



Connie Thompson Zanders

July 28, 1955 - September 11, 2025

Connie Thompson Zanders was born on July 28, 1955 in Winter Garden, Florida to Johnnie Lee Griffin and Mabel Elizabeth Ellison. Connie attended Phillis Wheatley and Apopka High School, as well as Orlando VoTech for nursing.

Connie began her career in academia at Catalina Elementary School where she served for 24 years. Connie was hired as a Teacher's Aide and later promoted to support students in the technology lab. During the evenings and summers Connie worked as a licensed practical nurse providing healthcare services to persons with disabilities. In 1999, Connie was called to serve a higher purpose. She resigned from her position at Catalina and opened her own in-home daycare. Over the years Connie received numerous recognitions and accolades from the Early Learning Coalition for her outstanding service in early childhood education. As a testament to Connie's success, her daycare alums have excelled, from graduating high school with honors and earning advanced college degrees to enlisting in the United States Armed Forces. In 2017, Connie retired after 19 years in child care.

Connie was a devoted mother, daughter, sister, and aunt who loved to laugh and enjoy life. She was a devout christian and member of Temple of Faith for over 40 years. As a member, she was instrumental in originating and leading health and wellness workshops for her church sisters.

Connie was preceded in death by her parents, brothers [Andre Thompson, Fredrick Griffin, Sr. and John Ivey, Sr.] and sisters [Betty Williams, Angela Thompson and Mary Fountain].

Connie leaves to cherish her memories: 4 children: Ronald Beckett, Jr. of Orlando, Florida; Rodney Tyrone Beckett of Apopka, Florida; Rackel Lashawn Jackson (Louis) of Apopka, Florida; and Dr. Roshawnda Michelle Anderson (Michael) of Sugar Land, Texas; 5 brothers: Kenneth Thompson (Voncille) of Ocoee, Florida, Robert Griffin, Sr., James Griffin, Sr. (Tamara) and Ronnie Griffin all of Apopka, Florida; and Norris Griffin, Sr. of Lyons, New York; 5 sisters: Patricia Brown (Charles), Angela Griffin-Simmons (Michael) and Valerie Griffin all of Apopka, Florida; Faye Griffin of Ridgeland, South Carolina; and Sucondra Griffin-Fisher (Timothy) of Leesburg, Florida; 1 sister-in-law: Ivy Griffin of Apopka, Florida; 8 grandchildren: Ronald Beckett III, CeeAshia Beckett, Robert Turner, Jr., Jordan Turner, Kierra Watson, Derrick Ward, Jr., Shania Ward and Alanah Anderson; 9 great-grandchildren: Izaysha Beckett, John Baker, Jr., Wynter Elleston, Jordyn Turner, Jaquan Mewborne, Jr., Legend Turner, Tony Hunt, Jr., Major Turner and Ashton Pringle; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family and sorrowing friends.

Cemetery Details

Edgewood-Greenwood Cemetery ~ Apopka

141 South Edgewood Drive
Apopka, FL 32703

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Temple of Faith Church
1028 Marvin C. Zanders Avenue
Apopka, FL 32703

Service

OCT 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SS

“ *Shelia Simmons lit a candle in memory of Connie Thompson Zanders*



Shelia Simmons - October 03, 2025 at 06:06 AM

MS

“ *Much love - The Gennaro's, Nash & Scout purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Connie Thompson Zanders.*



Much love - The Gennaro's, Nash & Scout - October 02, 2025 at 07:28 PM

MK

“ *Ms.Barbara & Kelvin lit a candle in memory of Connie Thompson Zanders*



Ms.Barbara & Kelvin - October 02, 2025 at 03:48 PM

SR

Loving memories ❤️😊❤️

suedella Rozier - October 03, 2025 at 12:47 PM

JH

“ *Sister Zanders was a sweet, kind, and loving person. I will miss and cherish the memories of her while growing up in The TOF church. My prayers and condolences to the family.* ”



Jeremiah Holliman - October 02, 2025 at 09:26 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Connie Thompson Zanders.* ”



October 02, 2025 at 07:41 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Connie Thompson Zanders.* ”



October 01, 2025 at 04:22 PM

JG

“ *J.A. Henderson & R.P. Greer purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Connie Thompson Zanders.* ”



J.A. Henderson & R.P. Greer - September 28, 2025 at 05:56 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Connie Thompson Zanders.



September 27, 2025 at 04:44 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Connie Thompson Zanders.



September 27, 2025 at 03:58 PM



“ Keeping each one of you in prayer during this time.

Onetha Mason - September 26, 2025 at 03:55 PM



“ Teresa, Regina and Nicole BJS 130 purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Connie Thompson Zanders.



Teresa, Regina and Nicole BJS 130 - September 26, 2025 at 01:59 PM

CH

“ *In school we shared the name but friends and classmates forever. Take your Rest and sleep in paradise. 🌹*



Constance D Harrison - September 25, 2025 at 09:14 PM

CW

To the family of a sweet and humble sister in Christ, the late dear, Connie Thompson Zanders. I pray God strengthens thine hearts in this most difficult time in your lives. Love and Peace, Cynthia Williams formerly of TOF, Gainesville, FI

Cynthia Williams - September 26, 2025 at 08:45 PM

NS

“ *Heavenly Father, we commend our dear sister, [Connie Thompson Zander's], into your eternal embrace. As her final journey begins, meet her with comfort and peace. Receive her into your presence. May Christ welcome her into paradise, where sorrow and pain are no more. Grant her peace and joy with you forever. Amen.*



Norris L Griffin Sr. - September 24, 2025 at 09:00 AM

RF

“ *From: Regina and godson, family*

Mama you will truly be missed and always loved 💕💕



Regina, godson and family - September 23, 2025 at 09:39 PM

DW

“ *Pretty Lady, you will be missed. Thanks for the laughs. 💜*
Alma & Charles Chandler



Dr. Alma Washington-Chandler - September 23, 2025 at 07:27 PM

RF

“ *From: Regina and godson ,family*

Mama you will truly be missed and always loved 💕💕



Regina, godson and family - September 23, 2025 at 07:08 PM

PM

“ *Paulette Randle and Gert Mitchell purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Connie Thompson Zanders.*



Paulette Randle and Gert Mitchell - September 22, 2025 at 09:55 PM

CR

“ *Curtis & Sharon Rouse lit a candle in memory of Connie Thompson Zanders*



Curtis & Sharon Rouse - September 21, 2025 at 09:46 AM

MS

“ *Minnie Long Scott lit a candle in memory of
Connie Thompson Zanders*



Minnie Long Scott - September 17, 2025 at 05:02 PM

CD

“ *Clara Desue lit a candle in memory of Connie
Thompson Zanders*



Clara Desue - September 17, 2025 at 12:34 PM

MS

“ *MONICA DENISE SCOTT lit a candle in
memory of Connie Thompson Zanders*



MONICA DENISE SCOTT - September 17, 2025 at 11:50 AM

LJ

“ Mom you were so sweet and kind your impact on your family speaks volumes about your personality. You’ll be missed tremendously and the legacy you shared will always remain there. I can’t thank you enough for showing me so much love and support. Mom you’re a wonderful human who loves so eloquently and we are all grateful to have shared so much love and valuable memories. I love and appreciate your love. Your son in law



Louis Jackson - September 17, 2025 at 10:31 AM

SH

“ One of the most kind, caring and genuine persons that I was fortunate to know and love! My prayers to her children, grandchildren, family and friends. This world has truly lost an Angel!!!!

Sonya Hill - September 17, 2025 at 10:24 AM

DN

“ Dot Newsome sent a virtual gift in memory of Connie Thompson Zanders



Dot Newsome - September 17, 2025 at 09:08 AM

DN

“ *Newsome family lit a candle in memory of
Connie Thompson Zanders*



Dot Newsome - September 17, 2025 at 09:05 AM

TD

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Connie Thompson
Zanders*



Terric Durden - September 17, 2025 at 09:00 AM

CW

“ *Charlie Mae Warren lit a candle in memory of
Connie Thompson Zanders*



Charlie Mae Warren - September 17, 2025 at 08:30 AM