



Mrs. Clara Delores Thomas

July 5, 1935 - December 13, 2019

Mother Clara Delores Thomas transitioned into heaven to be with the Lord on Friday, December 13, 2019 at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan at the age of 84 years. She was born July 5, 1935 in Paris, Kentucky.

She had been a long-time faithful member of Grant Street Church of God in Christ since 1948. The church later became Williams Memorial C.O.G.I.C., which is now Victorious Believers Ministries C.O.G.I.C. She has rendered 71 years of loyalty to her church. While at Williams Memorial C.O.G.I.C., she was appointed to the Mother's Board by Bishop Marvin C. Pryor.

Mother was the epitome of Matthew 5:16," Jesus said, "Let your light shine before men that they may see your good deeds and glorify your father in heaven." Because of the Light of the Lord which shined within her, she was qualified and appointed as the District Sunshine Band Leader of District #8. For many years she taught a multitude of young people the word of God through songs, learning and memorizing bible verses, and giving them the opportunity to do charity work within the community. She always prayed fervently for her Sunshine Band Children then, and never stopped; she was a prayer warrior for them all. She always had a smile on her face. She was always positive and encouraging, uplifting and enlightening, a joy and a pleasure to be around.

She was also the first "Mother of the Year" at the Victorious Believers

Ministries 2014 Pageant. She retired from Holly's Landing and was also a Foster Grandparent within the Saginaw Public School District for more than 13 years.

Mother Thomas leaves to cherish her memory, three daughters, Cecil Robinson, Saginaw, MI, Jacqueline Thread-gill, New Jersey, Shirlene (Sandy) Rozier, Saginaw, MI; two sons, Dwight (Tara) Thomas, Houston, TX and Arthur (Evette) Thomas., Dallas, TX; grandchildren, Callandra (Jerry) Lee, Quincy (TaMarya Mikiah) Thomas, DeAndrea (Nathan) Greer-Thomas, Maya Thomas, Andre Brown, Kalandice Thomas, Michaela Thomas, Marshon and Toni Whitley, Tricia Pruitt, Cheryl (Jonathan) Hardy, Tonya Rozier, DayQuan Robinson; great-grandchildren, Stephanie Woodford, De'Ontae Lee, De'Onqavis Lee, Sha'Tera McTillman, Serenity Brown and Andre' Brown II; five-great-great-grandchildren; nieces, Luyvonna (Richard) Wilson and Felicia Woodford; nephews, Felton Shelton and Steven (Linda) Woodford; goddaughter, Taswana Shelton; sister-in-law, Hazel Johnson; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins other relatives and friends.

Mother Clara Thomas was preceded in death by her husband, Fleanor Thomas; son, Richard Thomas; grandson, Charles Thomas; mother, Martha Allen and a sister Anna Woodford and son-in-law, Charles Robinson II.

The family of Mrs. Clara Thomas would like to express special thanks to Pastor Christopher and Lady Kenyatta Pryor, Mother Ruth Pryor and the VBM Nation. Also, to a special aunt, Ms. Hazel Irving, Chicago, IL; special cousin, Tyrone (Vicky) Rankin, Orlando, FL; special friends, Mother Margaret Broadus, Mother Lois Scott-Kelley, Mother Bessie Nash, Mother Cherry Roberson, Mrs. LaFrance Thomas, Mrs. Jessie Dawkins, Carlos and Gloria Garcia, James Carr, Mrs. Clark (Stone Elementary School) and her prayer partner, Ms. Deloris Baber. Special thanks to Ms. Gloria with meals on wheels who always went the extra mile in helping with her needs.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 20, 2019 at Victorious Believers Ministries C.O.G.I.C., 624 S. Outer Drive, Street, Saginaw, MI 48601, Pastor Christopher V. Pryor will officiate with interment Forest Lawn Cemetery, 3210 S. Washington Ave., Saginaw, MI 48601. Friends may call at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., Saginaw, MI 48607 on Thursday, from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. The family will be present from 6:00-8:00 p.m. to greet friends.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **19**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 North Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607

Family Hour

DEC **20**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Victorious Believers Ministries C.O.G.I.C.
624 South Outer Drive
Saginaw, MI 48601

Funeral Service

DEC **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Victorious Believers Ministries C.O.G.I.C.
624 South Outer Drive
Saginaw, MI 48601

Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Clara Delores Thomas*



Browne's Mortuary - January 10, 2020 at 09:16 AM

DM

“ *Derrell Martin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clara Delores Thomas*



Derrell Martin - December 20, 2019 at 03:54 PM

RB

“ God in his infinite power has signaled along with the heavenly Host. Another called out angel we affectionately known as mother sunshine mother Clara Thomas has served her community neighborhood church family and relatives she has been an inspiration to so many young people I can remember as a child mother Thomas sitting on her porch she definitely was a lady of Light she also lived a life of righteousness. Mother Thomas was very inspirational in my life and leading me to the Grant Street COGIC/Williams memorial she will forever be missed God has saw through his beautiful creative garden another flower hand picked for such a time as this. To the family whom I love dearly we will continue to hold you in prayer as we celebrate the life of mother Clara Thomas. Be it known this day December 20th in the year of our Lord 2019 mother Thomas we loved you but God loved you best. Humbly submitted
JKAI International
Presiding Bishop Richard Ricardo Brown.



Richard Ricardo Brown - December 20, 2019 at 01:56 PM

CM

“ Charlotte McMillan-Harper lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clara Delores Thomas



Charlotte McMillan-Harper - December 20, 2019 at 08:29 AM

KC

“ *Kimberly Culbert lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clara Delores Thomas*



Kimberly Culbert - December 19, 2019 at 09:57 PM

JA

“ *Rest Well, Mrs. Thomas! I will always remember your sweet spirit and your love for the children during my time at Longfellow Elementary. My prayers to your family during this difficult time.*

Janice Kemp Anderson - December 19, 2019 at 02:09 PM

SA

I recognized your picture instantly. Your love of the Lord was evident always. Fond memories of our days at Long Fellow Elementary.

Sandra Ward, worked with Mrs. Thomas at - December 20, 2019 at 09:18 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Clara Delores Thomas.*



December 19, 2019 at 11:43 AM

CP

“ Cheryl Payton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Clara Delores Thomas



Cheryl Payton - December 19, 2019 at 10:22 AM

CP

“ To Cecil and the entire Thomas family I send my condolences to you all.mrs Thomas was a very sweet lady always had a smile.our Southside family back in the day RIH



CARMEN PRATT - December 19, 2019 at 09:42 AM

 Karen Woods

“ Karen Woods sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Clara Delores Thomas



Karen Woods - December 18, 2019 at 11:17 PM

LB

“ I will away remember Mrs.Thomas from the Southside and her family. She was the nicest and sweetest person I ever met. I have great love for her and her family. My prayers goes out to her children's and family members. I know that God is smiling right now, because this lady was truly a woman of God. Love always , Linda Buckley Bolton



Linda Buckley Bolton - December 18, 2019 at 11:17 PM

TF

“ *The Lawrence Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clara Delores Thomas*



The Lawrence Family - December 18, 2019 at 11:15 PM

SH

“ *Stephanie Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clara Delores Thomas*



Stephanie Henderson - December 18, 2019 at 11:12 PM



“ *The Batts Family*



Velissa Batts - December 18, 2019 at 03:27 PM

AP

“ *Ann M. Patrick lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clara Delores Thomas*



Ann M. Patrick - December 18, 2019 at 03:12 PM

DB

“ Dorothy & Janice Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clara Delores Thomas



Dorothy & Janice Brown - December 18, 2019 at 10:54 AM

SH

The Lawrence Family

Stephanie Henderson - December 18, 2019 at 11:08 PM

GP

“ Geraldine Parris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clara Delores Thomas



Geraldine Parris - December 18, 2019 at 10:52 AM

RR

“ Romona Clarissa Rankin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clara Delores Thomas



Romona Clarissa Rankin - December 18, 2019 at 10:10 AM

RR

“ *My Dearest Cousin Clara was a soldier for God; a remarkable women who will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her! Prayers go out to all of my Family during this time of bereavement, I love each and everyone of you!*

Romona Clarissa Rankin

Romona Clarissa Rankin - December 18, 2019 at 10:05 AM



“ *Loreann Gissendanner-Payton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clara Delores Thomas*



Loreann Gissendanner-Payton - December 17, 2019 at 07:53 PM

LM

“ *Leonard Moore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clara Delores Thomas*



Leonard Moore - December 17, 2019 at 07:38 PM

KL

“ *Karla Munden - Earline, Kennedy and Leyla purchased the Stately Lilies for the family of Mrs. Clara Delores Thomas.*



Karla Munden - Earline, Kennedy and Leyla - December 17, 2019 at 07:37 PM

MB

“ *Mother Thomas the sweetest Lady you'll ever want to meet she always had a smile that will brighten up a room, I remember as a kid she use to be in the kitchen at the old Williams Memorial making sloppy joe's an cake , from Sunshine Band I learned alot from her the love she share I'll always keep her in my heart cause her love for God an his people. God's Angel Received Her Wings*

Marvin Bell - December 17, 2019 at 07:05 PM

DK

“ *Deacon Bobby Kelley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clara Delores Thomas*



Deacon Bobby Kelley - December 17, 2019 at 05:44 PM

LV

“ *Linda McClain Veasley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clara Delores Thomas*



Linda McClain Veasley - December 17, 2019 at 04:57 PM

JW

“ *Jean Willis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clara Delores Thomas*



Jean Willis - December 17, 2019 at 02:58 PM

BF

“Oh when the saints go marchin' in". Mother Thomas AKA "Aunt Clara" was truly a very kindred spirit. She is one of the last of the original Grant Street (now Victorious Believers) parents to go home. May God's grace comfort her family during this difficult time of transition. I believe she was all set and ready to go; John 3:16 provides, "He that believes in God shall have eternal life". Love and prayers going to the family!



Larry/Linda (Berry) Adams; Leroy/Diane (Berry) Bell and Billy Berry

BERRY FAMILY - December 17, 2019 at 11:56 AM

SB

“Mrs Thomas was a kind, caring and lovely person. She will be truly missed. RIH Mrs Thomas.

Sheila Bankston - December 17, 2019 at 09:57 AM



“Doloris Mixon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clara Delores Thomas



Doloris Mixon - December 17, 2019 at 07:54 AM

LE

“ LUCY ERBY lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clara Delores Thomas



LUCY ERBY - December 16, 2019 at 10:09 PM

MT

“ Mary Hannibal, Fort Worth, Texas sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Clara Delores Thomas



Mary Hannibal, Fort Worth, Texas - December 16, 2019 at 10:06 PM

GL

“ Glendorah Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clara Delores Thomas



Glendorah Lawrence - December 16, 2019 at 09:51 PM

VS

“ Vanda (Sanders) Strode lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clara Delores Thomas



Vanda (Sanders) Strode - December 16, 2019 at 08:36 PM

TF

“ *The Brazil Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Clara Delores Thomas*



The Brazil family - December 16, 2019 at 06:23 PM

BR

“ *Barbra Roberson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clara Delores Thomas*



Barbra Roberson - December 16, 2019 at 05:41 PM

IH

“ *Ida Helton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clara Delores Thomas*



Ida Helton - December 16, 2019 at 04:02 PM

SC

“ *CONDOLENCES FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS...PASTER LATHON AND FAMILY*



sona Carruth - December 16, 2019 at 01:40 PM

SC

“ FAMILY YOU HAVE OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY JUST REMEMBER TO BE ABSENT FROM THIS EARTH IS TO BE IN THE PRESENCE OF OUR HEAVENLY FATHER..... THE CLARK AND CARRUTH FAMILY



sona Carruth - December 16, 2019 at 01:38 PM

OK

“ Olivia Kincaid sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Clara Delores Thomas



Olivia Kincaid - December 16, 2019 at 01:28 PM

JS

“ Joyce Skillman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clara Delores Thomas



Joyce Skillman - December 16, 2019 at 12:59 PM

MN

“ Mrs. Jackson & Nikki lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clara Delores Thomas



Mrs. Jackson & Nikki - December 16, 2019 at 12:32 PM

MF

“ *Mitchell Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clara Delores Thomas*



Mitchell Family - December 16, 2019 at 12:29 PM

TJ

“ *Theresa Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clara Delores Thomas*



Theresa Jackson - December 16, 2019 at 09:30 AM

BF

“ *Barnes Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Clara Delores Thomas*



Barnes Family - December 16, 2019 at 09:28 AM