

Arlene E. Thompson

August 19, 1912 – October 4, 2006

Obituary

Arlene E. Thompson was the first of six children born to Ella Mae (Wright) and George Bowling. She was born on August 19, 1912 in West Medford, Massachusetts. Arlene and her siblings, all now deceased, were reared in cities and towns in the Boston Metropolitan area: Chelsea, Malden, Everett and West Medford. In West Medford, the family lived on Canal Street near the B&M railroad crossing.



Arlene attended the public schools of West Medford. It was in West Medford that she met her husband, the late Deacon Philip Roscoe Thompson. She met Deacon Thompson, a letter carrier in West Medford, when he delivered a letter for her sister. Arlene answered the door. He must have seen something that he liked, as she told her son Stanley many times. The romance blossomed and the couple were married until Deacon Thompson's death on June 12, 2004 for more than fifty years.

In addition to being a housewife and mother, she was employed at the Piano Craft Gallery in the South End of Boston where she manufactured bubble pipes. She taught herself to play the piano and organ. Arlene enjoyed bowling, knitting and crocheting. While Mrs. Thompson held no official office at Metropolitan, she was the unofficial church photographer. She enjoyed taking pictures.

Prior to joining Metropolitan Baptist Church, Arlene was a member of Grant AME Church in Roxbury, Massachusetts under the leadership of Rev. Pruitt.

She was preceded in death by a brother Ralph Bowling and four sisters Flossie Bell, Elsa Farrow, Hattie Perkins and Frances Brown. She leaves to cherish her memory a son Stanley R. Thompson, a nephew Ralph Brown and a host of other relatives and friends.

Lovingly Submitted,
The Family