

Order of Service

Processional..... Clergy and Family
Prayer of Comfort Ernest Lee Thomas III, Grandson
Scripture Readings..... Dr. Braxtin Lee Thomas, Grandson
Musical Selection..... Michael Pope
Poem..... Michael Brandon Maddox, Grandson
Reflections of Love and Laughter:
Longtime Friend of Arnessa Petrina Moody Howard
First Cousin..... Larry Nunn
Granddaughter Cherrell Thomas
Daughter..... Arnessa Thomas Leverett
Musical Selection Michael Pope
Eulogy..... Reverend Monique Summers
Recessional

If I Can Help Somebody
By: Mahalia Jackson

If I can help somebody, as I travel along.
If I can help somebody with a word or song.
If I can help somebody from doing wrong,
Then my living shall not be in vain.
No, my living shall not be in vain.
No, my living should not be in vain.
No, my living shall not be in vain.
If I can help somebody as I'm singing the song.
You know my living shall not be in vain.
Read By Brandon Maddox, Grandson

Pallbearers
Family and Friends

Floral Attendants
Family and Friends

Interment
Evergreen Cemetery
1409 Monroe Avenue
Opelika, Alabama 36801

Acknowledgment

The family of the late Mrs. Josephine Dorsey Thomas acknowledges with grateful appreciation all acts of kindness, prayers, cards, telephone calls, flowers, and words of comfort extended to us during our time of bereavement. May God bless each one of you.

IN MEMORIAM

May we take this opportunity to express sincere and deep appreciation for allowing us to serve you during this most difficult period. It is our constant aim to afford to the people of this community a service completed in all details and faultlessly executed with sympathy and understanding.

Final Arrangements Entrusted to:



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*Celebration
of Life
FOR*



Josephine
DORSEY THOMAS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 2025
1:00 P.M.

**SAINT LUKE AFRICAN METHODIST
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**
1308 Auburn Street
Opelika, AL 36801

REVEREND MONIQUE SUMMERS, OFFICIATING

The Obituary

Mrs. Josephine Dorsey Thomas, daughter of the late Mr. Walter Woods and Mrs. Evelena Thomas Dorsey and Albert Dorsey, was born May 27, 1936, in Lee County, Alabama.

At an early age she confessed Christ and united with Saint Luke African Methodist Episcopal Church in Opelika, Alabama where she served as a Past President of the Stewardess Board and served on the Missionary Society.

She was the Treasurer of the Spring Hill Community Association and was a founding Member and treasurer of the Carnet Social Club. In her spare time, she loved playing cards, especially Rummy Royal and Spades.

On Friday, August 22, 2025, she departed this life at her home in Opelika, Alabama. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest Lee Thomas, Sr. and three sons, Horace Keith Thomas, Michael Dexter Thomas and Alvin Craig Thomas.

She leaves to cherish her memory: two children, Arnessa Thomas Leverett of Montgomery, AL and Ernest Lee Thomas, Jr. (Sommer) of Nashville, TN; four grandchildren, Cherrell Thomas (Maurice) of Stone Mountain, GA, Michael Brandon Maddox of Montgomery, AL, Ernest Lee Thomas III of Ft. Walton Beach, FL and Dr. Braxtin Thomas of Nashville, TN; one great-granddaughter, Ahria Ogbuehi of Stone Mountain, GA; loving daughter-in-law, Bonita Reed Thomas of Atlanta, GA; one sister-in-law, Jeanette Miles of Atlanta, GA; one bonus great-granddaughter, Caitlyn Stovall of Montgomery, AL; devoted former son-in-law, Carnell Maddox of Opelika, AL; the loving JAT's (Thomas Family); the Nunn Family; her very caring longtime Spring Hill Neighbors, Dorothy Hughley, Williams Harper, Stanley Kellom and Charles Lyles all of Opelika, AL; dedicated friend, Elvis Allen of Dallas, TX; two special baby girls, Ava Russell and Deborah Mitchell both of Opelika, AL; longtime friends, Dorothy Flakes, Jeanette Burton and Pearlie Mae Carr all of Opelika, AL; a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

