desiree Wagner, Gd3** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Scott family.



January 15 at 11:44 AM



**Your Sister, Desiree Wagner, Gd3** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Thelma.



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**Vickie Slaughter & The Johnson Family** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Scott family.



January 14 at 7:03 PM



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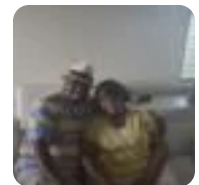


January 14 at 7:03 PM



**Lindsey R Johnson** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

My most favorite memories were of Thelma taking charge and singing her way into people's hearts and mind. I will miss the smile that you placed on family, friends, and church members face when you sang!



January 14 at 6:56 PM



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SJ

**Stan Johnson** posted:

I was stunned to learn of the passing of Thelma Scott. Her loss extends far beyond her beloved family as the entire community is heavy laden. What an amazing person and what a remarkable life. We were fortunate that she was a member of our community as she was a source of hope and strength for everyone. Her encouragement helped many and her blithe spirit was a beacon in the darkness of distress. We will remember her laughter and the sting of her wrath. Despite our mourning, we have solace in knowing that her mortal end is the beginning of her soul's journey of eternal joy and light. Thelma's faith and devotion was resolute. It has been said that wherever a beautiful soul has been, there is a trail of beautiful memories. So it is with Thelma as her memory will forever live on in the stories, laughter and joy of those whose life she touched. Stan Johnson

January 10 at 10:24 PM

VW

**Virginia Ward** posted:

Where to begin the smile. The praise and the worship. Her testimonies. When I seen her I didn't see her I saw what she wanted me to see and that was her savior. Jesus Christ. And truly she was a beacon a pillar to her church. A light to the ones that she was in their presence. What came out of her mouth was the glory and the honor that she gave her father which art in heaven. And even in the struggles when she would testify she'd still say I'm blessed. So I can say I'm blessed to be a sister of a sister of the same savior. And I will see her one day She just beat me to the crossing. As tears run out of my eyes because I will miss her presents. But my heart rejoices and she would not want me to cry she would want me to praise the name of Jesus cuz she has run her race She has kept the faith. And I would always tell her faith means fully allowing it to help f a i t h. And she'd smile at me said she said yes that's what I do I'll walk by faith and I told her me too so we had that in common. That the Lord gave us a smile and became our best friend and burned all those bridges to the ground. And was our best friend truly sister as a BF sister in the Lord I'm very thankful that God put you in my journey and I will never forget you till we meet again on those streets of gold and sing that song that the angels can't even sing together I can't wait for that day but till then may you rest in peace and the family that I know misses you from your church family to your kids to everybody that ever was a part of who you are we will totally never forget you Love always your sister in the Lord and friend Virginia

January 10 at 1:43 PM



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**Joann Felters** sent a virtual gift in honor of Thelma.

I did not know Thelma well; only met her a few times while visiting my sister, Jeannetta Hornbuckle, who lived next door for many years and Thelma was her hairstylist. I know the family is friendly, warm, and loving. I kind of bonded a little with her sister Bonnita when she moved to Washington, DC. I am sending my heartfelt condolences to the family. May your memories put a smile on your face, and have faith and peace knowing God will care for you. Peace and blessings, Joann Felters



January 9 at 12:55 PM



**Carolyn Wright** shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

One time at the Annual Christmas Party I took a picture of her and she said: Oooh girl send me that I look good! She did look good. RIP you sweet Godly woman. Love you



January 8 at 12:13 PM



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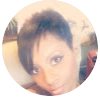




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