



Marlese Thomas

December 10, 1998 - January 31, 2009

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 4, 2009 at Bethel A.M.E. Church, 535 Cathay Street. Pastor P. David Saunders will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the church on Tuesday from 6:00-8:00 p.m. "A million tears were cried the day our angel died." Our beloved angel, Marlese Antonette Thomas, was chosen and hand-picked by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, from the "Garden of Angels" to enter into eternal rest on January 31, 2009. Our beloved angel was born December 10, 1998 to her parents, Leslie and Mark Thomas. Marlese attended Sherwood Elementary School. She will be missed by her teachers, classmates and those who knew and loved her. Thou were not formed for living here, So linked thy soul, was with the sky Yet, we held thee O! So dear We thought thou were not formed to die!! Surviving besides her parents are two brothers, Lance Wilson, Mitchellville, MD, and Mark (A.J.) Thomas; her grandparents, Gloria Wilson, Mark and Gennetta Thomas; her great-grandfathers, Willie Allen and Mark Thomas Sr.; her aunts and uncles, Kara (Michael) Lee, Earnestine (Michael) Sangster, Michael (Sherry) Thomas, Matthew (Tracy) Thomas; her special cousin and best friend, Kiya Lee; other cousins, Michael Boyd Jr., Latoya, Joy, Michael Sangster, Jr., Obie, Amber, Matthew, Teayyra, and Cameron. Marlese was preceded in death by her uncle, Obie Timothy-Timothy Wilson; grandfather, Leslie Wilson; great-grandparents, India Allen, Annie Me Thomas, Obie and Gertis Washington and Charlene and Willie Wilson. ...One short sleep pass, and we wake

eternally: death shall be no more.... John Donne

Tribute Wall

JR

“ *Our sincere prayers and condolences to the Thomas Family.*

Jim and Kim Rummler - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ *Our prayers are with you, if there,s anything that I can do please call, or if you need someone to talk to thats fine also. If I can do anything for you concerning Lance or what ever let me know. Love always,*

Tammy

Bobby and Tammy Davis - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *Sorry about your loss our prayers are with you and your family.*

loretta crisp - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you go through these tough times. We thank God for His loving kindness that will get you through this.*

We will always be here if there is a time that you need us.

Delena Spates-Allen - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LQ

“ *Leslie and family-
I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Lori Quesnel - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ To Lil Mark we are so sorry for your loss. You are like family to Ti'Kyra as well as myself. We love you and you know you may call Ti'Kyra anytime you need too. Remember the good times and know that Marlese has just begun her new life in eternity. May you and your parents find comfort in knowing that your little sister is resting with her Almighty Father which in heaven. May you find peace with God in knowing that God is watching and with you at this most difficult time.

We Love you all, Ti'Kyra and Kimberly

Ti'Kyra & Kimberly Napoleon-Simon - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VT

“ Mark and Leslie:

I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in your time of need. I will continue to keep you and your family in my prayers. May God bless and keep you.

Valerie Toney

Valerie A. Toney - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Leslie and Mark,

I am so sorry for you loss. I will keep you in my prayers. Only thing I can say at a time like this is know that God will somehow bring you through this ordeal. Look to the Lord for your strength.

Bridget McAfee - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ Les,

*My prayers are with you and for you during this time.
Please if there is anything you need, call me.*

Love you sis,

Roni

Veronica Mitchell - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ Dear Leslie and family,

Our department would like to extend its sympathy to you and your family. Marlese was a wonderful child and we value the time we had with her.

We are praying for you and your family.

*Special Services Department
Saginaw Township Community Schools*

Louanne Neiderquill - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ *Though in life comes death, the true blessing is to have lived!*

No words can express the loving nature and pure sense of life that Marlese exhibited every day. She touched our lives in a very special way and is an inspiration to us all.

Her Angelic smile will most be remembered and her ability to bring joy to everyone. You are at peace now.

We Love You Marlese!

Tracie Cleveland Thomas - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Leslie,

My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. May you all find strength in the days ahead.

Rose

Little Angels

*When God calls little children
to dwell with Him above.*

*We mortals sometimes question
the wisdom of His love.*

*for no heartache compares with
the death of one small child,
who does so much to make our world
seem wonderful and mild.*

*Perhaps God tires of calling
the aged to His fold.*

*So He picks a rosebud
before it can grow old.*

*God knows how much we need them
and so He takes but few,
to make the land of Heaven
more beautiful to view.*

*Believing this is difficult
still somehow we must try.*

*The saddest word mankind know
will always be "Goodbye".*

*So when a child departs
we who are left behind,
must realize God loves children,
Angels are hard to find.*

Rose Davis - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ *My deepest sympathy and prayers are with your family during this difficult time. May the fond memories of your times together bring you some comfort.*

*Sincerely,
Terri List
Heritage High School*

Terri List - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VE

“ *To Leslie, Lance and Family
I am so sorry to hear about the lost of your beautiful daughter/sister. Leslie I can not even imagine how you are feeling but I know "GOD" will see you and your family through it all. May GOD bless you and your entire family.*

Velissa - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *Leslie, you and your family have our "deepest sympathy". I know the days ahead will be hard but God will sustain you. Keep your eyes on Him and you will be with Marlese again.*

Charlotte Mosson - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *It is with great heart felt sadness and deep sympathy, that we send our sincere condolences to your family for loosing a beautiful daughter at such an early age. We will keep your family in our prayers during these hard times. May God ease your pain and guide your family through times of mourning.*

Marlese is God's angel...

We are here if you need us for anything.

May God bless you all!

Williams Family (Lance)

Rodney Williams - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Leslie, Anthony, Lance and AJ,
We are sorry to hear about your loss. Lean not to your own understanding but trust in the Lord. He will see you through this difficult time. We are praying for your family.*

Melissa Fuller - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *To the Thomas Family:
Our prayers are with you during this difficult time. May the Peace of God be with you and I know He shall bring you through this. The word of God tells us, "to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord" rest assured that your Marlese is with God Himself.*

Brian & Kim Cole and Family - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Mark & Leslie, my family and I would like to extended our deepest sympathy to you and your family during your time of sorrow. If there's anything we can do for you please don't hesitate to call. Remember to look to the hills which cometh your help, and know that all of your help comes from the Lord.

Karen Sanders - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Mark, Leslie, Lance & AJ,

I was so shocked to open the paper this evening and see the news about Marlese. I will be saying prayers for Marlese and all of you during this sad time. Marlese was a little lady of few words, but her smile and laugh would light up the room! My heart is breaking for you.

*Sincerely,
Kristina & Family
Also the staff at Dr. Lamb's office*

Kristina Weaver-Fanning - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *I will miss Marlese in our classroom. Her smile made me smile.*

Sierra Westner - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *Leslie, Anthony, Lance & A.J. I am truly sorry for your loss. Marlese will be missed dearly. God needed her in his Kingdom. Your Faith in Him will guide you through this difficult time. Please know that I love you always and I will continue to keep you in my prayers.*

Courtney Chaffer - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ I believe in my heart that she is resting peacefully, and hopefully that is comforting. Although she is in God's hands and she is safe, she will be dearly missed. I love you all and I continue to keep you in my prayers. Keep your faith and lean on God's shoulder for strength and support.

Lisa Jones - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ Anthony, Leslie and family,

It truly breaks my heart to contact you under these pretenses. I am very, very sorry for your lost. May God continue to look upon your family and provide the strength needed to surpass this tough time.

Please know you have in no way lost your daughter/sister, for she will always be with you, God saw the need and wanted her more. He has work for her to do.

May God continue to bless you all.

Love always,

Yanni

Ayana Talley - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ *Leslie,Anthony,Lance,and AJ*

We send our deepest sympathy, we will continue to keep you in our prayers.

Marlese, may be gone but she is definitely not forgotten she will always hold a special place in our hearts. May God continue to bless and keep you. WE LOVE YOU LESEY POOH!

Anjanette, Alexis and Chrystal - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ *Anthony:To you and your family.*

Just know that we love you and our prayers and hearts are with you. We pray that you will you will get strength to endure from the love that surrounds you.

Shirley A. Norman - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

OJ

“ *To The Family of The Late Ms. Marlese A. Thomas:*

We Offer Our Depepest sympathy & Condolences upon the homegoing of your loved one. May God bless you & keep you & madke his face to shine down upon you all and grant you his peace. We will continue to hold you in our prayer. We Love you.

*In Christian Love,
Mr Orlando Jones & the
entire Jones Family*

Orlando jones - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *IM SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR FAMILY'S LOSS,AND I JUST WANTED TO LET YOU THAT IM KEEPING YOUR FAMILY IN MY PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS*

TORIYON D. MITCHELL - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Marlese’s fourth grade friends are very sorry to hear of your loss. We wanted to share some of our thoughts and memories of our sweet Marlese. She truly touched many fourth graders?”

I’m sorry to hear about Marlese. Just remember all the great things about her, like her smile.

I felt so lucky to know someone like Marlese and I’m so so sorry to hear what happened.

I will always remember that sweet little girl. I’m so sorry you lost your child.

I will never forget when Marlese came into the room. She was always so happy. I’m also really sorry.

I miss her! I remember her smile and her clapping. She is so funny, she always made me smile.

I’ll always remember Marlese’s pink sweat suit she wore!

I would like to see your smile one more time. I remember that you would always clap, laugh, and smile.

Marlese will be in the safest place ever. She will be watching over many people.

I remember when Marlese would always hug me and smile.

We will never forget when Marlese smacked the big trash can and it made a big mess. She smiled and we laughed with her. Marlese will never be forgotten.

I am so sorry for Marlese and her family. I will never forget her and her smile. She was a good friend and person.

I felt so happy when I seen Marlese and I feel sad that she is gone because she makes me happy! Also, Marlese is a good student and is a very happy person. So that is why I hope that she will be happy in her after life.

I?m sorry about Marlese.

Marlese made me laugh and she was so happy. I?m sorry about what happened to her.

I will never forget Marlese.

I will always remember her pretty smile.

Marlese would always brighten my day. She was so nice and she would always come in smiling. I am so sorry. I will always remember her and I will miss her a lot.

I am so sorry about your loss of Marlese. She was a best friend to me.

You always made me smile. I?m sorry that you are gone.

I will never forget Marlese because she put a smile on my face when I was down.

I will never forget Marlese?s beautiful smile or seeing her face every morning.

Marlese was an astonishing girl. Everyone in the class loved her. She was part of our family and to lose her is sad. We are all very sad she is gone.

*Love,
Mrs. Blaskowski?s Fourth Graders*

Anne Blaskowski - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WJ

“ Word can not express my sadness for your loss. Just know that I am praying for all of you and if you need ANYTHING do not hesitate to call me.

Luv Ya Lots!!

Wanda (Wade) Jackson - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ My prayers are with you. May the love and comfort of God saturate you and your family.

Deborah Lloyd - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ To the Thomas family you have our very deepest sympathy we were so hurt to here of your loss keep God by your side he will give you the strength you need our prayers are with you all.
(HUG THE BOYS FOR ME)
LOVE YOU ALL

Mr.& Mrs. Tyler & Marva Jones - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ I am praying for all of you at this difficult time. Trust in God and He will see you through. I am deeply sorry about your loss. Exercise your faith-God is with you. May He Bless you, Keep You, and Carry You. Sincerely, Tamara.

Tamara Johnson - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Leslie,

I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I pray that God will comfort you and your family in your time of need. Continue to hold to God's unchanging hand. He knows what's best even when we don't understand. I will continue to pray for you and those of you who must carry on. God bless you.

Thea Turner Burress - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Leslie, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that you and your family are in my prayers. There is really nothing I can say that will help you at this time but know I will always care about you and am here if you need anything.

Jane Gagnon

Jane Gagnon - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Leslie, Mark, and Family,

We were so sad to hear about Marlese. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. She was such a sweet beautiful girl. We have many fond memories of her from her time with us. On occassion when I would get over to Sherwood I would stop by to see former students, and I always made sure I saw Marlese. We will never forgot her.

*Sincerely,
Kelly Kiss and staff*

Kelly Kiss - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ I am very sorry to here about the death of your daughter, my prayers are with you and your family. My Godson Keon Fuller was friends with your daughter, they were classmates, he called and told me and my husband about it. I know its hard to ecepted this, but remember God is on your side and you will see Marlese again. May God be with you and your husband and family.
Love Tonja

Tonja (Knox) McGee - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ marlese was a good friend and when i came in the classroom mad her smile made me happy.i will miss her

January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Leslie, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your precious, beautiful daughter. I send my condolences to you and the rest of the family. Keep God first and he will help you through this hard time. Continue to be strong and trust in the Lord.

Tracy Lampkin - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Leslie

My condolence to you and your family. May God's grace comfort you in a special way.

Tracie & David Brackens - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Les,Anthony please know that our heart are heavy for the loss of Mar-Nee as I always called her .Just remember even though we don't understand sometimes why GOD allows us to go through such painful situations,but he GOD an we trust his decisions. In the morning when you wake just look to the hills for which cometh your help, your help comes from the LORD with made heaven an earth .Were here for you guys when ever or what ever , were just a phone call away.

Terri Curry Baskfield - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Leslie,
I found out later of you great loss. I was truly sadden by this news. I had no idea that your beautiful baby was ill. Just know that my family and I have and will always keep you in prayer for now and always. Please know and I'm sure you do, that God will greet your beautiful baby and care for her as he always have. May God continue to comfort you in your need.
Love Belinda

Belinda Butler - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM