



Ina Jeanette Thompson

September 9, 1949 - October 16, 2025

Madison, FL: Ina Jeanette Thompson, of Madison, FL, passed away with her brother by her side on Thursday, October 16, 2025, in Moultrie, Georgia. She was 76 years old.

Ina Thompson was born in Tallahassee, Florida, on September 9, 1949, to Julian and Patricia Thompson. She grew up in Florida, Alabama, and then moved to Jasper, Florida, where she graduated from Hamilton County High School in 1967. She pursued higher education at North Florida Junior College (now North Florida College) and earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Georgia State University in Atlanta, Georgia. After graduation, she worked at Sam Flax Art and Design Company for many years and then created the product catalog for Artcraft Art Supply, a wholesale art supply distributor. Ina was a talented tennis player, and while in Atlanta she was a member of ALTA, Atlanta Lawn and Tennis Association. During her participation with this organization, she played and won titles in singles, doubles, and mixed doubles and made lifelong friends on and off the court.

Ina moved to Madison in 2003 and bought the Horry Street home of her grandparents, J.P. and Ina Morrow. She owned and operated The Mail Room business in two locations, and after retirement, Ina began working at Greene Publishing in the advertisement department.

Ina was a talented artist that shared her gift with others whenever called upon. She painted and photographed many historical buildings and bucolic settings throughout Madison and published them as notecards and stationary. In 2012,

she began her career as City Commissioner, and she served her faithfully for 13 years, never losing a District 2 election. She was also Mayor of Madison in 2015 and 2023. As a commissioner, she was instrumental in having the USTA install youth tennis courts at Lanier Field, and she even taught tennis lessons to the youth of Madison County. A diligent community activist, Ina dedicated countless hours on projects improving the county. A diligent community activist, Ina dedicated countless hours on projects improving the county, either by participating in “Clean Up” Madison, beautifying the Four Freedoms City Park, or supporting neighborhood watch programs to name a few.

Ina was an active member of the Madison Lions Club. A five-year member, she served as Lions vice-president (2021-22), president (2022-23), and “tail twister,” her current position. She was instrumental in beginning the Key Club for teenagers at Madison County High School in 2022, and she also put together the program for the Lions Annual 4th of July fundraiser. Ina also served on the board of the Women’s Pregnancy Center of Madison. She was a driving force in improving fundraisers, securing new donors, and highlighting the work of the center in the community. Just two weeks prior to her death, Ina attended the center’s Celebration of Life Banquet, an event she participated in, raised money for, and helped organize. Because of her tireless community efforts over the years, she was honored at Alpha Kappa Alpha’s Visionary Women Awards Celebration in 2024 and was nominated for Madison’s Citizen of the Year in 2025. Most importantly, however, Ina was a Christian who lived her faith daily in her personal and professional life. She truly had a “servant’s heart.” She was a founding member of Abundant Grace United Methodist Church at Rocky Springs in Madison.

She is survived by her brother, James “Rick” Thompson (Forrest Cordes) of Stone Mountain, Georgia. And many Nieces and Nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents, Julian and Patricia Thompson, Her Grandparents, J.P. and Ina Morrow, a brother, Ben Thompson and a sister Gail Taylor.

Funeral services will take place, Saturday October 25, 2025 at 11:00am, at Abundant Grace United Methodist Church at Rocky Springs, 295 NE Rocky

Springs Rd. Madison, FL. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service starting at 10:00am. In Lieu of flowers donations can be given in her name to any organization of your choice. Call Beggs Funeral Home (850)973-2258 for any questions. You can send condolences to the family at beggsfuneral.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (est)

Abundant Grace United Methodist Church at Rocky Springs
295 NE Rocky Springs Road
Madison, FL 32340

Celebration of Life Service

OCT **25**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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“ *Ina was truly a shining star in Madison. We just arrived home to find out she had passed, in fact I texted her a few weeks ago to let her know of our arrival and to get together to talk all things Madison, and of course, tennis. I know we would be reviewing the goings on at the Australian Open right now and talking about how to get Madison to return to being more of a welcoming tennis community for all. Our deepest sympathies to her family. We will truly miss her! With love and light, Kelly Bevan and Peter Spirer*

Kelly Bevan Spirer - January 29 at 03:34 PM

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“ *We are so sorry for the loss of Ina. What an amazing person she was - very talented! She was a wonderful friend to us, and we will dearly miss her. So glad that we were able to stop and spend time with her a few months ago while vacationing in Florida. To Rick and family, we are praying for you as you navigate this tremendous loss.*

*Sincerely,
Mary and Gregory Davis
Nashville, TN*

Mary Davis - October 22, 2025 at 11:44 AM