



Willie Thomas

September 17, 1929 - June 21, 2008

Funeral service will take place at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 28, 2008 at Browne's Mortuary, 441 N. Jefferson Ave. Imam Robert Shaheed will officiate with interment in Chapel Hill Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home on Friday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m., where the family will be present at 7:00 p.m. for the family hour. Mrs. Willie B. Thomas departed this world June 22, 2008 following a lengthy illness at the age of 78. She was born September 17, 1929 in Natchez, MS to the late Rev. Julius G. and Rosie (Murphy) Hoskins. After coming to Saginaw, MI in 1952, she married the love of her life, the late David Thomas. Mrs. Thomas was a longtime member of the Islamic Center in Saginaw, MI. She held various positions, including teaching sewing classes to the MGT and GCC. Mrs. Thomas held the position of Lieutenant and Captain of MGT and GCC. She was involved in the Big Sister program in Saginaw for many years. She is survived by one daughter, Gladys Louise Allen; two grandchildren, Daphine Louise Allen-Bardell and David Cecil Allen, Sr.; eight great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson. She leaves to cherish her memories, three sisters, Rosie E. Henderson, Isabella (Bowser) Ware of Natchez, MS and Christa B. McClure of Saginaw, MI; two brothers, John M. Hoskins of Moss Point, MS and Charles E. (Rose) Hoskins of Natchez, MS; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends, including one very special family member, Marie (Abdur) Rashada. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Mary J. O'Neil and Annie L. Thomas; two brothers, Julius G. Hoskins, Jr. and Rev. Ethanel Hoskins; one adopted brother, David Lee

Hoskins and one grandson-in-law, Anthony Q. Bardell.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Death brings sorrow. Sorrow brings tears. Tears are part of the grieving process. God never tells us, "Don't cry. Don't Grieve." He says we are not to grieve as those who have no hope.*
"Grace of Encouragement"-Charles Swindoll

Aunt Willie B., We are most thankful for knowing you all of our lives. You have lived a long and beautiful life and now pain and suffering are no more. We will always remember you for your beautiful smile and your loving heart. We will always love you and treasure the joy you brought with you in your visits back to Mississippi.

Great Neices-- Nikki and Tamika

Andrea Hoskins Gilbert - June 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Sorry to hear of the lost of your beloved Mother Mrs. Thomas. May God bless you and Family at this time of sorrow. May time ease the burden that fill your hearts. I understand your pain I've been there. We knew your mom well My mother, Sister Edester, was also a member of the islamic center. I remember as a child the mosque when the sisters where captains MGT & GCC.*

God Bless You Gladys, and family..

Tembley Reynolds - June 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ *As-Salaam-Alaikum*

I am truly blessed to have known Sis. Willie B. and family for most of my life. My mother, Sabreen (may Allah be pleased with her) and Sis. Willie B. were the best of friends, as well as sisters in Islam. Sis. Willie B. opened her home to the young sisters (in the early 60's) in the Nation of Islam and taught us to sew. So many other beautiful memories.

May Allah be pleased with her as she enters paradise.

My prayers go out to the family.

Hafeeza

Hafeeza Hester - June 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

OJ

“ *My Deepest Condolences Gladys upon the homegoing of your mom ms Willie B. Thomas (Wadia Uqdah). i love You and keep you in my prayers . Your Brother Orlando & Ms Robin. C. Manzer Lange*

Orlando Jones - June 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM