



Louise Thornton Becton

March 1, 1927 - January 23, 2019

Louise Thornton Becton passed away peacefully at her home on January 23, 2019 surrounded by loved ones. She was 91 years old.

She was born on March 1, 1927 in Chester, Pa. She was an honor graduate from Radnor High School in Wayne, Pa. During her time there she met the love of her life, Julius Wesley Becton, Jr. who was the star of the rival football team at Lower Merion High School. They were married on January 29, 1948.

After high school Louise graduated from nursing school at Mercy-Douglass Hospital in Philadelphia. Over the years that followed she completed her BSN degree at Prairie View A&M University and worked as a registered nurse in hospitals, academic research, elementary and middle schools, and finally as a hospice nurse at the hospice of Northern Virginia. She was also a lifelong member of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority.

Nursing was her calling but her true passions were lived out as a wife and mother to her husband and five children and to the many extended families that her love affair with her husband blessed them with over the years. These included her extended family in Philadelphia and Delaware, the Army family members and Prairie View A&M University family. Always the dutiful, gifted, strong, talented and confident partner to her husband she was a mentor to generations of Army family members that she mentored. She also became the

mom away from home to countless students that she welcomed into her home as the First Lady at Prairie View A&M.

She loved her family deeply. She was extraordinarily generous to her grandchildren and great grandchildren who will always remember the love and compassion she showed them and they will never forget the magnificent Christmas presents and Birthday gifts from her.

Louise is survived by her husband of nearly 71 years LTG Julius W. Becton, Jr, USA (Ret), her five children: Shirley Becton Mckenzie (Tim), Karen Becton-Johnson, Joyce Becton Best (Art), Renee Becton Strickland (Frank) and Julius W. Becton III (Ingrid). She is also survived by her loving grandchildren; Rena, Robin, Kim (Julian), Chris, Stephen, Jocelyn (Randall), Amber, Michelle, Emily (Jacob), Julius Wesley IV, Samuel, by her great grandchildren Malik, Jasmine, Jurae, and Mya, as well as many nieces, nephews, and lifelong friends.

She was predeceased in death by her mother Adelaide Thornton, by her father Louis Thornton and by her sisters Francis Showell, Eleanor Drew, and Edwina Thornton.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her name to the Prairie View A&M College of Nursing, Nurses Alumni Scholarship.

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Previous Events

Service

FEB 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Fort Belvoir Main Chapel
5950 12th St
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060

Reception

FEB 1. 12:00 PM (ET)

Fort Belvoir Officer's Club
5500 Schulz Cir # 20
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060

Graveside Service

FEB 22. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Arlington National Cemetery
1 Memorial Drive
Arlington, VA 22211

Tribute Wall



“ *Jefferson Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Louise Thornton Becton*



Jefferson Funeral Chapel - February 04, 2019 at 12:01 PM



“ *Louise Thornton Becton*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *We send our heartfelt sympathy to Gen. Becton and the entire Family.during this difficult time. We pray that GOD grants you all the comfort and the necessary strength to get through the loss of Sister Louise Becton.*

*George and Diann Walton
Prairie View A&M-1972*

George walton - February 10, 2019 at 11:12 PM

JL

“ *General Becton,
We were saddened to read in the W. Post about the passing of your wife. May she rest in peace and the good memories remain. (I was the G5 of the 1AD in Ansbach while you were the CG of VII Corps. Your leadership was an inspiration. All the best.)
Jim and Gaby Linnen
Lewes, Delaware*

James R. Linnen - February 10, 2019 at 10:25 AM

CH

“ *Louise was a wonderful friend. We met at Ft McNair in August 1969. It has been 50 years of sharing ideas, sewing tips, recipes, Parenting skills. I feel so fortunate for the friendship. My sincere sympathy to the Becton Family. I pray God Blessings and Guidance for your future. Sincerely with love. Cora Hawkins*

Cora Mae Hawkins - February 04, 2019 at 12:06 PM

WG

“ *Sincere condolences to the Becton family, Will and Venita Griffith*

Will Griffith - February 04, 2019 at 12:04 PM

HC

“ *General Becton, our sincere sympathy is extended to you for your loss. May God Bless you and yours during this trying time, and continue to keep you and family in HIS CARE. Henry and Elnora Calhoun*

Henry A Calhoun - February 04, 2019 at 12:02 PM

CJ

“ General Becton, sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our prayers. Gus and Carla Blumenfeld, B/2/17 Cav

Charles H Blumenfeld, Jr - February 04, 2019 at 12:02 PM

NB

“ General Becton My deepest condolences and prayers to you and your family. It was a pleasure and honor to work with you at DCPS. Norma Brooks and Family

Norma Brooks - February 04, 2019 at 12:01 PM

HE

“ As you can imagine, your troops will be by your side. Your mother instilled great value in your leadership, and values. I will, yet remain a strong leaning post, shall you need. Take time to regroup, sir. We'll take the watch for the moment.

Henrynothdurft - February 04, 2019 at 12:01 PM

FB

“ To General Becton and Family, Time has caught up with me and I don't move as swiftly as I once did. I often reflect on the time we spent together and the challenges we faced at Prairie View. Nothing but fond memories of you and Louise during our tenure at PVAM. I pray that your fond memories of Louise and God's love will comfort you and your family now and in the days ahead. I will always cherish our association and the devotion you and Louise had for our dear university. We would like to express our sympathy to the Becton family. Flossie M. Byrd, Monticello, Florida

Flossie M. Byrd - February 04, 2019 at 12:00 PM

MT

“ Dear General Becton and family: We were so sorry to learn of Mrs. Becton's recent passing. Although I was away at college for most of the time my parents were stationed at Fort Dix, I know how much they loved your entire family and I did have the opportunity to get to know you a little, after my dad retired to Virginia. I always enjoyed meeting you at North Fork Baptist Church. It meant a great deal when you came out for my father's funeral this last October. Please know that we are praying for you during this sad time. Sincerely,
Mary V. Thompson

Mary V. Thompson - February 04, 2019 at 12:00 PM

WR

“ A wonderful, gentle and loving person. As they say, "Behind every great man ..." Two Weeks after returning from Vietnam my soon to be wife Joan and I visited the Bectons in Washington. On the way out to the car, Loise pulled me aside and whispered in my ear, "She's lovely. Don't screw up." We shared this memory at reunions, birthdays and other events we were fortunate to attend. She is with the Lord and another star in heaven. We loved her much. God bless you Louise. Love, Bill and Joan Robertson.

William Robertson - February 04, 2019 at 11:59 AM

WB

“ My deepest condolences to General Becton, Karen, and all the Becton family. What a privilege to have met Louise, at few but rare and cherished occasions . We of the 2/17 Cavalry (Vietnam) gratefully acknowledge her role in supporting the finest combat leader of the 101st Airborne I've known. WB, B/2/17 Cav

William Bergman - February 04, 2019 at 11:58 AM

CB

“ Sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in knowing that soon, the words of Revelation 21:4 will be fulfilled. "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." I hope this verse along with your loving memories will provide comfort in the days and weeks to come.

Camille Brashears - February 04, 2019 at 11:58 AM

FF

“ My condolences to General Becton and his family. It was my fortune to have known Louise for only a short time, but time enough to know what a wonderful person she was. Frank Filosi

Frank Filosi - February 04, 2019 at 11:58 AM

SD

“ Our thoughts and prayers go to the family. What a pleasure to have met her and spend time in her presence. God bless. Russell and Shirley Davis

Shirley Davis - February 04, 2019 at 11:58 AM

MR

“ My condolences to General Becton and the entire family. I had the pleasure of working with Renee Becton Strickland (Frank). My thoughts and prayer's are with the Becton family. Rest well Mrs. Becton. Ralph Randall

Mary Randall - February 04, 2019 at 11:57 AM

JW

“ Dear family please accept my sincere condolences. Though I didn't have the pleasure of knowing your beloved one, I do know the pain of losing a loved one in death. May you find comfort in God's word at Acts 24:15 and John 5:28,29 where it assures us that there will be a resurrection and we will welcome back our dear loved ones who have fallen asleep in death.

JW - January 28, 2019 at 11:21 AM

CW

“ My condolences to Gen. Becton and all of the family. I have fond memories of Mrs. Becton when our families were stationed in Germany and Prairie View. I remember my mom talking about how the two of them "mothered" students when Mrs. Becton was First Lady of Prairie View. She was so elegant and kindhearted. My prayers re with the family. Rest well Mrs. Becton. Cynthia Redd Williams

Cynthia Y. Williams - January 28, 2019 at 11:21 AM

TD

“ Our entire family sends our sincere condolences to General Becton and his family on this great loss. Julius and Louise welcomed our parents to The Fairfax family and were their kind neighbors in the Adams Building. Although our family has known the Bectons only a short time, their graciousness, thoughtfulness and cheerful outlook always touched our hearts. May Louise rest in the eternal peace of God. --The Carroll Family

T Carroll Daly - January 28, 2019 at 11:21 AM

MD

“ *My deepest condolences to President Becton and Family. Mrs. Becton will always hold a special place in my heart. She was the epitome of grace and kindness. As the first lady of Prairie View A&M University, she opened her heart and home to all. She will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with the Becton Family.*

Maria Delgado - January 28, 2019 at 11:21 AM