



Mrs. Dorothy Ann Clark Theus

February 17, 1934 - July 9, 2021

Dorothy Ann Clark Theus, affectionately known as “Mama Dot”, peacefully transitioned to Heaven on Friday evening, July 9, 2021, at home after a lengthy illness.

She was born February 17, 1934, in Jackson, TN, to Alvester and Genevia Robinson Clark. The eldest of four children, Dorothy excelled in academics and was a “Math Wiz”. She graduated in 1952 with honors from Merry High School of Jackson, TN.

She later attended Lane College and graduated with the Class of 1956 with a Bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education. She began teaching in the Jackson City School System, where she served for 32 years in the 6th, 4th, and 3rd grades, and later, Chapter/Title 1 classes. She was passionate about her students, providing tutoring and encouragement to students who needed that “extra push” to succeed. She would often say, “I love seeing my students pull up.”

She committed her life to the Lord at an early age, and joined Macedonia Baptist Church. She loved working in the church, where she met and married the love of her life, the Reverend Lawrence Edward Theus. She served as First Lady of Beech Spring Baptist Church and Greater Mercer Baptist Church. She continued to serve as a devoted member who taught Sunday

School and supported her husband. They had one daughter, Sylvia Devonne Theus Akins.

She had a very creative, artistic spirit which was shown in her sewing, embroidery, and drawing. She also loved watching sports and was an avid baseball fan of her beloved Los Angeles Dodgers and Atlanta Braves. Before her illness, her other favorite pastime was meeting and talking with her neighbors as she walked through her neighborhood. She was a quiet spirit with a loud presence of grace and love.

Family members preceding her in death are her husband, Rev. L.E. Theus, mother and father, Alvester and Genevia Clark, and brother, Sylvester Clark.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her devoted and loving daughter, Sylvia (Grady) Akins; loving sisters, Joyce Ann Clark Bowles and Edna Elizabeth Clark Robinson; grandchildren, Jeremy Edward Akins and Danielle Yvonne Akins; great-grandchildren, Tristan Gabriel Hobson and Mila Michelle Shaw; nieces, Cassandra Rowena Kee, Dionne Damita Kee, and Etoil Contella Bowles Brown; and nephews, Jihad Abdurakman James Everett Kee and Henry Wesley Bowles II; along with a host of loving cousins and grandnieces and nephews.

Cemetery Details

Greater Mercer Memorial Gardens

20 Scott Road
Mercer , TN 38392

Previous Events

Family Hour

JUL **16.** 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home, Inc.
807 N. Hays Avenue
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Service

JUL **17.** 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Dorothy Ann Clark Theus*

January 28, 2023 at 12:37 PM



“ *Linda Pirtle-Ndundu lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Ann Clark Theus*



Linda Pirtle-Ndundu - July 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ *Virgie March lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Ann Clark Theus*



Virgie March - July 14, 2021 at 12:17 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss Family. Mrs Theus was a great teacher. She helped my brother so much when he was in her class.*



Phyllis Staten - July 14, 2021 at 12:01 AM



“ *The family is in our prayers. I remember my children going with her to one of Lane College Parades. They enjoyed her so. Rev. Charles & Marilyn Wallace Lanier.*

Marilyn Lanier - July 13, 2021 at 06:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Dorothy Ann Clark Theus.*



July 13, 2021 at 02:15 PM



“ *Brenda Floyd lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Ann Clark Theus*



Brenda Floyd - July 12, 2021 at 08:46 PM



“ *Colleen M Scott lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Ann Clark Theus*



Colleen M Scott - July 12, 2021 at 04:47 PM



“ *Sweet Memories:*

I'm thankful & blessed to have been in one of Jackson's finest educators classroom. Mrs. Dorothy Theus taught me reading @ Alexander Elementary. She had a beautiful caring & loving spirit. Down through the years I always remembered her smile. I love & will miss her dearly. Love & prayers to her entire family.



Gwinette Marshall - July 11, 2021 at 11:28 PM