



Mrs. Henrietta Lockett Thomas

October 26, 1937 - March 11, 2026

Henrietta was born October 26, 1937 in Opelika, Alabama to the parents of Rev. Willie and Lena Lockett. She was the youngest of two girls. On March 11, 2026, God granted Henrietta Lockett Thomas transition from this life to life eternal.

Henrietta was a proud graduate of the McCray School of Business at Tuskegee Institute in Tuskegee, Alabama. With determination and grace, she began her professional journey at Carver Elementary School, where she served faithfully for six years. She later continued her career as a bookkeeper for Herbert Orr, owner and proprietor of Orrox Corporation in Opelika, Alabama, where she worked diligently for another six years.

After the closing of Orrox Corporation, Henrietta joined Diversified Products Corporation, where she dedicated 20 years of outstanding service. During her tenure, she held several important roles, including cost analysis and accounts receivable. Her strong work ethic, integrity, and attention to detail earned the respect and admiration of colleagues and friends alike.

In 1983, after retiring from Diversified Products, Henrietta embraced a new chapter of life by attending Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama. There she obtained her real estate license and went on to serve as a Realtor with Century 21 in Opelika and later with Associates Realty Company. She approached this new venture with the same passion and commitment that defined every stage of her life.

Henrietta's life was firmly rooted in faith. She was raised in the Church of God,

where her father, the Reverend Willie Lockett, faithfully served as pastor. Following in that legacy of service, Henrietta remained an active and devoted member of the church throughout her life. She served faithfully as Secretary and Bookkeeper for the Eastern District Conference and found great joy in supporting the work of the church.

A woman of compassion and generosity, Henrietta believed deeply in giving back to her community. She served through volunteer work and participated on several boards, always seeking ways to uplift others and improve the community she loved. She was a proud member of The Red Hat Society. Her kindness, wisdom, and quiet strength left a lasting impression on all who knew her.

Henrietta was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Theodore K. Thomas; her parents, Reverend Willie and Lena Lockett; her only sister, Willie Ruth Mindingall and her grandson, Terence K. Thomas II.

Surviving her departure with cherish memories are: Zilpah Thomas Winsley of Opelika, Alabama; Delcan Thomas Brown of Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Theodora Thomas (Horye) Flowers of Auburn, Alabama;

Terence Kynette (Tamela) Thomas of Roswell, Georgia and Helena Thomas (Clarence) Duncan of Montgomery, Alabama

She was also the proud grandmother of nine grandchildren and the loving great-grandmother of five great-grandchildren. Her legacy of love continues through a host of nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends who will forever treasure her memory.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to Olivia Buchanon, NaTonya L. Buchanon, Precious Dowdell and Joyce Carwell for the compassionate care, kindness, and love they provided during her illness. The family also gratefully acknowledges Enhabit Home Health & Hospice for their devoted care and support.

Henrietta's life was a testament to faith, perseverance, service, and love. Her gentle spirit, wise counsel, and enduring strength will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

Her legacy lives on.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

1409 Monroe Avenue
Opelika, AL 36801

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 17. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Family Receiving Hour

MAR 17. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Peterson and Williams Funeral Home
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Lie in state

MAR 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Greater Peace Missionary Baptist Church
650 Jeter Avenue
Opelika, AL 36801
<http://www.greaterpeacechurch.org/>

Service

MAR 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



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



Peterson and Williams Funeral Home - March 17 at 02:51 PM

JO

My deepest sympathy is extended to Theodora, Horye and family. May the peace of the Lord comfort you during this difficult time of transition.



Janet Owens

Janet Owens - March 18 at 11:07 AM

HS

Ms Henrietta was a sweet lady who always made me feel welcomed. She was also a mentor for so many of us in the 60s and 70s. May you find solace in knowing you had a beautiful mom both inside and out. Hug Delcan for me. I love you all! 🙏❤️

Henrietta Snipes - March 21 at 09:47 PM

HH

“ Lord,I am saddened to read this obituary.I remember Henrietta and Willie Ruth as a child growing up on Toomer St.We thought the family was so kind loving and caring.They raised rabbits and we would walk down to their home to see the rabbits.It was a creek near their home and it was a story about one of them dipping the other by the hair in that creek!! I REMEMBER feeling loved by them. They are part of my great memories growing up in Opelika!!!

Rest Henrietta!

Helen Harris

CO 1964

JW Darden High

Helen Harris - April 03 at 11:17 PM



“ Sending love and prayers to Theodora Thomas Flowers, husband, Horye Flowers, and family during this time of bereavement for Mrs Henrietta L. Thomas. The heart will always remember her love. Rest well, beloved.

April Echols

April Echols - March 21 at 07:44 PM

MB

“ My Sincere Condolences to the Family
Melissa Delphine Bynum



Melissa Bynum - March 20 at 01:44 PM

LB

“ *Linda Battle lit a candle in memory of
Henrietta Thomas*



Linda Battle - March 19 at 07:55 AM

KR

“ *One beautiful lady, she would always have a smile and kind words
when we would see each other over the years. My deepest
condolences to her family and friends. Karen Reese*

Karen Reese - March 18 at 08:09 PM

TF

“ To the children and grandchildren of Mrs. Henrietta Thomas -

"Your mother's kindness, warmth, resilience, and quiet strength has touched more hearts than you may ever know.

I remember the many conversations she and I shared throughout the years about God, life and family - not knowing that we would eventually become a part of each other's family.

Although her outer beauty was unmistakable, the more I grew to know her, I found that her inner beauty was of equal value.

Her legacy lives on in each of you - woven into every part of who you are.

In the days ahead, continue to remind yourselves of the lessons she taught, the kindness she showed, and the memories that grow more precious with time.

I am forever grateful that my grandchildren are a part of her legacy, and I thank you for sharing her with our family."

*God bless you all,
Nigel Andrews*

The Andrews Family - March 18 at 10:41 AM

AW

“ *My deepest condolences to you all. I will always remember her as a spiritual songstress and a wonderfully beautiful person.*

Tony Williams

Anthony J Williams - March 18 at 02:39 AM

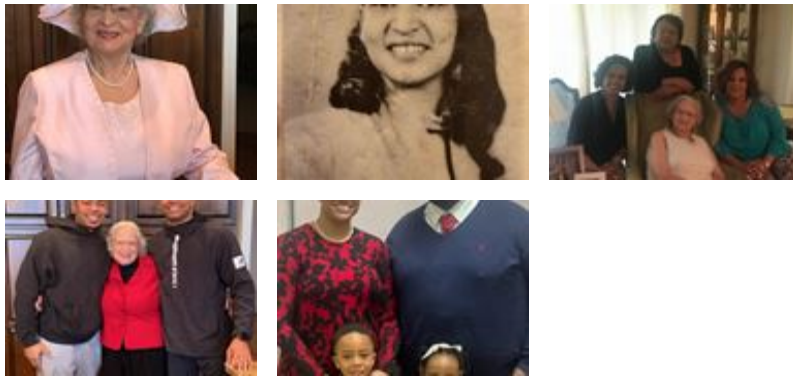
CC

“ Please accept our deepest sympathy. Our prayer is that God will grant you comfort and peace during your time of bereavement and healing thereafter in Jesus Name. Although we didn't have the pleasure of knowing Ms Henrietta, we are very blessed and thankful to have her grandson, Glenn as a part of our family. We love you Glenn and Nia and we will continue to pray for the strength and comfort of your family.
Cheryl and Eddie Cooks

Cheryl Cooks - March 17 at 03:44 PM



“ 33 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Peterson and Williams Funeral Home - March 17 at 02:10 PM



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

March 17 at 01:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Henrietta Lockett Thomas.*



March 17 at 01:52 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Henrietta Lockett Thomas.*



March 17 at 12:22 PM



“ *Anita L Archie purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Henrietta Lockett Thomas.*



Anita L Archie - March 17 at 11:36 AM



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Anita L Archie - March 17 at 11:36 AM

LC

“ Mrs. Thomas was a woman of deep abiding faith, grace and dignity. She truly made our communities and many organizations better. Condolences to her remarkable family who carry forth this strong and purposeful legacy. God is especially near to those who are brokenhearted.
With sympathy and affection-
Laura Cooper

Laura Cooper - March 16 at 05:50 PM

DH

“ Heneretta's earthly journey was complete. She was happy to know her Children are grown, successful and happy. That's every Mam's wish and it was granted. Such a sweet Lady! Rest well God's Angel.



Doris Hutchinson - March 16 at 05:04 PM

KK

“ RIP Mrs. Thomas... Your old neighbors on Spring Hill.... You will be missed...
Kenneth, Vickie, Nikki and Duke....



Kenneth B. Keith - March 16 at 09:43 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Henrietta Lockett Thomas.



March 15 at 02:45 PM

KW

“ *My heartfelt condolences and prayers for peace, strength and comfort to the family. Blessings*



Karen L Williams - March 14 at 10:03 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Henrietta Lockett Thomas.*



March 14 at 08:57 AM

RF

“ *To: Helen, TK, Theodora, Zilpah and family*

My heartfelt condolences. I pray that God surrounds you with His peace and gives you comfort as you go through this season of loss.

Rev. Marvin F. Frazier © ®

Rev. Marvin F. Frazier©® - March 13 at 10:45 PM

LB

My sincere condolences to Helena, TK, Theodora, and Zilpha on the loss of your sweet and beautiful mom.. May you all find peace and comfort in knowing she's in God's hands 🙏❤️Linda Battle 81”

Linda Battle - March 19 at 08:05 AM



“ I am so grateful for the life of Mrs. Thomas growing up around her was priceless. She treated me as a son and loved me as one. She will always be remembered as a mom to me. My most deepest condolences. 🙏 Benjamin Baker

Benjamin Baker - March 13 at 10:33 PM

JR

“ Pray and thoughts are with you.
Julia Rowell-Finley and Fat



Julia Rowell-Finley - March 13 at 08:04 PM

RD

“ I remember Mrs. Henrietta Thomas as my Carver Elementary School secretary. And her mom and dad as missionaries. Enter into your rest, though Good and Faithful Servant.



Robert Davis - March 13 at 11:28 AM

JP

“ My condolences to the families. My memories of Henrietta was she was the only pianist of St.Luke AME Church during my upbringing in Opelika. A true Spiritual Leader 🙏🌺🙏



James W. Strickland PhD - March 13 at 09:22 AM

RS

“ We are saddened to hear of the passing of Mrs. Henrietta Locket Thomas. We are praying for comfort and peace for the Thomas Family during this difficult time. Please accept our deepest condolences. Reggie and Priscilla Strickland.



Reggie Strickland - March 13 at 08:39 AM

AD

“ Angela Debrow-Alexander lit a candle in memory of Henrietta Thomas



Angela Debrow-Alexander - March 12 at 11:03 PM

LM

“ Loretta C. Mindingall purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mrs. Henrietta Lockett Thomas.



Loretta C. Mindingall - March 12 at 11:02 PM



“ Sacred Garden Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Henrietta Lockett Thomas.



March 12 at 05:01 PM