



## Obituary

**Born:** Tuesday, August 23, 1932

**Died:** Wednesday, January 2, 2019

Thelma Romell Harrison died unexpectedly on Wednesday January 2, 2019, in Phoenix, AZ at the age of 86. Thelma was born on August 23, 1932 in Memphis, TN, to Jessie Harrison and Hanna Nesbitt Harrison. After graduating high school in 1951, Thelma migrated to Chicago, IL with her siblings. Thelma gave birth to her only child Sandra Kay. Thelma later relocated with family to South Bend, IN. Thelma worked for Robertson's Department Store for a number of years before landing a job with Associates Finance Company. In 1976, the company and Thelma relocated to Irving, TX. After working for Associates Finance Company for over 30 years, Thelma retired in 2001 and relocated to Phoenix, AZ to live near her daughter and family.

## Service Summary

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### Visitation

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM, Sat Jan 12, 2019

### Layman Chapel CME

303 South Kenmore St  
South Bend, IN

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### Funeral Service

11:00 AM Sat Jan 12, 2019

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Thelma is survived by her sister Dorothy L. Odom (Glenn Odom, Sr.) (South Bend, IN), daughter Sandra H. Holt, (John R. Holt, Jr.) grandchildren, Ebony N. Holt and McKenzie A. Holt-Synk, (Joseph Synk) and great granddaughter Samantha E. Synk of Phoenix, AZ; Nieces, Romell Reed (Ralph Reed) of Seattle, WA, Beverly Odom, (Tempe, AZ), Samantha Odom, (Houston, TX), Stacey Odom, (South Bend, IN), Lois Harrison, (Atlanta, GA), Marla Harrison (South Bend, IN) Glen Odom Jr. (South Bend, IN) Steven Odom, (South Bend, IN), Charles Harrison, Durham, South Carolina, Casey Harrison (Deborah), (South Bend, IN), Lonnie Harrison, South Bend, IN, Jesse Harrison, Jr., (Deborah) (South Bend, IN) and a host of great nieces and nephews and cousins. She is preceded in death by sister, Mildred Louise Govan, (Walter) and Brother Jessie J. Harrison, (Ruby Jo).

Thelma's family will remember her as a God Loving, feisty little lady, full-of-life, fun loving, and committed to stewardship and taking care of business.

Viewing starts at 10:00 am and funeral service at 11:00am on Saturday, January 12, 2019, at Laymen Chapel C.M.E. Church, 303 S Kenmore St, South Bend, IN 46619. Thelma will be buried at Highland Cemetery, 2257 Portage Ave South Bend, IN 46616. The Reverend Terrell Jackson will officiate the ceremony. The family invites you to attend and celebrate Thelma's life. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to SmileTrain Changing the World One Smile at a Time, 633 Third Ave, 9th Floor, New York, NY 10017.

Condolences can be sent to [holtbray25@gmail.com](mailto:holtbray25@gmail.com). The family would like to thank each person who befriended her and enriched her life.

Charitable donations may be made in Thelma's memory to the following organization:

**SmileTrain Changing the World One Smile at a Time**  
633 Third Ave, 9th Floor, New York, NY 10017