



## Mary E Thomas-O'Pharrow

April 26, 1940 - December 11, 2018

Mary Elizabeth Thomas O'Pharrow, 78 was born April 26, 1940 in Mountain City, Tennessee to the late Raymond Thomas and Katherine White Thomas. She departed this life on Tuesday December 11, 2018.

She resided in Mountain City until the age of 13, when she moved to Elizabethton, TN for the next five years. Shortly thereafter she relocated to Johnson City for one (1) year. Mary attended and graduated from Douglas High School, at which time she enrolled in the beauty school in Johnson City. After beauty school, she relocated to New York City "The Big Apple" for the next twenty or thirty years of her life. After raising a family as a single parent in NYC she decided to relocate to Rocky Mountain, Virginia where she lived for several years, before returning back home to Johnson City, Tennessee.

She was preceded in death: by her son James Thomas and four brothers: Harry, Robert (Bobby), David, and Raymond Thomas.

She leaves to cherish her memories: Son, Michael (Tracy) Thomas, West Palm Beach, Florida; Jeffrey (Julia) Thomas, Johnson City, Tennessee; Michelle (Rich) Freeman, Edgewood, Maryland; three sisters Brenda Wright, Brooklyn, New York; Elaine (Mildred) Brady, Johnson City, Tennessee; Janie Thomas, Johnson City, Tennessee. Grand children: Brandon, Braelyn, Odysse, Destinie, Michael Jr., Milak, Nia, Xandria, Ayana (Yaya), Great

Grandchildren: Kameron, Damaria, Antoia, Jada, Jaelynn, Zaya, Kirah, and Kamdon, and host of nieces and nephews.

Until her health declined, Mary was a devoted member of Bethel Christian Church where she served faithfully on the Usher Board, Christian Women's Fellowship and Loaves and Fishes. She was employed with Home Instead as a dedicated CNA who cared for people. While employed with Home Instead she met some wonderful people and formed a long-lasting friendship with them all.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00pm Monday December 17, 2018 at Bethel Christian Church in Jonesborough TN. The family will receive friends from 12:00p, until 1:00pm at the church prior to the service. Interment will follow at Washington County Memory Gardens.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 17. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Bethel Christian Church  
701 Depot St  
Jonesborough, TN 37659

## Service

DEC 17. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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701 Depot St  
Jonesborough, TN 37659

## Interment

DEC 17. 2:45 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Washington County Memory Gardens  
113 Memory Gardens Rd.  
Johnson City, TN 37615

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary E Thomas-O'Pharrow*

January 29, 2023 at 10:28 PM



“ *Mary was a beautiful and loving person who will always be remembered. Prayers will be continued for the family. My love and deepest sympathy.*



**Deborah Simmons Grey** - January 11, 2019 at 08:25 PM



“ *Brenda Akins Charles sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary E Thomas-O'Pharrow*



**Brenda Akins Charles** - December 23, 2018 at 05:05 PM



“ *Moricina Fain lit a candle in memory of Mary E Thomas-O'Pharrow*



**Moricina Fain** - December 17, 2018 at 08:11 PM



*Keeping the family in my prayers.*

**Moricina Fain** - December 17, 2018 at 08:11 PM

MF

“ *Moriches Fain lit a candle in memory of Mary E Thomas-O'Pharrow*



**Moriches Fain** - December 17, 2018 at 08:00 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary E Thomas-O'Pharrow.*



December 16, 2018 at 06:58 PM

CA

“ *Crystal Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mary E Thomas-O'Pharrow*



**crystal anderson** - December 15, 2018 at 06:09 PM

CB

“ *Charles Bufford lit a candle in memory of Mary E Thomas-O'Pharrow*



**charles bufford** - December 15, 2018 at 03:29 PM

HK

“ *Howie & Billie Kemper sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary E Thomas-O'Pharrow*



Howie & Billie Kemper - December 15, 2018 at 11:35 AM

HK

“ *Howie & Billie Kemper lit a candle in memory of Mary E Thomas-O'Pharrow*



Howie & Billie Kemper - December 15, 2018 at 11:35 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary E Thomas-O'Pharrow.*



December 15, 2018 at 10:17 AM

RH

“ *Robert Hall lit a candle in memory of Mary E Thomas-O'Pharrow*



Robert Hall - December 15, 2018 at 10:05 AM

MJ

“ Oh how I love my sweet aunty Mary. Thank you for embracing & loving me unconditionally. Thank God for you warm smile, & energetic youthfull spirit. My children and I will always remember you as you were. All my love, your nice Monique (Harry's daughter)



monique jones - December 14, 2018 at 11:34 PM

MF

“ Dear Momma,

All the words could not express the love for you. You are a great mom and I'm glad for the gift of forgiveness and reconciliation. I Love You!

Michelle Freeman - December 14, 2018 at 06:39 PM

MJ

Love you guys, Monique.

monique jones - December 14, 2018 at 11:43 PM

JW

“ Janice Wells sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary E Thomas-O'Pharrow



Janice wells - December 14, 2018 at 01:14 PM

WJ

“ *Wilma Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Mary E Thomas-O'Pharrow*



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**Wilma Jenkins** - December 14, 2018 at 01:06 PM

NP

“ *NANCY AKINS POSEY sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary E Thomas-O'Pharrow*



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**NANCY AKINS POSEY** - December 14, 2018 at 11:36 AM

NP

“ *SORRY FOR THE OF YOUR LOVE ONE.  
MAY GOD COMFORT THE FAMILY @ THIS  
TIME.  
MARY WAS A WONDERFUL AND  
BEAUTIFUL PERSON, MAY SHE REST IN  
PEACE. SHE  
WILL BE GREATLY MISSED. NANCY ( AKINS ) POSEY*



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**NANCY AKINS POSEY** - December 14, 2018 at 11:35 AM

VS

“ *Praying for your family, Vanessa Stephens*

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**Vanessa Stephens** - December 14, 2018 at 11:14 AM

LB

“ We met Ms. Mary about 12 years ago and from the beginning she always had a warm, giving, and loving spirit. She loved her church and her family. She will be missed, but we know she is resting in God's arms.



*Lee, Lydia, & Lee III*

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**LEE & LYDIA BRIDWELL** - December 14, 2018 at 09:23 AM

EB

“ *EE & LYDIA BRIDWELL lit a candle in memory of Mary E Thomas-O'Pharrow*



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**EE & LYDIA BRIDWELL** - December 14, 2018 at 09:10 AM

LJ

“ *Louis Locke Jr lit a candle in memory of Mary E Thomas-O'Pharrow*



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**Louis Locke Jr** - December 14, 2018 at 06:02 AM

MD

“ *Melvin Drumgoole sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary E Thomas-O'Pharrow*



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**Melvin Drumgoole** - December 14, 2018 at 05:31 AM

VF

“ *Viola Patton And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary E Thomas-O'Pharrow*



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**Viola Patton and family** - December 13, 2018 at 10:29 PM

VF

*We love you family  
In our prayers.*

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**Viola Patton and family** - December 13, 2018 at 10:30 PM

JT

“ *My mom was a beautiful soul, she would you the shirt off her back. Mom I will miss you dearly. I Love you so much! Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same. But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again. I Love You!*

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**jeff thomas** - December 13, 2018 at 08:08 PM