



## Mrs. Bernice S. Thomas

November 15, 1930 - June 27, 2025

Mrs. Bernice Stenson Thomas was born on November 15, 1930, in Lee County, Alabama. She was the first child born to the late Mr. Roe C. Stenson and Mrs. Estelle Carlisle Stenson. Early in life, Bernice attended Green Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. She later confessed Christ as her Lord and Savior and joined Nazareth Missionary Baptist Church, where she faithfully served in the Missionary Department. Bernice attended school at East Street. On December 26, 1950, she was united in holy matrimony to the love of her life, Mr. Roscoe Thomas, Sr. She was employed by Attorney Yetta Samford for over 20 years and later retired to lovingly care for her beloved grandchildren. Life affords us many things, but Bernice's greatest joy came from time spent with family and friends. She enjoyed cooking, sewing, fishing, gardening, and cheering on her favorite basketball player, LeBron James. Her fried chicken and red velvet

cakes were

unmatched and cherished by all who tasted them.

On the morning of Friday, June 27, 2025, Bernice answered the Master's call and

peacefully made her journey home. She is now reunited with her loving husband, Mr. Roscoe

Thomas, Sr.; her daughter, Mrs. Maxine Jackson; her son, Mr. Roscoe Thomas, Jr.; her

grandson, Mr. Brian Thomas; her great-granddaughter, Ms. Phajah Gardener; two

brothers, Mr. Rochester Stenson and Mr. Jonathan Stenson; and two sisters, Mrs. Alma

Thomas and Mrs. Dorris Holcey. Her memory will be forever cherished by her loving children: Ms. Gaynell Thomas, Mr. Larry (Sue) Thomas, Mrs. Marilyn (Sammie) Floyd, and Mrs. Janice (Brian) McDade, all

of Opelika, AL. She leaves behind six grandchildren: Ms. LaCresha Thomas (caregiver), Mr. Renaldo

Thomas, Mrs. Ashley (Keevon) Colquitt, Mrs. Whitney (Hamp) Bellamy, Mr. Tommie

Jackson III, and Ms. Brianna McDade; and one bonus grandson, Mr. Vandraye

Williams—all of Opelika. Her legacy also lives on in four great-grandchildren: Keevon

(K.J.) Colquitt, Olivia Colquitt, Cullen Bellamy, and Dakota Bellamy, all of Opelika.

She is also survived by four sisters: Mrs. Thelma Holcey of Opelika, AL; Mrs. Ruby

Carlisle and Mrs. Ruth Morgan of Cleveland, OH; and Mrs. Estella (Charlie) Baker of

Miami Gardens, FL.

One brother, Mr. John (Diane) Stenson of Opelika, AL; one sister-in-law, Mrs. Pinkey Mae Stenson of Opelika, AL; a son-in-law, Mr. Tommie Jackson, Jr. of Opelika, AL; a special niece, Mrs. Annie Dumas of Opelika, AL; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, church family, and dear friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Nazareth Baptist Church Cemetery

4454 Lee Road 166  
Opelika, AL 36804

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 6. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (cst)

Peterson and Williams Funeral Home  
1016 McCoy Street  
Opelika, AL 36801  
(334) 745-6473  
pw1016mccoy@hotmail.com

## Lie in state

JUL 7. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Nazareth Baptist Church  
4454 Lee Road 166  
Opelika, AL 36804

## Service

JUL 7. 1:00 PM (cst)

Nazareth Baptist Church  
4454 Lee Road 166  
Opelika, AL 36804



# Tribute Wall



“ Peterson and Williams Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Bernice S. Thomas



Peterson and Williams Funeral Home - July 06, 2025 at 03:54 PM

BW

So Beautiful...She was A Sweet Sweet Lady ❤️

Bobbie Woody - July 11, 2025 at 06:29 PM

CE

“ Constance Echols lit a candle in memory of Bernice Thomas



Constance Echols - July 09, 2025 at 04:02 PM

BA

“ My deepest sympathy and Love and Prayers to the entire family. Betty Fuller Adkins and Family ❤️Y'all



Betty Adkins - July 07, 2025 at 08:36 AM

AW

“ Adele Holmes Wilborn lit a candle in memory of Bernice Thomas



Adele Holmes Wilborn - July 06, 2025 at 10:59 PM

JF

“ So sorry for your loss. She's a blessing to all who new her. 🙏❤️  
Julia Rowell Finley and Family



Julia Finley - July 06, 2025 at 03:57 PM



“ 32 files added to the album Life Tributes



Peterson and Williams Funeral Home - July 06, 2025 at 02:11 PM



“ I am deeply saddened by the loss of Aunt Berniece. My heart felt condolences go out to the family. She will forever be in my heart.  
Love Tammie



Tammie Holcey - July 05, 2025 at 09:21 PM

AW

“ May God continue to give peace to the family and loved ones 🙏

Audrey wilson - July 04, 2025 at 09:55 AM

AW

“ Adele Holmes Wilborn lit a candle in memory of Bernice Thomas



Adele Holmes Wilborn - July 03, 2025 at 10:41 PM

AG

“ Remembering you all in thought and prayer in the passing of cousin Bernice. Praying for your comfort & strength now and in the days ahead. 🙏❤️



Atoska Studdard Gentry - July 03, 2025 at 10:39 AM

RS

“ God blessed us with one of his Angels, Mrs. Bernice Thomas. May God comfort and bless the Thomas Family. Reggie and Priscilla Strickland



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**Reggie Strickland** - July 02, 2025 at 05:02 PM