



## Mr. Carnell Thomas

February 14, 1935 - February 19, 2024

Mr. Carnell Thomas was born on February 14, 1935, in Emerson, Arkansas, to the late Jessie and Alto Thomas. Carnell was the last surviving member of six siblings. On April 26, 1956, he married Gloria Jean Walker, and from this union, three children were born: Syndra Jones (Chuck) of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Duane Thomas of Magnolia, Arkansas; and Sheila (Rickey) Jasper of Prosper, Texas.

Carnell attended McMittress High School and was known for his dedication both as an employee and an entrepreneur. He worked diligently for Partee Mill, Slumber J. Oil Company, Warehouser, and Hixson Lumber Company. In addition to his professional endeavors, Carnell was a barber, owned a pesticide business, and sold lumber. He was deeply involved in his community and church, serving as a referee, and an auxiliary police officer for Columbia County, Magnolia, AR. Carnell took great pride in his role as a father and grandfather, and he remained a faithful member of Pine Hill CME Church, where he served as a Trustee until his health declined.

Carnell was preceded in death by his parents, Jessie and Alto Thomas; two brothers, Paul Thomas, and Donnell Thomas; and three sisters, Maggie Wells, Joyce Rhynes, and Gwendolyn McDowell. He was also preceded by a granddaughter, Michelle Davis, and a great granddaughter, Anastasia Icenogle.

On February 19, 2024, Carnell peacefully transitioned to his new home at The Springs of Magnolia Health & Rehabilitation, surrounded by his loving children.

Carnell will be fondly remembered and deeply missed by his children: Syndra Jones, Duane Thomas, and Sheila Jasper; his seven grandchildren: Kendra Jones-Randerson, Jasmine Edwards, Zaneta Nelson, Brandon Thomas, Rodricka Blanks, Rickey Jasper II, and Tyler Jasper; his eighteen great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Celebration of Life services will be held Friday, March 1st, 2024, at R.L. Reed Funeral Home Chapel in Magnolia, Arkansas at 1:00 p.m., with burial to follow at Pine Hill Cemetery in Emerson, Arkansas, under the direction of R.L. Reed Funeral Home, LLC. Pastor Mike Story, Eulogist.

A public visitation will also be held Friday before the services begin {Mar. 1st}, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., at R.L. Reed Funeral Home in Magnolia, Arkansas.

No other public arrangements will be rendered, so please govern yourselves accordingly.

“For precaution due to the COVID-19, Masks are Encouraged but Not Required While Attending the Services. However, wearing masks ensures safety for you and others. Thank you.”

# Cemetery Details

## Pine Hill Cemetery

2657 Columbia Rd 9  
Emerson, AR

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 1. 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

R.L. Reed Funeral Home Chapel  
100 HWY 79 NORTH  
Magnolia, AR

## Celebration of Life

MAR 1. 1:00 PM (CT)

R.L. Reed Funeral Home Chapel  
100 HWY 79 NORTH  
Magnolia, AR

# Tribute Wall

DW

“ *Syndra, Kendra, Jas, Zeneta,*

*My deepest condolences to your family. May you all find strength in your faith, the memories and in the love you all share.*

*Daphne Wacasey*

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**Daphne W.** - March 28, 2024 at 11:25 AM



“ *Pamela Shaw lit a candle in memory of Mr. Carnell Thomas*



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**Pamela Shaw** - March 14, 2024 at 04:22 PM

BW

“ *Brother Carnell Thomas was a kind and friendly gentleman. He never met a stranger. May God bless and keep his family.*  
*Billy and Patricia Williams*



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**Billy and Patricia Williams** - March 02, 2024 at 10:07 PM

CG

“ *Mr. Thomas, I have remembers when we went to reverse deputy for the sheriff department. I enjoyed his stories I want forget the night we all got peppered sprayed ask we were coming home that night we got pulled over by a state trooper asking us why we were driving fast and we said we got pepper sprayed tonight and we were going home. I want never forget that night. He will be missed by all of us guys.*



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**Chris Goodson** - February 29, 2024 at 08:04 PM

DW

“ *Debra Taylor-Milwaukee, WI lit a candle in memory of Mr. Carnell Thomas*



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**Debra Taylor-Milwaukee, WI** - February 29, 2024 at 06:56 PM

DF

“ *Doris Fields lit a candle in memory of Mr. Carnell Thomas*



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**Doris Fields** - February 28, 2024 at 08:38 PM

KG

“ Kelly Gentry lit a candle in memory of Mr. Carnell Thomas



kelly Gentry - February 27, 2024 at 06:52 PM

JM

“ Very Good man and a great family. I'm sorry for your loss.

john manion - February 27, 2024 at 08:15 AM

RW

“ Ronda West lit a candle in memory of Mr. Carnell Thomas



Ronda West - February 26, 2024 at 07:57 PM

PS

“ Pamela Shaw lit a candle in memory of Mr. Carnell Thomas



Pamela Shaw - February 24, 2024 at 11:37 PM

LH

“ *Lee Otis And Amanda Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Carnell Thomas*



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**Lee Otis and Amanda Henderson** - February 23, 2024 at 10:54 PM

LB

“ *Liza Beasley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Carnell Thomas*



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**Liza Beasley** - February 23, 2024 at 07:40 PM

BE

“ *Burlene Easter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Carnell Thomas*



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**Burlene Easter** - February 22, 2024 at 08:23 PM

AB

“ My continued prayers are with you and your family. I know the loss of a father can be "Oh, so painful." My words of encouragement will be to take each day as they come. One day, the tears will be gone, and the memories will sustain you.

*Arma George-Brown  
(Tennie)  
Livonia, MI*

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**Arma Brown** - February 22, 2024 at 08:11 PM

DF

“ Doris Fields lit a candle in memory of Mr. Carnell Thomas



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**Doris Fields** - February 22, 2024 at 01:18 PM

MM

“ Melva May lit a candle in memory of Mr. Carnell Thomas



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**Melva May** - February 22, 2024 at 10:01 AM

MS

“ *My condolences to the Thomas family.*



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**Margie Chappel Standoak** - February 21, 2024 at 08:30 PM

LI

“ *Lisa Irvin-Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. Carnell Thomas*



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**Lisa Irvin-Sanders** - February 21, 2024 at 10:35 AM

LI

“ *Lisa Irvin-Sanders sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Carnell Thomas*



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**Lisa Irvin-Sanders** - February 21, 2024 at 10:35 AM

DD

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. We loved Carnell like family. He was one of a kind and will be missed but he is celebrating in Heaven and sharing his huge smile with everyone he meets.*

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**David and Carol Ann Duke** - February 20, 2024 at 09:35 PM

TE

*Uncle carnell you will be truly missed & kiss grandma babe for me & hug & shake my daddy hand.*

tempestjohnson572@gmail.com - February 23, 2024 at 11:39 PM

TE

*To the fields family 🥺🥺 I know it hurt keep y'all head up prayers for the family*

tempestjohnson572@gmail.com - February 23, 2024 at 11:44 PM

DW

*To the family. On behalf of Maggie's children, we are so sorry for the loss of our Uncle Carnell and your father. Words cannot express the feelings that you all are experiencing at this time. Eventhough, we cannot be there physically, our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Our hearts are broken. Syndra, Duane and Sheila, be strong. May the Lord bless, give peace and strength to the family. If there is anything that you all need, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.*

*Peace and Blessings. Debra, Diane, William, Jr., Michael and Gail Taylor (Children of Maggie)*

Debra Taylor-Milwaukee, WI - February 29, 2024 at 06:52 PM

NH

“ *Nina Hamilton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Carnell Thomas*



Nina Hamilton - February 20, 2024 at 08:46 PM

LG

“ *Prayers for the family. I remember he was always at church every Sunday at Pine Hill. RIP.*

Lethesa Robinson Goode - February 20, 2024 at 07:28 PM

MP

“ *My condolences to the family.*



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**Mary S. Pickings** - February 20, 2024 at 06:11 PM

LE

“ *Linda Easter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Carnell Thomas*



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**Linda Easter** - February 20, 2024 at 05:26 PM

AE

“ *Arnetta Easter sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Carnell Thomas*



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**Arnetta Easter** - February 20, 2024 at 03:44 PM

JW

“ *Joann Radford Whitaker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Carnell Thomas*



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**Joann Radford Whitaker** - February 20, 2024 at 01:04 PM

JD

“ James & Sandra Daniels sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Carnell Thomas



James & Sandra Daniels - February 20, 2024 at 06:19 AM

ME

“ My condolences to the family



Margaret Easter - February 20, 2024 at 01:49 AM

DH

“ Dearlean Hughes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Carnell Thomas



Dearlean Hughes - February 20, 2024 at 12:33 AM

ME

My thoughts and prayers are with the family

Melva - February 20, 2024 at 05:13 PM