



Mrs. Betty Lou Williams Thomas

August 9, 1948 - August 20, 2013

Betty Lue Williams Thomas was born on August 9, 1948 to the late Lillian Terry Newson and Sidney Wiley in Jackson, TN.

Betty "Lou" Bonds as she was affectionately called, attended Merry High school where she was known for her singing abilities and her outgoing personality.

Betty married her high school sweetheart Tracy Williams, and they were blessed with a beautiful daughter, Lisa Ann, whom she loved dearly.

They moved to St. Louis, Missouri where they raised their daughter together. While living in St. Louis Betty recorded several albums as a lead singer for the Church of Christ. They toured the country singing their a capella praises.

Betty later relocated to Nashville, TN to be near her daughter who was attending Tennessee State University and then eventually moved back to Jackson, where she met and married Henry Thomas. She was a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church and remained a member of the church choir until her health began to fail.

Betty was always full of energy and liked to live on her own terms. She never seemed to meet a stranger, and had a heart of gold. If you ever met her, you

probably already know that she loved to sing and dance but her most unforgettable trait was her laugh. She was a hard worker, but also knew how to have fun.

On her 65th Birthday only weeks ago she told me "I might be 65 years old but I can still do the James Brown!!"

She is survived by her husband Henry Thomas, her daughter Lisa Lyons, grandchildren, Jada and Stephen II, and her Aunt Vergie Mae Brown. In addition she's also survived by siblings on her father's side who reside in Decatur, Illinois as well as numerous other nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

Greater St. Luke Church Cemetery

117 Wallace Road
Jackson, TN 38305

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **23**. 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM (CT)

Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home, Inc.
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Jackson, TN 38301
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Service

AUG **24**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
201 West Chester Street
Jackson, TN 38301

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Betty Lou Williams Thomas*

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