



Ann Williams Thomas

March 16, 1937 - June 14, 2020

MAZINA ANN WILLIAMS THOMAS, AGE 83

And a resident of the Pine/Thomas Community died Sunday night June 14, 2020 at her home after a lengthy illness. She was born in Greenville, Alabama on March 16, 1937 and later graduated high school early before attending LSU on an academic scholarship. While at LSU, she played the French horn in the Tiger Band and twirled the baton as a member of the Golden Girls. She also graduated early from LSU and later obtained a Master's Degree and Specialist Degree from the University of West Georgia. "Mrs. Ann" as she was affectionately known then taught school for over 50 years. She touched the lives of countless young people while serving at Thomas School for many years, teaching English/Language Arts, science and other subjects in different grade levels through the years. Mrs. Ann provided leadership for the Beta Club and 4-H Club as well as the yearbook committee. She was a longtime active member of Pine First Baptist Church, where she played the piano for services and numerous weddings. Mrs. Ann was involved with the Explorers Post 254 and coached youth softball for many years. She loved traveling and had been to Hawaii, Europe, and the Bahamas among many vacation spots. Mrs. Ann loved sewing and making crafts and alongside her husband, served on the Watermelon Festival committee during its time in Franklinton. Mrs. Ann was always devoted to the needs of young people in our area and will be sadly missed by her beloved family, church family and all those that knew her.

Survived by:

3 Sons and Daughters in law: Richard Houston Thomas, Jr. of Temple, GA,
Johnny Lee Thomas and Carolyn Thomas of Bremen, GA,
Michael Wayne Thomas and Claire Soupart Thomas of Slidell

Daughter in law: Sondra Mizell Thomas of the Thomas Community

10 Grandchildren and Spouses: Dianna Michelle Hull and Steve Hull,
Darrell Mark Thomas,
Dorothy Mazina Jean Thomas,
Richard Houston Thomas, III and Kathryn Thomas,
Joshua Lee Thomas and Lindsey White Thomas,
Pamela Nicole Thomas,
Kimberly Shannon Meeler and Corey Meeler,
Matthew Johnny Thomas and Melissa Heller Thomas,
Tiffany Darleen King and Chad King,
Brandon Keith Thomas and Chelsea Tate Thomas

24 Great-grandchildren and 1 Great-great-grandson

Sister: Betty Lou Higgins of Georgia

Brother and Sister in law: Charner Leon Williams, Jr. and Bobbie Williams of Florida

Also several nephews and many dear friends

She was preceded in death by her son Keith Thomas, her husband of 55 years Richard Houston Thomas, Sr., twin great-grandsons Lawson Lane

Thomas and Major Kent Thomas, parents Charner Leon Williams, Sr. and Johnnie Dera Jones Williams.

Visitation will be at Pine First Baptist Church Wednesday June 17th from 5:00 pm until 9:00 pm and after 9:00 am on Thursday. A funeral service will be held in the church at 11:00 am Thursday with Rev. David Easterling officiating. Burial will follow in the Thomas Cemetery.

Pallbearers: Mark Thomas, Richard Thomas, III, Josh Thomas, Brandon Thomas, Matt Thomas, Chad King, Steve Hull, Corey Meeler

Tribute Wall

LE

“ Mrs. Thomas was a great English teacher and a fantastic director of our senior play 1969-1970! She could portray practically any accent, particularly good with a Scottish accent! As seniors, we were rather hard to control, but she managed and our play and prom were successful! The last senior play in Buchanan High School. I saw her one New Year's Eve when she visited Buchanan. She looked great and still had a 24 inch waistline!!!! I will always remember Mrs. Thomas as a concerned and talented lady who always gave her best to her students. God bless her family.
Lana Kimball ELEFANTE
Buchanan, Ga.

Lana Elefante - June 18, 2020 at 01:42 PM

MK

“ I was a member of the third grade class at Thomas where Mrs. Ann began her teaching career. She was just out of college and wore such cute clothes with 3 inch heels. She was also a wonderful teacher. Later in life I was fortunate to teach with her at Thomas. Even later she would teach my daughter in junior high. I have nothing but fond memories of Mrs. Ann. She was a classy lady.
Melanie Knight

Melanie Knight - June 16, 2020 at 09:58 PM

JB

“ I hate to hear this! She was my favorite teacher and I did the explorers club with her! She was such a wonderful person!

Jessica Boudreaux - June 16, 2020 at 07:41 PM

AU

“ Beautiful lady, always smiling, will miss her.
She is dancing with Jesus.



Audrey - June 16, 2020 at 02:54 PM

PS

“ Mrs. Ann taught me at Buchanan schools in Georgia. She was always fair to all of us and fun to be around. I remember her coming back to visit in our small town and coming to have breakfast at my sisters cafe. She taught us both and was glad to see us. She always let us boys know that she had four boys and she knew how to handle them for sure. What an awesome educator she was and I am sure she will be missed by many. Prayers to her family at this time.

Pastor Rick Shirley - June 15, 2020 at 04:18 PM

CB

I don't know where to start. There are people in life that teach you , mentor you and just show you what life and loving one another should be. Mrs. Ann was all of those. This world right now could just use more of her.

To the family my prayers are with you. Just know that Mrs. Ann has got her reward. She earned it, and this man will always be thankful she was a part of my life. Thank You Mrs. Ann I love you.

Clifford Brown Sr.

clifford brown - June 15, 2020 at 07:27 PM

JM

My condolences to the Thomas family. Mrs. Thomas was my teacher at Buchanan Jr. High for Fine Arts/Speech and Drama in 8th grade, and I loved her and that class. I have many fond memories of the plays that we did, and she was such a warm and caring person. I am so very thankful that she shared her knowledge and gifts with us.

JerriLynn Mooney - June 15, 2020 at 08:09 PM

JP

Very sorry , Ms. Thomas was my English Teacher as she was for many of the students that attended Buchanan High School. Ms. Thomas was also my home room teach, senior year, this class included myself, David Wells, Tony Partridge and Michael Helton and others which speaks volumes as to her abilities as a Teacher. I always had great respect for Ms. Thomas and in spite of my mischievous personality we had fun and yes I enjoyed and learned in my English Classes. I continue to utilize a method Ms. Thomas taught me regarding when to use me or I properly in a sentence. Ms. Thomas also helped with our school plays, I admit I was terrible, class car wash, Junior and our Senior Proms. Ms. Thomas represents what all Teachers should aspire to be. Please accept my heartfelt condolences God Bless and know there are many former students, just like me, that hold a special place in their heart and memory for Ms. Thomas.

James Paxton - June 16, 2020 at 11:41 AM