

Mary Lucille Thompson, Major, USAF Medical Specialist Corps.

The eldest of eight children, Mary Lucille Thompson was born in Cookeville, Tennessee in 1906. She was one of the first women in Tennessee to enter her country's service in World War II. She was assigned as a Civilian Dietitian at Camp Forrest, Tennessee in 1941. In February, 1943, she was appointed to be a Dietitian in the Women's Army Corps (WAC) as a Second Lieutenant. She later transferred into the Women's Air Force Service (WAFS) and served tours of duty at Smyrna AFB, Tennessee; Maxwell AFB, Alabama; Shepherd AFB, Texas; Keesler AFB, Mississippi; Elgin AFB, Florida; and Clark AFB in the Philippines. She served a total of 20 years and 2 months and retired in 1961. During her career she was awarded the American Defense Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Air Force Longevity Service Medal and the Award Medal with a three oak leaf cluster. She died in 1993. The uniform in the photo is her standard dress uniform.

Lucille Thompson is the daughter of James Bolivar and Mary Jane Sherrell Thompson.

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Obt. of Mrs. Permelia Thompson, wife of J. F. (James Franklin) Thompson: Putnam County Herald: Date 2/21/1906 0:00:00, Vol. IV, No. 3, Page 1.  
1860 US Census: 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN, head of household, Arena (Davis) Thompson.

1870 & 1880 US Census: 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN, head of household, James Franklin Thompson,  
s/o Esquire Looney Thompson Sr. & Arena "Irena" Sarah Davis.  
1910 & 1920 US Census: 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN, household of James Bolivar Thompson.



Caption:  
Major Mary Lucille Thompson USAF Medical Specialist Corp.

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