



Mary Helen Thomas

September 25, 1937 - November 30, 2024

Mary Helen Thomas was born on September 25, 1937, in Elberton County to Sallie Mae Cade Fortson and Peter Fortson. She graduated from Bethel Grove High School. Helen was a devoted member of the church. She joined Rose Hill Baptist Church at an early age. She later joined Antioch Baptist Church where she served on the usher board, the women of Grace and the senior citizen ministry. Helen departed this life on November 30, 2024, surrounded by family.

She is preceded in death by her parents, sister Gladys Fortson, and her son Gregory Kent Hawes.

She leaves to cherish her memory one brother Mr. Peter (Sanda) Fortson Jr.; three sisters Mrs. Emma Jordan, Mrs. Joanne (Franklin) Young and Mrs. Maggie (Steve) Jackson; one son, Mr. James (Jennifer) Hawes; Grandchildren Squanka Thomas, Rico (Chrisshuna) Hawes, Kendra (Paul) Merck, Tavarvess (Jodi) Ware, and Justin (Tonya) Hawes; twelve great-grandchildren, one great great grandson and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

Alta Vista Cemetery

521 Jones Street
Gainesville, GA 30501

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC 6. 12:00 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

DEC 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

DEC 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

Antioch Baptist Church
1010 Mill Street
Gainesville, GA 30501
<http://antiochbaptistgainesville.com>

Tribute Wall

RG

“ *My deepest condolences to the family of Mary Helen, I always loved to see the Fortson sisters come to Elberton. They were very faithful to showing their love to families in the sad hours of bereavement. May the peace of our Savior be with each of you in the days to come.*



Robert Mattox, Elberton, GA - January 08, 2025 at 11:03 AM

“ *Janice Fair lit a candle in memory of Mary Helen Thomas*



Janice Fair - December 08, 2024 at 03:57 PM

CC

“ *Our sincere condolences to the family of Mama Mary Helen Thomas With all our love Rev. Will and Chris Curry*

Chris Curry - December 07, 2024 at 12:58 PM

LB

“ *Linda Borders lit a candle in memory of Mary Helen Thomas*



Linda Borders - December 06, 2024 at 03:29 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Helen Thomas.



December 05, 2024 at 10:57 AM



“ Kimberly Sims lit a candle in memory of Mary Helen Thomas



Kimberly sims - December 04, 2024 at 10:52 PM



“ CatheySingleton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Helen Thomas



CatheySingleton - December 04, 2024 at 09:59 PM



“ The Barnes Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Helen Thomas



The Barnes Family - December 04, 2024 at 08:32 PM

SJ

“ *Star Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Helen Thomas*



Star Johnson - December 04, 2024 at 07:40 PM

SJ

“ *Star Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mary Helen Thomas*



Star Johnson - December 04, 2024 at 07:40 PM

SJ

“ *Star Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Helen Thomas*



Star Johnson - December 04, 2024 at 07:39 PM

DC

“ *Debo Collins sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Helen Thomas*



Debo Collins - December 04, 2024 at 06:03 PM

DC

Deborah Collins

Deborah Collins - December 04, 2024 at 06:06 PM

DC

Rest In Peace 🕯️ 🌹 🌹

Deborah Collins - December 04, 2024 at 06:12 PM

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“*Sorry For The Family Lost, Weeping may endure for a nitght, but joy comes in the morning*”



Raymond Young (Dot) - December 04, 2024 at 04:41 PM

ML

“*Marion Lott lit a candle in memory of Mary Helen Thomas*”



Marion Lott - December 04, 2024 at 02:38 PM

EB

“*Elisa Bonds-Ratliff sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Helen Thomas*”



Elisa Bonds-Ratliff - December 04, 2024 at 01:43 PM

TJ

“ Toni Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mary Helen Thomas



Toni Johnson - December 04, 2024 at 11:05 AM

TJ

“ Toni Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Helen Thomas



Toni Johnson - December 04, 2024 at 11:04 AM

PM

“ Priscilla A Martin lit a candle in memory of Mary Helen Thomas



Priscilla A Martin - December 04, 2024 at 08:30 AM

GB

“ Gail Buffington-Yarbrough lit a candle in memory of Mary Helen Thomas



Gail Buffington-Yarbrough - December 04, 2024 at 05:04 AM



“ Dorothy Bolden lit a candle in memory of Mary Helen Thomas



Dorothy Bolden - December 03, 2024 at 10:29 PM



“ Mary Moore lit a candle in memory of Mary Helen Thomas



Mary Moore - December 03, 2024 at 10:28 PM



“ Min. M. Dixon lit a candle in memory of Mary Helen Thomas



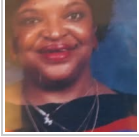
Min. M. Dixon - December 03, 2024 at 09:15 PM



“ Hokins Family lit a candle in memory of Mary Helen Thomas



Hokins Family - December 03, 2024 at 08:33 PM



“ Regina Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Helen Thomas



Regina Harris - December 03, 2024 at 07:19 PM



“ MS. C. ELAINE SIMS sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Helen Thomas



MS. C. ELAINE SIMS - December 03, 2024 at 05:37 PM



“ My most sincere condolences to this beloved Family. Ms. Helen will be greatly missed at Antioch. I pray that God will grant you all comfort, peace, understanding, and strength during this difficult time. 💔



Natalie D Niles - December 03, 2024 at 04:00 PM



“ April Coleman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Helen Thomas



April Coleman - December 03, 2024 at 03:39 PM

AC

“ *April Coleman lit a candle in memory of Mary Helen Thomas*



April Coleman - December 03, 2024 at 03:39 PM

SB

“ *So very sorry I will miss ms. Helen's prayers*

Shirley Blake - December 03, 2024 at 12:00 PM