



## Betty Smith Thomas

October 4, 1948 - December 30, 2024

### BETTY SMITH THOMAS, AGE 76

And resident of Mount Hermon passed away Monday night December 30, 2024 at St. Tammany Parish Hospital after a courageous battle with cancer. She was born in Tylertown on October 4, 1948 and was a Class of 1966 graduate of Mt. Hermon High School, where she played on the Lady Jackets basketball team. Betty was a member of the State Championship basketball teams in 1966 and 1967, an accomplishment she was forever proud of. She married Donald Ray Thomas on July 8, 1967. Betty worked as a beautician in Franklinton until she and her husband opened Donald's Hardware (later known as Pine Hardware) in 1975. The couple bought Pine Malt Stand in 1977, selling the hardware store soon after. They operated the restaurant for over 25 years and always enjoyed serving and visiting with the families they met so often. Betty then did clerical and admitting work at Our Lady of The Angels Hospital until her retirement.

She was a longtime active member of Pine First Baptist Church that truly loved the Lord and her church family. Betty possessed a strong Christian faith that she frequently expressed with others and was comfortable sharing trusted advice to her family and friends in the times it was needed. She loved taking care of her yard and tending to her beautiful flower gardens. Betty was an avid sports fan, especially basketball, watching different games on TV or in person

for her extended family. She will be lovingly remembered as a person that enjoyed life to the fullest and was always a joy to be around.

Survived by:

Daughter: Brandy Thomas

Sister and Brother in law: Mary and Chip Burr

Sisters in law and Brothers in law: Janis and Raymond Fisher,  
Randy and Delaine Thomas,  
Diane and Jimmy Bickham,  
Darlene Thomas,  
Joyce Thomas

Nephews and Nieces and great-nephews and great-nieces:  
Clay, Brenda, Lilly and Wyatt Smith,  
Brandon, Jill, Parker and Shelby Burr,  
Kayla, Chad, Camden, Oliver, Jack and Lucas Cathey,  
Melisa Thomas, Brooke Crain Barlow and family,  
Michelle, Maddox Thomas and family,  
Matt, Kathy, Patrick, Emma and Jack Thomas,  
Travis Thomas and family,  
Luke Thomas and family,  
Cody and Aniken Thomas,  
Amanda, Jody, Will and Lainey Deas,  
Justin, Noah(Cuneo) and Joshua Ard,  
Conner, Madison and Nathan Ard,  
Madison Ard and soon to be family

Bonus Family: Lance Rogers and family,

Vance and Tamara Rogers and family,  
Jimmy, Diane, Amber, Angela, Matthew Stuart and families

Also numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and many dear friends

Betty was welcomed into Heaven by her husband Donald Ray Thomas, parents Fleet Smith, Jr. and Willene Webb Smith, brother Don Smith, father in law and mother in law DL and Artie Thomas, brothers in law Dewey Thomas, Durwin Thomas and other family members.

A memorial service will be held for her family and friends at Pine First Baptist Church (27043 Hwy. 62) on Saturday January 11, 2025. Visitation will begin at 10:00 am with a celebration of Betty's life at 12:00 pm with Rev. David Easterling officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks you to donate to your chosen Cancer Charity in honor of Betty.

# Tribute Wall

CB

“ Calvin & Michelle Barcomb purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Betty Smith Thomas.



Calvin & Michelle Barcomb - January 08, 2025 at 10:31 PM

FG

“ FROM MIKE AND GRAHAM purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Betty Smith Thomas.



FROM MIKE AND GRAHAM - January 07, 2025 at 06:54 AM

FG

“ FROM MIKE AND GRAHAM planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Smith Thomas.

FROM MIKE AND GRAHAM - January 07, 2025 at 06:54 AM

 Donna Chastant

“ Donna Chastant lit a candle in memory of Betty Smith Thomas



Donna Chastant - January 07, 2025 at 02:27 AM



Donna  
Chastant

*So many great memories! I love you, Brandy, praying for you so much.*

**Donna Chastant** - January 07, 2025 at 02:33 AM



MW

*To Brandy and the Thomas family my deepest condolences and prayers for you all during this difficult time. It was a honor and pleasure to have worked alongside Mrs. Betty as she was affectionately called at the job. She was full of compassion and love for all who came to truly know her. I will never forget her wonderful smile she was family to all of us as well. I will truly miss her.*

**mike williams** - January 09, 2025 at 09:46 PM



SB

*“ Deepest sympathy for this family during this time. Cherished memories of when Betty and I played softball together for many years. Lots of fun and laughter. Along with memories of Pine Malt Stand..  
Cherished memories..*

**Sharon and John Beckett** - January 04, 2025 at 08:55 PM



FC

*“ I keep losing those students I taught. Betty was special with a wonderful sense of humor. She was a very good basketball player and could be tough on the court. She and Don had great support from their parents.  
Mr. Finley  
Finley Corkern*

**Finley Corkern** - January 02, 2025 at 11:42 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Smith Thomas.*



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January 01, 2025 at 09:27 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Betty Smith Thomas.

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January 01, 2025 at 09:27 PM



“ *Susan Barber lit a candle in memory of Betty Smith Thomas*



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**Susan Barber** - January 01, 2025 at 06:33 PM



“ *Brandy, I am so sorry. I am praying for comfort for you.*

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**Sandy Toney** - January 01, 2025 at 05:52 PM



“ *We went to Beauty School together. She was so sweet. Always loved seeing her from time to mine. She will be missed.*

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**Regina Forbes** - January 01, 2025 at 05:49 PM

BW

“ *We are so sorry to hear of her loss. Praying for her family and friends.* ”

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**Benjamin Webb** - January 01, 2025 at 02:53 PM

CS

“ *Thoughts and prayers for the family during your time of loss.* ”

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**Calvin Simmons** - January 01, 2025 at 02:38 PM