



Elizabeth E. Thomas

December 7, 1938 - April 15, 2020

Mother Elizabeth Edith Thomas, age 82, departed this life on April 15, 2020 and returned to her heavenly home after a valiant battle with illness. Her devotion to her family and her firm belief in God supported her through this struggle and ultimately gave her peace.

She was the oldest daughter born to the late Harry Conaway Sr. and Edith Harcum Conaway on December 7, 1938. She was a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend who was lovingly known as “Mama, Nana, Granny, and Bessie.”

Mother Thomas attended Baltimore City Public Schools and held various positions at Social Security Administration, Goucher College, and St. Elizabeth Rehabilitation and Nursing Center. She was thrilled to be a daughter, wife, sister, aunt, cousin, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She was married to the late John Francis Thomas. They were blessed with six children, John, Edith (Carolyn), Andre, Joseph (Jerry or Joe), Robert and Helen.

Mother Thomas was an exceptional mother and cared deeply for her family. She always ensured that every child who crossed her threshold was safe, healthy, and happy. She enjoyed working for Promoting Children’s Voices (PCV) in the after-school program, summer camp and enrichment events. PCV was created and operated by her youngest daughter. She equally enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. In the late 1980’s, she fed her granddaughter’s classmates and friends on a weekly

basis. She provided meals after school and before youth group meetings. She was extremely delighted to care for children. She also cared for many children to ensure that their parents pursued higher learning and employment.

At the age of 56, she received her cosmetology license while working at a local hair salon. She demanded accountability, etiquette, decorum and protocol from others. Mother Thomas was proud to be the eldest sister and an aunt. She held a special place in her heart for her nieces and nephews after the sudden death of her younger sister, Naomi Louise Gamble. She enjoyed traveling especially with her family. Cruising was her favorite type of adventure.

Mother Thomas was a member of the New Bethlehem Freewill Baptist Church under the pastorate of Bishop Paul Lee. On July 3, 2018, she was concredited as a Mother of the Church. She was a member of the Missionary and Shepard Care Ministry. She also served on the Pastor's anniversary celebrations committee and choir. She was supportive of the dance ministry, as well as, the youth and young adults of the church.

Mother Thomas' greatest love was her family. She loved children, which was a large part of why she helped so many. Left to cherish her memory are her children, John F. Thomas Jr., Edith Thomas, Joseph Thomas (Bonita), Andre Thomas (Peggy) and Helen Keith; her grandchildren, Sherita (Gerrod), Shawnta, Jeanean, Tyone, Tamika, Angel, Maya, Toni, and Brandy; her 19 great-grandchildren; siblings, Harry Conaway Sr., Carrie Parker (James), Juanita Brown, Raymond Conaway (Lisa) Kenneth Conaway (Rebecca), and Morris Conaway (Marguerite); Sister-in-law; Dorothy Nash; and host of nieces, nephews, and cousins. She will join her deceased family members in rest; sister, Naomi Louise Gamble; son, Robert Thomas, and granddaughter, Danyell Thomas. Mother Thomas will be forever remembered by her family and dear friend.

Cemetery Details

King Memorial Park Cemetery - Grand Heritage Chapel & Mausoleum

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Baltimore, MD 21244
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<https://www.KingMemorialPark.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Elizabeth E. Thomas, Please Click the Link below.*



March Funeral Homes - April 21, 2020 at 09:06 PM



“ *Elizabeth E. Thomas*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *To the Thomas Family*

We will miss her laugh, smile and love of my "Red Velvet Cake." We hope that the wonderful memories and love you share will guide through this difficult time.

Our continued prayers,

The Gibsons



The Gibsons - April 22, 2020 at 04:09 PM

SH

“ Our most sincere condolences to the entire family. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God’s Blessings be upon the entire family. Love you!
Sean and Miriam Hammond

Sean Hammond - April 22, 2020 at 10:57 AM

VN

“ May you Rest In Peace Aunt Bessie

Verna Norris - April 22, 2020 at 10:26 AM

JO

“ Dear Family,
Monique and I will forever hold Aunt Bessie in our hearts. Her love, her smile and her amazing encouragement will forever be in our hearts. We will especially remember her words, “Reverend Offer, you just keep on doing what you’re doing.”

She left such a legacy for you to pass down. Our prayer is that God will keep his hand upon you and give you peace always. May he comfort you in the promise that you will see her again. And when we do see her it will be a hallelujah shouting good time up in Heaven.

Be blessed and know that we are always there for you. We love you.

Pastor Jay and Lady Monique Offer

Jay and Monique Offer - April 22, 2020 at 09:49 AM

JJ

“ our heartfelt condolences to the family

James T Harris Jr - April 22, 2020 at 09:38 AM

ER

“ To the Thomas Family, I am so deeply sorry for the loss of Ms. Elizabeth. She was such a sweet and caring person and I'm glad I had the opportunity to be of service to her when she needed work done. Loving, kind, considerate, that will always be remembered. Rest In Peace. Keeping your family in prayer. Eunice Jenifer Robinson

Eunice Jenifer Robinson - April 22, 2020 at 09:30 AM

LM

“ Lutricia Moore lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth E. Thomas



Lutricia Moore - April 22, 2020 at 09:25 AM

TB

“ Mrs. Thomas , Granny, was truly a grandmother to me and my family. Since we have known the Thomas family, she looked out for us like we were her own. I am forever grateful for her support and help throughout the years. I will miss you Granny and your sweet spirit. May perpetual light shine on you always. Love Torena Brown and family.



Torena Brown - April 22, 2020 at 09:00 AM

ML

“ We could always count on Mother Thomas's support during Pastor Anniversary celebrations. Love you Mother Thomas, you are sorely missed down here, but heaven is rejoicing for you have come home. The Rod & Staff, Pastoral Care Ministry



Min. Doris Lyles - April 22, 2020 at 08:56 AM

TW

“ Terrena Williams lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth E. Thomas



Terrena Williams - April 22, 2020 at 08:07 AM

TW

“ There are so many wonderful things to say about Aunt Bessie. I will miss her beautiful spirit, her smile and her laugh. I looked forward to just knowing I would see her face at every possible event. I will miss her honesty and sincerity. My heart breaks. Forever in my heart.

Love,
Terrena (aka Your Teenie)

Terrena Williams - April 22, 2020 at 08:06 AM

LP

Granny as she was well know will always be in my heart because she has always been in my life. Will miss her honesty and her smile because we know she would tell you about yourself. Rest on util we meet again. Love Babysis

Lillie Pinnix - April 22, 2020 at 09:10 AM

TC

“ *Tamia Copes lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth E. Thomas*



Tamia Copes - April 21, 2020 at 09:18 PM

TC

To the family, my sincerest condolences. She will truly be missed.

Tamia Copes - April 21, 2020 at 09:19 PM

KC

“ *Bessie was a thoughtful person and a loving sister-in-law. She will always be remembered. I will continue to keep the family in prayer!!!*

*Love,
Kelley*

Kelley Conaway - April 21, 2020 at 05:55 PM



“ *Lonnie Conaway lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth E. Thomas*



Lonnie Conaway - April 21, 2020 at 04:56 PM



“ *Many an Easter was enjoyed, while many an Easter outfit was destroyed in your home. As a child I could only enjoy being around the table, but your love and warmth will be missed. With Love, from your nephew.*

Lonnie Conaway - April 21, 2020 at 04:53 PM



“ *To my dear sister my heart is very heavy now , just thinking about the days we share you will forever hold a special place in my heart. I will chariots the memory that we had Love y you rest in heaven*



Carrie Parker - April 21, 2020 at 03:30 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Elizabeth E. Thomas.*



April 21, 2020 at 02:05 PM

ZC

“ On behalf of the Staff here at Zion Academy we send our deepest condolences to Mrs Jenean and her family on the lost of Mrs. Thomas a Mother,grandmother and much more our prayers are with you all. Praying that God send his Angel's to wrap there arms around you and give you all comfort.



Sincerely, The staff of Zion Academy

Zion Academy Early Learning Center - April 21, 2020 at 11:51 AM

JN

“ Jeanette V Norris lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth E. Thomas



Jeanette V Norris - April 21, 2020 at 11:44 AM

JN

“ Aunt Bessie, Words will never be able to express how much I will miss you. Our journey has been long and full. I thank God for all we have shared. You will always be in my heart. Love Vermal.

Jeanette V Norris - April 21, 2020 at 11:43 AM



“ To my Dear Aunt Bessie someone who was like a mother, my aunt who cared when nobody else did, my aunt who loved me as much as my mom did. Aunt Bessie, until that day we meet again I'll think of you, the love we shared and the memories too. Until that day I see you there, you're in my heart, you're everywhere. Until that day I hope you know how much I love and will miss you so. Rest in Jesus and hug momma for me.

Forever in my heart

Charlene

Charlene L Gamble - April 21, 2020 at 09:36 AM

LE

“ *LeEtta lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth E. Thomas*



LeEtta - April 21, 2020 at 08:55 AM

LE

“ *Aunt Bessie I will miss you forever .You were always their in happy times and the first one there in sad times . I will miss our talks I'll just miss you I couldn't be there with you and that hurts so bad . I know that you knew if I could have I would have. Rest in Jesus you are not suffering any more take my love with you forever*

LeEtta - April 21, 2020 at 08:54 AM

JB

“ I am so sorry to hear about the passing of my dear sister.I sit here and want to still call you to see how you are doing.I will forever miss you.I love you so much.But I know you are resting with the Lord.Sleep on my sister until we meet again.RIP

Juanita Brown

Juanita Brown - April 20, 2020 at 04:49 PM

TT

“ Teresa, Mary, Vermal & Terrena purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Elizabeth E. Thomas.



Teresa, Mary, Vermal & Terrena - April 20, 2020 at 03:48 PM

FN

“ From Nieces and Nephews. purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Elizabeth E. Thomas.



From Nieces and Nephews. - April 19, 2020 at 01:16 PM

JA

“ May the Holy Spirit give your family comfort and peace as you celebrate the life of your mother and grandmother, with the sincerest condolences

Joanne Askins - April 18, 2020 at 05:03 PM

GM

“ We have seen a lot through the years and shared a lot of laughter and tears together. Thank you lord for mother's transition back home where she will walk on streets of gold and have no worries or pain. Family you have my deepest condolences and our prayers are with you in this most difficult time. Edith and Sherita give me a call for anything you may need. My number is still the same. Gregory Moore

Gmoore7378 - April 18, 2020 at 03:21 PM

FK

“ I have lived next door to you for almost all my life you was my mom best friend and like a mother to me even when I lost mine (mom Bessie) you will be missed much love. Faith Kennedy

Faith Kennedy - April 18, 2020 at 12:51 PM

AV

Edith and family,
Sending love and heartfelt condolences during this difficult time. Know that your Mother's Love is a legacy that will always be with you and may the remembrance of that love bring you comfort and peace. God be with you all. Ava

Ava - April 18, 2020 at 09:54 PM

PP

“ My deepest condolences to the Thomas family. I have had many happy times with the family and Ms. Elizabeth's grand children. There have been dance programs, birthday parties, religious services, etc. Please stay strong and know that God is in control. 🙏
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Patricia Pitts - April 18, 2020 at 12:48 PM

SL

“ *Granny became the my adopted Grandmother. Reggie loved to sit and talk with her when ever we came to the Thomas family gatherings. Her presence in our lives will be missed. Carolyn, Sherita, John, and family you have our deepest sympathy. Know that we are praying for the family during this time of bereavement and social distancing. Virtual hugs and much love.*

Stephanie and Reggie Lee

Stephanie Lee - April 18, 2020 at 12:24 PM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

March Funeral Homes - April 17, 2020 at 08:17 AM