



Mrs. Lela Mae Thomas

December 8, 1924 - January 16, 2024

Mother Lela Mae Thomas was born December 8, 1924, in Minden, Louisiana, to the late June Grant and the late Lula Mae Mixon Grant. On Tuesday, January 16, 2024, she departed this life.

Mother Thomas confessed her life to Christ at St. Luke Baptist Church in Magnolia, AR, during her formative years. She would later experience church memberships at New Zion Baptist Church and Free Union Baptist Church, both in Magnolia, AR, while on her Christian journey. Mother Thomas found her lasting church home at Rocky Mount Baptist Church in Magnolia, AR, where she served in the capacities of Church Mother, Deaconess, and Mission Department member until her health began to fail.

She attended school in the Friendship community located in Bussey, AR. Education was very important to Mother Thomas. She emphasized the need for education for her children.

On June 13, 1942, Mother Thomas united in holy matrimony to Robert Lee Thomas. To this union, eight children were born. They were blessed to celebrate 55 years of marriage before the Lord called Robert home.

Mother Thomas was a Christian woman. She was a wife and a mother and known for caring for many others. She loved her family, church, and

community. Her hobbies included cooking, sewing, canning, quilting, reading, and traveling. Her strength is what kept the family together.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; three children: Robert Thomas, Jr, Margaret Payne, and Desarene Thomas; three sisters: Christene McDaniel, Gertrude George, and Ruthie Powell; and four brothers: Charley, James, Willie, and Christopher Grant.

Mother Thomas leaves loving and precious memories to her four daughters: Glenda Jones of Magnolia, AR, Florene Berry of Waldo, AR, Evelyn (Hurley) Jones of Little Rock, AR, and Jacquelyn (Rufus) Woods of Spring Branch, TX; one son, Earl (Gloria) Thomas of Camden, AR; 24 grandchildren; 42 great grandchildren; 16 great-great grandchildren; son-in-law, Earvin Payne; daughter-in-law, Shirley Thomas; special niece, Delzie "Doll" Lambert; and a host of other special nieces, nephews, other family, Godchildren, and friends who will miss her dearly.

Celebration of Life services will be held Thursday, January 25th, 2024, at R.L. Reed Funeral Home Chapel in Magnolia, Arkansas at 11:00 a.m., with burial to follow at Rocky Mount Cemetery in Magnolia, under the direction of R.L. Reed Funeral Home, LLC. Minister Reginald James, Eulogist.

Visitation will be Wednesday, {Jan. 24th}, from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., at R.L. Reed Funeral Home in Magnolia, Arkansas.

A final viewing will be held before services begin, so please govern yourselves accordingly.

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

Cemetery Details

Rocky Mount Cemetery

8161 Columbia 27 S.
Magnolia, AR

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 24. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

R.L. Reed Funeral Home
100 Hwy 79 North
Magnolia, AR 71753
(870) 901-3536

Celebration of Life

JAN 25. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

RH

“ *My condolences to her family!!*



Regina Y Henderson - February 02, 2024 at 12:45 AM

CF

“ *Earl and Family
So sorry for your loss
We pray that Almighty
God Comfort the family now
And in the hard days to come.*

Cotis & Joyce Franks - January 26, 2024 at 02:38 PM

VM

“ *Vickie McDaniel-Dokes lit a candle in memory
of Mrs. Lela Mae Thomas*



Vickie McDaniel-Dokes - January 25, 2024 at 08:23 PM

MS

“ *Maurice Strong sent a virtual gift in memory of
Mrs. Lela Mae Thomas*



Maurice strong - January 25, 2024 at 11:56 AM

RH

“ Blessings and Peace to the Thomas Family. Richard & Marty Hopson Family

Richard Hopson - January 25, 2024 at 07:25 AM

AG

“ Praying for the Family during this difficult time!!

Ambrosia K Grant - January 24, 2024 at 05:59 PM

AG

“ Ambrosia Grant planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Lela Mae Thomas.

Ambrosia Grant - January 24, 2024 at 05:58 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lela Mae Thomas.



January 24, 2024 at 05:58 PM

OB

“ Orval Banks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lela Mae Thomas



Orval Banks - January 24, 2024 at 02:28 PM

KB

“ *Kimberly Broomfield lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lela Mae Thomas*



Kimberly Broomfield - January 24, 2024 at 01:06 AM

DH

“ *Dearlean Hughes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lela Mae Thomas*



Dearlean Hughes - January 23, 2024 at 11:40 PM

MP

“ *Praying for the family.*



Mary S. Pickings - January 23, 2024 at 07:40 PM

DO

“ *Dometrius planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Lela Mae Thomas.*

Dometrius - January 23, 2024 at 07:29 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lela Mae Thomas.*



January 23, 2024 at 07:29 PM



“ *Sending our sincere prayers and condolences to the family of Mrs. Lela Mae Thomas. John and Annie Witcher and family*

Annie Witcher - January 23, 2024 at 07:03 PM



“ *Liza Beasley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lela Mae Thomas*



Liza Beasley - January 22, 2024 at 08:35 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lela Mae Thomas.*



January 22, 2024 at 12:55 PM

RP

“ *Ronnie Parker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lela Mae Thomas*



Ronnie Parker - January 20, 2024 at 07:14 PM

PS

“ *Pamela Shaw sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lela Mae Thomas*



Pamela Shaw - January 20, 2024 at 01:15 PM

PS

“ *Pamela Shaw lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lela Mae Thomas*



Pamela Shaw - January 20, 2024 at 01:13 PM

RJ

“ *Reginald & Teresa James lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lela Mae Thomas*



Reginald & Teresa James - January 19, 2024 at 11:59 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lela Mae Thomas.*



January 19, 2024 at 09:02 PM



“ *Vanessa Shaw lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lela Mae Thomas*



Vanessa Shaw - January 19, 2024 at 03:08 PM



“ *Lesia Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lela Mae Thomas*



Lesia Johnson - January 19, 2024 at 11:52 AM



“ *Lesia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lela Mae Thomas*



Lesia Johnson - January 19, 2024 at 11:51 AM

MP

“ *Mary S. Pickings lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lela Mae Thomas*



Mary S. Pickings - January 19, 2024 at 10:58 AM

EW

“ *Eunice Walker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lela Mae Thomas*



Eunice Walker - January 19, 2024 at 09:25 AM

JH

“ *Janet Hill lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lela Mae Thomas*



Janet Hill - January 19, 2024 at 09:24 AM

GT

“ *Gracie W Tucker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lela Mae Thomas*



Gracie W Tucker - January 18, 2024 at 11:42 AM

GT

Romans 8:39 "Nothing will ever separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Sending lots of love and prayers for your heart. May you know that many friends share in your grief. As you make plans to lay your loved one to rest, we will be with you to help celebrate a life well-lived. Praying that memories, you made with your loved one will bring you peace and comfort. Rest in love Mrs. Lela.

Gracie W Tucker - January 18, 2024 at 11:54 AM

GC

“Gwen Carter sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lela Mae Thomas



Gwen Carter - January 18, 2024 at 11:20 AM

VB

“Sending our love, prayers, and condolences to the family of Mrs. Lela Thomas. She had such a warm and beautiful spirit. We have visited her home numerous times and she always greeted and welcomed us with overflowing love and warmth. Always enjoyed visiting with her.

Jackie, know that we love you and are here for you! May God comfort you with His everlasting peace, strength, and understanding.

*Love and prayers,
Victor & Shawn Bean*



Victor and Shawn Bean - January 17, 2024 at 07:20 PM

BW

“ We are praying for the family of Sister Thomas. She had such a beautiful and kind spirit.. She always offered words of wisdom. May God bless and keep her family. We are here for you. Love, Billy and Patricia Williams



Billy and Patricia Williams - January 17, 2024 at 06:17 PM

LI

“ Sending your family love during this difficult time. You will constantly be in my prayers.

Lisa Irvin-Sanders - January 17, 2024 at 04:02 PM

LI

“ Lisa Irvin-Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lela Mae Thomas



Lisa Irvin-Sanders - January 17, 2024 at 03:59 PM

CR

“ Family I am sooo sorry for you alls lost, I am praying for you all..Love you!



Creshenda - January 17, 2024 at 02:27 PM

RW

“ *I love you and will forever miss you* ”



Raegan Wright - January 17, 2024 at 12:37 PM