



Geraldine Thomas

May 26, 1944 - August 26, 2021

Geraldine "Gerrie" Thomas, age 77 of Bessemer, Al went home to be with the Lord on August 26, 2021, where she was reunited with the love of her life, Rev. James R. Thomas, Jr. Gerrie loved cooking, gardening, singing hymns in the church choir, the Atlanta Braves, and her beloved Auburn Tigers. Most of all, Gerrie loved her family. She was affectionately known as "Nana" by her grandchildren and great grandson. She could often be found with a smile on her face and a story about her family, she loved spending her weekends on Lake Martin. She was a Southern cook, who was known for her desserts, fried chicken and sweet tea. Gerrie grew up in Bessemer, Alabama graduated from Bessemer High School. She was employed as Cafeteria Manager at McAdory High School and in the Hoover School System, retiring from Bluff Park Elementary in 2003. Gerrie loved serving children and always remembered her students names, she loved the Lord with all the heart and in everything she did.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James R. Thomas, Jr. and her parents, Alloway Horton and Ethel Garner, her brothers Veo Horton, Donny Horton, Lewis Horton and sister, Edna Brookshire. Gerrie is served by her children, Kara (Rick) Kaldrovics, Greg (Sherri) Thomas and Dawn (Brian) Cox; grandchildren, Ragan (Paul) Stone, Luke Thomas, Savannah Thomas, Hudson Cox, Tyler Rice, Jessica Lowe and Sarah ciszek; sister, Peggy Meadows; brother, Jimmy Horton and great-grandchild, Jack Leary Stone.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, September 1st, 2021 at McCalla Memorial Funeral Home from 1:00-2:00 p.m, followed by Funeral Service at 2:00 p.m. Internment will follow at Highland Memorial Gardens.

Cemetery Details

Highland Memorial Gardens

3115 18th Avenue North
Bessemer, AL 35020

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 1. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

McCalla Memorial Funeral Home
4780 Letson Farms Parkway
Mc Calla, AL 35111
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Funeral Service

SEP 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *I miss you mom! I miss calling you and hearing you say, hello baby! I love you!*

Kara Kaldrovics - September 23, 2021 at 07:18 PM

DM

“ *I have lost a very dear friend! As Principal of Bluff Park Elementary, she was my "right hand" lady. So sweet, so compassionate, so hard-working, always ready for any task thrown at her; like the time we received tornado warnings, the kids were being sent home, and Gerrie fed every child in that school in an hour! I also remember the time I was concerned about something being implemented in the lunchroom, some mandate, and I went to discuss it with Gerrie. We talked, we discussed the issue, and then Gerrie put me in my place! She was very good at doing this. She very politely looked me in the face and said, "David, you are the Principal of this school. I will never tell you how to run this school. I am this school's lunchroom manager. Don't tell me how to run this lunchroom." Bang! Lesson learned! Gerrie and I had many, many conversations concerning life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. We talked about our families, our school family, and her love for our Lord, Jesus Christ! She was more than a co-worker. She was my confidant! To hear her and Robyn harmonize their love of music, bouncing off those walls in the lunchroom, always blessed my soul, and always brought a beautiful PEACE to my soul. Sing loud my dear friend. You've earned those wings!*

David Matthews - September 01, 2021 at 01:08 PM



Thank you so much for sharing this memory and coming to her funeral. I'm so glad I got to meet you.

Kara Kaldrovics - September 08, 2021 at 12:58 AM

KA

“ I remember James and Gerrie’s wedding, especially “You May kiss your bride” ! I also remember how thrilled they were getting their 3 gifts from God: Kara, Greg, and Dawn! Grandchildren are icing on the cake and a great grandson is beyond expectations! Love you all,
Kathy



kathy - September 01, 2021 at 10:26 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Geraldine Thomas.



September 01, 2021 at 01:59 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Geraldine Thomas.



August 31, 2021 at 05:22 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Geraldine Thomas.



August 31, 2021 at 04:55 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Geraldine Thomas.*



August 31, 2021 at 03:41 PM

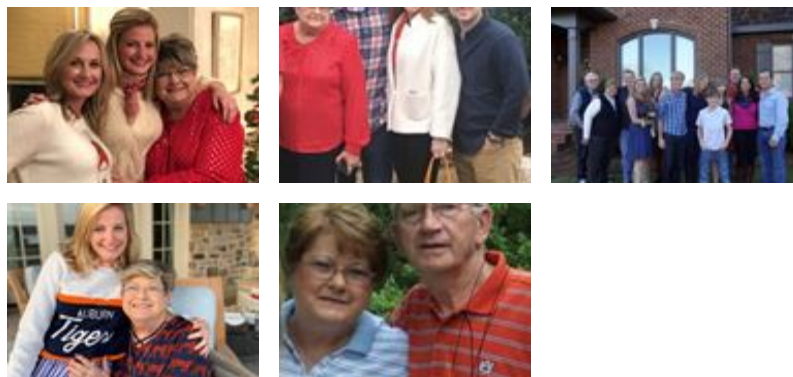


“ *We went camping with Aunt Gerrie and Uncle James many years ago. You knew if you were with them it was gonna be a good time and we would have lots of good food. My husband and James went fishing and Jerry caught a couple. He turned around and there was James right behind him fixing to cast!! Gerrie had the sweetest smile and an even sweeter voice. I know Heaven is rejoicing to have her and James back together and what a mansion the tow will have. Loved you both, Rita Anderson*

Rita Anderson - August 31, 2021 at 02:49 PM



“ *30 files added to the album Life Tributes*



McCalla Memorial Funeral Home - Traditions - August 31, 2021 at 02:19 PM

KB

“ *Kathy, Jeff, Chuck, Cyndy, Jenny & Billy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Geraldine Thomas.*



Kathy, Jeff, Chuck, Cyndy, Jenny & Billy - August 31, 2021 at 01:36 PM



“ *Heavenly and Harmony was purchased for the family of Geraldine Thomas.*



August 31, 2021 at 11:08 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Geraldine Thomas.*



August 31, 2021 at 10:49 AM

PM

“ *My sister was a beautiful person. She loved her family. She was not only my sister, she was my best friend. Sing with the Angels now sister.*

Peggy Meadows - August 30, 2021 at 11:35 PM

PM

“ *Peggy Meadows lit a candle in memory of Geraldine Thomas*



Peggy Meadows - August 30, 2021 at 11:30 PM

SL

“ *I have many memories of my Aunt Gerrie and Uncle James. The big house they built was amazing. I remember as a child thinking it was so beautiful and big. Having sleepovers with Kara, big family reunions, and other special times are all locked away in my heart. See you in heaven one day Aunt Gerrie.*

Sandy Thomas LeRoy - August 30, 2021 at 10:27 PM

GT

“ *I recall going on dates with my uncle James and aunt Gerrie , I was only around 2 or 3 years old and I would stand in the middle of them in the car and my uncle James would say don't you kiss my girlfriend and they would both laugh, then we would go and get a icecream cone , that's was so fun and I cherish them times , I was so blessed to have a Uncle and aunt like them, they taught me about JESUS CHRIST AND I KNOW I WILL SEE THEM IN HEAVEN. JAMES EUGENE THOMAS.*

Gene Thomas - August 30, 2021 at 08:24 PM

KA

Wow 🤔 great memory, and I didn't know your full name until just now! Over 60 years being your cousin and I didn't know. Love you 🥰 Kathy

kathy - August 31, 2021 at 10:14 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Geraldine Thomas.*



August 30, 2021 at 06:21 PM



“ *Katherine & Dan Rayburn purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Geraldine Thomas.*



Katherine & Dan Rayburn - August 30, 2021 at 03:47 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Geraldine Thomas.*



August 30, 2021 at 02:16 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Geraldine Thomas.*



August 30, 2021 at 10:33 AM