



## Rosalee Bender

June 27, 1936 - April 27, 2025

### Obituary

Rosalee "Sapp" Bender

June 27, 1936 – April 27, 2025

Rosalee Bender, 88, of Shelton, formerly of Stamford, peacefully entered into eternal rest on Sunday, April 27, 2025. She was born June 27, 1936, to the late Phillip Sapp, Sr. & Agnes Sapp in Savannah, Georgia.

She graduated from Stamford High School and retired from Filene's Department Store in Stamford, Connecticut.

Rosalee was a person of class and style, and she was also the life of the party. She loved to dance and enjoyed spending time at social gatherings with her family and friends. Her family meant everything to her and was the greatest joy in her life. Rosalee was a longtime member of the VFW club in Stamford, Connecticut, and served as an usher at Greater Faith Tabernacle Church, remaining active in both for many years.

Rosalee was married to the late Thomas J. Bender and bore one child, Theresa Bender.

Rosalee is survived by her grandchildren, Kiona (Lennox) Bender-Burey and

Sherri McNeil, and her step-grandchildren, Dawon and Terrika Crawford. Great-grandchildren, Shaquiya Smith, Malani (Michael) Sciarappa, Jamiy Burey, Cam'ron Shelley, Quest Burey, Cali Shelley, and a great-great grandchild, Saint Roberts. Rosalee is also survived by her sister, Mae Etta Bozeman, her sister-in-law, Daisye Bender; and a host of step-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

In addition to her parents, Rosalee was predeceased by her grandson, Samuel "Flip" McNeil; two sisters, Mammie Louise Thomas and Agnes Smith; one brother, Phillip Sapp, Jr.; two nieces, Barbara Thomas and Brenda Robinson; and a stepdaughter, Joyce Crawford and one great nephew, Lorenzo Myers "Jr." III.

Visitation will be held on Monday, May 5th, 2025 from 10:00AM – 11:00AM followed by a service of celebration at 11:00AM at Greater Faith Tabernacle Baptist Church, 27 Baxter Ave., Stamford, CT. Officiant: Pastor Winton M. Hill III.

Interment will follow at Woodland Cemetery

# Cemetery Details

## Woodland Cemetery

66 Woodland Place  
Stamford, CT

# Tribute Wall

GS

“ *To Theresa and Family,  
My deepest sympathy to you. I have many memories of Ms Rosalee  
from Spruce Street as a neighbor.  
I can still recall her laugh.  
May God give you the strength to carry on, and I know you have  
countless fond memories to always remember.  
You are in my prayers.  
Gina Smith*

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**Gina Smith** - May 07, 2025 at 03:50 PM

RF

“ *To The Bender Family,  
  
Take comfort in knowing that now you have a  
special guardian angel to watch over you!*



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**Ronnie and Brenda (Wilson) Fields & Fami** - May 05, 2025 at 09:54 AM

RC

“ *To Teresa and the entire Bender family, I send  
sincere condolences and prayers. Mrs.  
Bender was always the life of the party. May  
she find rest and peace now.*



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**Robin Coleman-Cannon** - May 05, 2025 at 09:19 AM

DF

“ *My heartfelt condolences and sympathy to the Rosalee Bender Family.  
Rest in Peace.  
Dottie Fields*

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**Dottie Fields** - May 05, 2025 at 08:51 AM

JP

“ *My condolences to the Bender family may Rosalee rest in peace*

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**Joy Poteau** - May 02, 2025 at 08:54 PM

BF

“ *Rest In Peace Rosalee.*

*Barbara Freema  
Stratford, CT*



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**Barbara J. Freeman** - May 02, 2025 at 05:10 PM