



## Mrs. Mary Katherine "Rita" Thomas

January 5, 1954 - November 26, 2021

Mary Katherine "Rita" Thomas was born on January 5, 1954, in Moscow, Tennessee to the late Wyatt Williams and Alice Mays. She was the youngest of twelve children. She departed this life on Friday, November 26, 2021, at the Jackson-Madison County General Hospital.

At an early age she accepted Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized in Fayette County, Tennessee. She moved to Chester County in the early 1970's. and at that time she met and married the late Harvey Lee Taylor and to this union one child was born. She later met and married James "Jimmy" Thomas, and together they raised three children.

She became a member of the Beech Springs Baptist Church. At Beech Springs she was an usher, lead the children's program, Sunday School and helped maintain the Church.

She was a dietitian for thirty plus years and retired from the Henderson Health & Rehab Center in 2020.

She enjoyed gardening, eating pecans, sunflowers, pearls, cooking, church, and attending her grandchildren sports events. She got the most joy from having a house full of children. She was everyone's "Granny".

She was preceded in death by her parents and nine siblings: Willie Harris, Bernice Strickland, Mary Trotter, Odell Williams, John O. Williams, Clarence Williams, Jr., Obie Williams, Claxter Williams and Earlie B. Williams.

She leaves to cherish her memory her husband: James "Jimmy" Thomas; children: Celeste (Donald) Genes, Brian (Ginny) Thomas, Jarris (Latosha) Thomas; honorary children: Melinda (Randy) Jones Moten and Willette Thomas; two sisters: Sally "Sookie" Cawthon and Dorothy "Dot" (Walker) Mason; grandchildren: Sacha (Britten) Trice, Cami (Tremaine) McKinney, Cameron Taylor, Heaven (Hunter) Ross, Kaleb Thomas, Alayna Felker, Bryce Thomas, I'yonna McKinney, Jaeston Thomas, and Amiyah Thomas; great-grandchildren: Brendan Sims and Harmani McKinnie; honorary grandchildren: Chris (Cristina) Gilbert, Tyler Walker and Chevon (Alexis) Johnson; special friends: Bonita Croom, Sandra Patterson, Sherry Ross and Jannie Trice and a host of other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Beech Springs Church Cemetery

Jacks Creek, TN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 4. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

New Level Church  
835 Highway 45 North  
Henderson , TN 38340

## Service

DEC 4. 1:00 PM (CT)

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835 Highway 45 North  
Henderson , TN 38340

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Mary Katherine "Rita" Thomas*

January 28, 2023 at 12:37 PM



“ *Janet Morton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Katherine "Rita" Thomas*



**Janet Morton** - December 02, 2021 at 08:46 PM



“ *Rita she was a joy to be around she will be miss my u rest in peace*

**robert edwards** - December 02, 2021 at 08:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Katherine "Rita" Thomas.*



December 02, 2021 at 04:46 PM

JR

“ *Joanne Ross-Allison lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Katherine "Rita" Thomas*



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**Joanne Ross-Allison** - December 01, 2021 at 06:37 PM

BW

“ *To Jimmy and the children we send our deepest condolences to you and the rest of the family! Mrs Rite will forever live out our lives, that beautiful smile will always be in our hearts! Pray that God will strengthen you all at this time and later! Much love to you!*  
*Betty and Ray Woods*

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**Betty & Ray Woods** - December 01, 2021 at 01:02 PM

DB

“ *Dorothy Sanders Bass lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Katherine "Rita" Thomas*



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**Dorothy Sanders Bass** - December 01, 2021 at 12:09 AM

LS

“ *LaVett Shields lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Katherine "Rita" Thomas*



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**LaVett Shields** - November 30, 2021 at 02:34 PM

BR

“ *Billy And Carol Rhodes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Katherine "Rita" Thomas*



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**Billy and Carol Rhodes** - November 30, 2021 at 01:24 PM

MT

“ *Marcia Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Katherine "Rita" Thomas*



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**Marcia Taylor** - November 30, 2021 at 12:39 PM

AH

“ *Rita was a sweet and kind person! She had a beautiful smile! Praying for all the family and friends!*



*Ann Cawthon Hunt*

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**Ann Hunt** - November 30, 2021 at 10:30 AM

VJ

“ *Velma Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Katherine "Rita" Thomas*



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**Velma Johnson** - November 29, 2021 at 11:51 PM

DD

“ Donna Dickey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Katherine "Rita" Thomas



Donna Dickey - November 29, 2021 at 10:04 PM

CC

“ Sending my condolences to the entire family. I will always remember her beautiful smile❤️



Cindy Chrystak - November 29, 2021 at 03:12 PM

GG

“ Gary & Debbie Goodwin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Katherine "Rita" Thomas



Gary & Debbie Goodwin - November 29, 2021 at 02:45 PM

GC

“ Glenn Croom lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Katherine "Rita" Thomas



Glenn Croom - November 29, 2021 at 01:12 PM

LJ

“ *Lisa Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Katherine "Rita" Thomas*



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**Lisa Jones** - November 29, 2021 at 10:05 AM

KK

“ *Kim Kenny lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Katherine "Rita" Thomas*



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**Kim Kenny** - November 28, 2021 at 06:33 PM

DR

“ *Denise Riley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Katherine "Rita" Thomas*



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**Denise Riley** - November 28, 2021 at 05:03 PM

KR

“ *Karen Joyner Ross lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Katherine "Rita" Thomas*



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**Karen Joyner Ross** - November 28, 2021 at 01:07 AM

SJ

“ *Stephanie Jameison lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Katherine "Rita" Thomas*



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**Stephanie Jameison** - November 28, 2021 at 12:25 AM

SJ

“ *I briefly worked with Mrs Mary at Henderson Healthcare but just for that little time of meeting her she was the most nicest women I had met their in that Kitchen. I am so sorry for the family's loss of a sweet lady. God bless and comfort you all.*

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**Stephanie Jameison** - November 28, 2021 at 12:21 AM