



## Evangelist Willie L. Thomas

September 13, 1945 - September 23, 2024

Willie Lawrence Thomas was born on September 13, 1945, in Lithonia, GA to the late Rubin and Elnora Thomas. At a young age, Willie gave his life to Christ at Moses Tabernacle COGIC. Willie attended Bruce School in Lithonia, GA, and was known for being a star football player. He was very passionate about it and would often say he would rather play football than to eat.

Later, Willie married his “Baby Doll”, Veola Hughey on February 19, 1990.

Together they united their families and began a life centered on the word of God and evangelism. Together, they founded and Pastored the Church of Life Deliverance Tabernacle in Lula, GA. Willie also played a fundamental role in the building of the church, along with his brother Elder Henry Thomas.

Willie work in several trade areas, such as trucking and masonry with his brother Henry, and retired from Prime Pack in Gainesville, GA. Willie was well known in Georgia and many surrounding states for evangelism, knocking on doors, witnessing to others, and singing. He openly professed and displayed his love for Christ. He would travel faithfully and set up his tent for summer revivals, gospel tent nights, and prayer services, all to fulfill the call on his life to spread the gospel and bring souls to Jesus Christ.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Rubin and Elnora Thomas; his brothers, Charles Franklin and Anthony Thomas; Her sisters, Ruby Daugherty, Rosemary Hamm, and Carol Thomas; stepson Apostle Roderick L. (Velmeka) Hughey, Sr.; two sister in laws, Mary Thomas and Eloise Thomas; and leaves the following to cherish his precious memories: His devoted wife of 34 years,

Pastor Veola H. Thomas; two sons, Michael and Tracey Thomas; three daughters, Cheryl (O'Brien) Brown, Fennis (Crawford) Bailey, and Angela (Wayne) McKinley; two brothers, Henry Thomas, and Theris (Toxi) Thomas; one sister, Belinda (Rick) Haynes; one sister in law Maria Lewis; stepson, Jeffrey Malone; two stepdaughters, Hattie Malone and Lorraine Parks; Twenty-nine grandchildren; Twenty-five great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, extended family, and friends.

Willie will be remembered as "The Singing Evangelist", a husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend. His voice, spirit, and passion will forever echo in the hearts of all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

# Cemetery Details

## Westview Cemetery

Lula, GA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 27. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wimberly Funeral Home  
325 Summitt St SE  
Gainesville, GA 30501  
(770) 536-3251  
info@wimberlyjackson.com  
<https://www.wimberlyjacksonfuneralhome.com>

## Receiving Friends

SEP 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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325 Summitt St SE  
Gainesville, GA 30501  
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## Funeral Service

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SEP **28**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Church of Life  
6700 Lookout Court  
Lula, GA 30554

# Tribute Wall



“ *Deborah Collins lit a candle in memory of Evangelist Willie L. Thomas*



Deborah Collins - September 27, 2024 at 04:32 PM



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Deborah Collins - September 27, 2024 at 04:32 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Evangelist Willie L. Thomas.*



September 26, 2024 at 02:53 PM



“ *Marie Manning Frederick & Jim Frederick planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Evangelist Willie L. Thomas.*

Marie Manning Frederick & Jim Frederick - September 26, 2024 at 02:53 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Evangelist Willie L. Thomas.* ”



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September 26, 2024 at 02:44 PM



“ *The Community Church of Atlanta would like to send our deepest condolences to Pastor Veola Thomas & the entire Thomas family. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you!* ”

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**TCCATL** - September 25, 2024 at 08:45 PM



“ *Charline Niles sent a virtual gift in memory of Evangelist Willie L. Thomas* ”



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**Charline Niles** - September 25, 2024 at 08:24 AM



“ *Catherine Wilmont lit a candle in memory of Evangelist Willie L. Thomas* ”



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**Catherine Wilmont** - September 24, 2024 at 03:48 PM

WM

“ Wanda Marlowe lit a candle in memory of  
Evangelist Willie L. Thomas



Wanda Marlowe - September 24, 2024 at 12:30 PM

DC

“ Deborah Collins lit a candle in memory of  
Evangelist Willie L. Thomas



Deborah Collins - September 24, 2024 at 11:19 AM

TJ

“ Toni Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Evangelist Willie L. Thomas



Toni johnson - September 24, 2024 at 10:58 AM

JY

“ Janice Young lit a candle in memory of  
Evangelist Willie L. Thomas



Janice Young - September 24, 2024 at 10:36 AM

JM

“ *Joyce Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Evangelist Willie L. Thomas*



**Joyce Mitchell** - September 24, 2024 at 09:21 AM

MM

“ *Mary Moore lit a candle in memory of Evangelist Willie L. Thomas*



**Mary Moore** - September 23, 2024 at 07:56 PM



“ *One thing for sure I know you crossed Jordan River to take your rest as a citizen of Heaven.  
One of God five star generals that went near and far to preach the gospel to the lost.  
You was concerned about everyone and spoke the word of God to those that had ears to hear.  
You loved us all like we were your natural born children.  
I will miss you dearly but you are in my heart to never depart.  
The blood done signed your name in the Lambs Book of Life and it is sealed and finished.  
Rest for now and remember we will continue this race until we see you again.  
Love Always  
Your daughter  
Lisa Battle*

**Lisa Battle** - September 23, 2024 at 02:54 PM

PT

*Amen Daughter Lisa. We love you and thank you for all you done for Willie.*

**Pastor Veola Thomas** - September 25, 2024 at 05:19 PM

KF

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



**Kevin & Laura Bailey & Family** - September 23, 2024 at 01:42 PM

KF

“ We gonna miss you man of God but we know that you are at rest with Jesus Christ! We love you Pastor Thomas, Elder Thomas, Mrs. Belinda and husband, Mr. Therron and wife, all the children and spouses, and grandchildren! Praying for healing and peace in Jesus name Amen!



**Kevin & Laura Bailey & Family** - September 23, 2024 at 01:18 PM

VT

*Thank so much for your support and prayers. Pastor Veola Thomas*

**Veola Thomas** - October 07, 2024 at 10:18 PM