



## Nelline Thomas

September 20, 1929 - January 31, 2013

NELLINE THOMAS, AGE 83

And a lifelong resident of the Thomas Community, died at 10:30 PM Thursday, January 31, 2013 at Riverside Medical Center.

She was a member of the Thomas First Baptist Church and served as Secretary/Treasurer for many years.

She and her late husband, R.O. were owners and operators of the Thomas Grocery in Thomas for forty-six years. Mrs. Nelline also retired after forty-six years as the librarian of the Thomas Branch Library. She was instrumental in donating land and securing funding for the new Thomas Branch Library that was dedicated in her honor during the grand opening ceremony.

"Mrs. Nelline" as she was fondly remembered, also donated the foundation for the Thomas Community Health Center. She was the long time treasurer of the Thomas Cemetery. Through the years, she and her husband dedicated much time and effort to maintaining the grounds of the cemetery and she and her family have also donated additional land for its expansion.

A cornerstone of the Thomas Community for eighty-three years, she was loved by many and known all her life as a hard worker. She was a generous contributor to the community and especially to people in need.

Survived by:

Daughter: Dianna Thomas of Thomas

2 Sons and a daughter in law: Dr. Kerry Thomas of Amite, Former Senator Dr. Jerry and Lou Ann Thomas of Thomas

6 Grandchildren and spouses: Nancy Nelline Thomas, M.D. and John Boyle, M.D. of Madisonville, Kerry Owen Thomas, Jr. of Hammond, Jason Thomas, M.D. of Washington, D.C., Pete and Angela Thomas of Stateline, Lander and Melissa Thomas of Thomas, Joanna Thomas of Baton Rouge

5 Great grandchildren: Jon-Ashton and Lily Thomas, Benjamin, Brooklyn and Elise Boyle

3 Sisters in law: Margie T. Passman of Franklinton, Louise Frazier of Birmingham, AL, Melba Rae Thomas of Franklinton

She was preceded in death by her husband R.O. Thomas, son Richie Thomas, two infant children, parents James Lacy Thomas and Viola Wood Thomas, brother James Lander Thomas, and sister Phylor Wood.

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home on Sunday, February 3, 2013 from 12 Noon until 4 PM and after 9 AM Monday. A funeral service will be held at 11AM Monday in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Denny Brumfield and Rev. Harold Gaddy. Burial will follow Thomas Cemetery.

Since she and her husband were active in the care and maintenance of the Thomas Cemetery, in lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Thomas Cemetery Fund, C/O Van Thomas, 51415 Hwy 438, Franklinton, Louisiana 70438.

Obituaries can be viewed online at [www.crainfh.com](http://www.crainfh.com)

# Tribute Wall

CW

“ Dear Dianna, I am so sorry to read about your Mother. She was such a sweet, caring lady and a hoot. I know she will certainly be missed. Prayers for all of you.

Cheryl Watts - February 09, 2013 at 07:47 PM

JR

“ My heart goes out to one of my favorite families during this time. You kids have always been like a family to me and I loved your Mom and Dad. One of my favorite memories was spending Christmas Eve at your home when I was Pastor at Thomas. In my mind that was what Christmas was all about. Nelline will be missed by everyone, but especially you kids and grandkids. Our prayer is with you.

Jim Richardson - February 04, 2013 at 12:54 PM

ML

“ Dr. Jerry Thomas and Family, I am prayerful with you and your family at this time. May the Lord comfort and strengthen you all at this time and in days ahead. Your mother contributed so much to Washington Parish.

Marilyn D. Lott - February 04, 2013 at 12:14 PM

LV

“ Prayers and sympathy for the family. I have many childhood memories of Mrs Nelline growing up in Thomas . Very special lady .

Lorie Tynes Vernon - February 04, 2013 at 09:54 AM

NM

“ My deepest sympathy to the Thomas family. Mrs. Nelline was a wonderful mother, friend and citizen of the Thomas community. Her memory will live on forever.

Nancy T. Miller - February 04, 2013 at 08:55 AM

SC

“ My sympathy to Kerry, Jerry and Diana. Your mother as well as your daddy, was one of my favorite relatives in Johnny's family. She was an icon in Washington parish and will always be remembered fondly. God give you peace

Sally Champagne - February 03, 2013 at 07:45 PM

FS

“ to the family of mrs nelline so sorry for your lost

Frank and Terisa Sumrall - February 03, 2013 at 04:09 PM

LB

“ You are in my prayers...I'm so sorry for your loss. God Bless You!!!

Loretta Bracey - February 03, 2013 at 02:06 PM

CC

“ To the Family: I am so sorry for your loss. To lose a family member or friend in death can be very devastating. Believe me, our Creator feels your pain and He will comfort you and bring you a measure of peace. (Psalms 55:22; 2 Corinthians 1: 3,4) Death was not a part of his original purpose, and he has furnished a guarantee by means of his son, Christ Jesus to undo all the pain and suffering we've had to endure. (John 5:28; Revelation 21:4). May his promises bring you comfort.

Carolyn Calhoun - February 03, 2013 at 01:16 PM

MG

“ *Lou Ann, sorry to hear about your mother-in-law. We will be thinking of you.*

*Melanie Garland and Allison*

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**Melanie Garland** - February 03, 2013 at 12:54 PM

JF

“ *To Diana, Jerry, Kerry Thomas, and Anut Nell's grandchildren and great children. Kyoko and I were sorry to learn of your mother, grandmother and great grandmother, my Aunt Nell, passing. We know the last few years of her life have been difficult as her health declined. I know that she is with Jesus now and is no longer suffering. I loved her and Uncle R O and I miss them both. I enjoyed the times that I visited them and you. I appreciate the lessons they taught me as a child, the stories they shared with me, and memories of them and those times will always be apart of my heart. It was privilege know both Uncle R O and Aunt Nell. I wish my Kyoko couldn't have know both of them. Thomas, Franklinton, and Washington Parrish is and will always be my home too. I sorry Kyoko and I cannot come pay our respects personally. Diana, Jerry, and Kerry you all in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Cousin Jim and Kyoko Frazier*

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**Jim Frazier** - February 03, 2013 at 11:36 AM

RP

“ *Dianne, Jerry and Kerry, Your mother was a great lady. Mrs. Neline will be missed by everyone that knew her. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

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**Regina (Crain) Pierce** - February 03, 2013 at 10:36 AM

JP

“ We were saddened to hear of your loss, and we are praying for your family. May God give you comfort and peace.

Joseph & Martha Lee Palotta - February 02, 2013 at 08:43 PM

SD

“ I'm so sorry for the loss of your Mother. Diane, I know you took such good care of her. The entire family is in my prayers. I know you all will be comforted as you think back and recall the wonderful memories of your Mother. God bless you all.

Sylvia Garrett Dugas - February 02, 2013 at 11:58 AM

CC

“ My precious Aunt Nell who will be missed by every one. So many fond memories of her. Charles and Pat (Thomas) Cowart

Charles and Pat Cowart - February 01, 2013 at 09:15 PM

SM

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Your family will be in my prayers. Ms. Nelline was a wonderful woman.

Sandra Penton Mohon - February 01, 2013 at 08:59 PM

RR

“ Very sorry about your mom Jerry. I am praying for you.

Rick richardson - February 01, 2013 at 07:52 PM

JM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. "Granny" was so special and will never be forgotten.

James and Karen Miller - February 01, 2013 at 06:21 PM

DT

“ *R.O. and Nelline's family; Sorry about your loss. Nelline was a fine Lady. Have lots of good memories of her and R.O.*

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**Devon and Delores Thomas** - February 01, 2013 at 06:05 PM