



## Ms. Carolyn "Ms. C" Thomas

February 1, 1951 - February 23, 2023

On Feb 1, 1951, a beautiful baby girl was welcomed home by parents Henry "Fed" Thomas Sr. and Asalena Poullard Thomas in Opelousas. She was named Carolyn. She was christened on May 19, 1951, and baptized on Easter Sunday March 29, 1959 At Greater Mt. Calvary Baptist Church by the late Rev. A. W. Rosette along with her brother Herbert. While there were about 20 children being baptized that day Carolyn was the first to be dipped in God's holy water. Since that first dip Carolyn has always had a strong faith and was very active in her church.

While at Greater Mt. Calvary she served as church secretary from 1974 to 2001. She resigned as secretary to go and care for her ill sister in Texas. Upon her return she worked in various capacities in the church including Sunday school director, Mission Vice President, coordinator of the church anniversary as well as coordinator of various other church fundraisers.

Carolyn received her formal education in St. Landry Parish school system and was a member of the graduating class of JS Clark in 1969. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from the University of Southwestern Louisiana on December 17, 1975, she also received a Master of Education on December 17, 1979. She served as an Educator in Evangeline Parish first at Ville Platte Lower Elementary then at Vidrine High School before moving to Southwest Elementary in St Landry Parish.

She retired with 33 1/2 years of educating and molding young lives. Carolyn had a deep passion for education and touched countless lives. “Ms. C “as she was affectionately called by her students believed that hard work and perseverance was sure to pay off and her students flourished under her educational leadership.

Carolyn was an angel on earth, but God summoned her home to be with him on February 23, 2023.

Her memories will be treasured by one daughter, Nichelle Milburn and two granddaughters Malori Frank and Kyli Bolden all of Lafayette La. one brother, Herbert Lee Thomas, Sr. (Myra) of Houston, TX; nieces, great nephews, other relatives and friends.

Ms. Thomas was preceded in death by her parents, Henry “Fed” Thomas, Sr. and Asalena Poullard Thomas; three sisters, Lillie Belle Thibodeaux, Mae Doris Brooks and Lena Flanagan and two brothers, Lincoln Thomas and Henry Lee Thomas Jr.

Visiting hours will be observed from 9:00 AM to 10:45 AM Saturday, March 4, 2023 at Greater Mount Calvary Baptist Church.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM Saturday, March 4, 2023, at Greater Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Opelousas, LA, for Ms. Carolyn Thomas, 72, who entered eternal rest, Thursday, February 23, 2023, at her daughter’s residence in Lafayette, LA.

Interment will be in Bellevue Memorial Park. Rev. William Elmore, Pastor of Greater Mt. Calvary Baptist Church will officiate the Celebration of Life.

Share words of comfort with the family of Carolyn Thomas on her Permanent Life Tribute Page at [www.williamsfuneralhomes.net](http://www.williamsfuneralhomes.net). Be the first to post your most treasured memory of Carolyn. Show your support by sharing a personal message or story, meaningful photo, or video, or record a video message using your webcam. On behalf of the family, we encourage you share your

personal experiences and preserve the memory of Carolyn Thomas., known to many as "Ms. C" for future generations to come.

Final arrangements entrusted to Williams Funeral Home of Opelousas, 817 E. South Street, 337-942-2037.

# Cemetery Details

## Bellevue Memorial Park

4833 Hwy 182 S.  
Opelousas, LA 70570  
<https://www.bellevuememorialparkcemetery.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 4. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

Greater Mt. Calvary Baptist Church  
134 C Aly  
Opelousas, LA 70570

## Celebration of Life

MAR 4. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Greater Mt. Calvary Baptist Church  
134 C Aly  
Opelousas, LA 70570

# Tribute Wall

NP

“ Ms. Thomas was truly a amazing lady and educator. A person who cared and wasn't afraid to give her all especially to her students. I'm not saying what I heard it's what I experienced. Thank God for letting her cross my baby boy's life! I'm sure he will welcome her with opened arms. Rest well angle your work here on earth was well done.

Nancy W. Pierre - April 19, 2023 at 08:43 PM

LJ

“ Ms. Carolyn was a great teacher and friend. She was my kids teacher at Southwest Elementary. 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏 For the family.

Lynnette Johnson - March 13, 2023 at 09:43 PM

SG

“ May peace and comfort be with you and your family at this difficult time.

Sheriff Bobby J Guidroz - March 06, 2023 at 11:13 AM

SS

“ Sending my sincere condolences and heartfelt prayers to the family. Ms. C. Thomas was a true mentor to all of us at Southwest Elementary. She was a dedicated teacher and friend.



Stephanie Senegal - March 05, 2023 at 06:34 AM

CD

“ My condolences and prayer goes out to the family of one of my best friend, Carolyn Ms C. Thomas. We were know as the five heartbeat at J s Clark High. I am sure she will be missed. Take your rest my friend.  
Carolyn Jackson Dorsey



Carolyn Dorsey - March 04, 2023 at 10:55 AM

MM

“ Remembering Carolyn for her kindness, friendly demeanor. I'm still in awe about how active she was in the community and her church .  
May God continue to bless and keep your family strong.  
Our deepest condolences to your family and Nichell we will be here for you .  
RIP Carolyn 🙏 Jeff&Mary Barnes 💕💕

Mary MilburnBarnes - March 03, 2023 at 08:24 PM

JP

“ My sincere Nichelle to you and the girls. Your Mother was very proud of you and there was nothing that she would not do for you and the girls. Just losing my Mother a week ago I can only imagine how you feel. We will Be alright because we have angels. Love you cousin 🙏🌸❤️



Jo Ann Pickens - March 03, 2023 at 07:26 PM

HA

“ *harrison lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Thomas*



harrison - March 03, 2023 at 05:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Carolyn "Ms. C" Thomas.*



March 02, 2023 at 06:09 PM

CL

“ *I was deeply saddened to learn of Ms. Carolyn's passing! She and I worked at Southwest Elem. School for many years. I always enjoyed chatting with her on our breaks. She was a great friend. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with her and her family! RIP Ms. C, you will be missed!* 🙏🙏🙏



Carol L. LeDoux - March 02, 2023 at 03:11 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ms. Carolyn "Ms. C" Thomas.*



March 02, 2023 at 02:43 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Ms. Carolyn "Ms. C" Thomas.*



March 02, 2023 at 02:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Carolyn "Ms. C" Thomas.*



March 02, 2023 at 09:41 AM



“ *linda Thompson lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Thomas*



**linda Thompson** - March 01, 2023 at 08:58 PM

RW

*I got to know Carolyn through her daughter. I was in her company many times because Nichelle is like a daughter to me. I visited her with Nichelle many times. She was such a devoted person. I thank God that I had the honor of knowing this lady. R.I.P. my dear sister in Christ.*

Rose Mary Leday Wilson - March 02, 2023 at 12:18 PM

PB

*My Deepest Sympathy yo The Thomas Family.Thank you do so much from my Heart for being My Son Teacher,and You and I for being The Very best Of Friends.I Really Will Miss You My Girl.R.I.P Ms Thomas.God chose another Beautiful Flower For His Garden*

Priscilla Boutte - March 02, 2023 at 03:43 PM

NM

*Thanks*

Nichelle Milburn - March 03, 2023 at 09:46 AM

RS

*“ What to say when I have no idea what to say. Many years I walked to North Elementary with that lady in sight. proceeded to J.S.Clark class of 69. Every time I go to Opelousas, it was a habit to stop in to see Carolyn.*

Rosette Scott - March 01, 2023 at 11:41 AM



*“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ms. Carolyn "Ms. C" Thomas.*



March 01, 2023 at 09:32 AM

MJ

“ To Nichelle Milburn and family: losing a mom is an experience like no other, yet God specializes in giving added strength and comfort in times like these. Take a page from your mom’s playbook and love the Lord with all your heart, lean on Him in good times and in bad. Be encouraged that earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal!  
Min. Patsy Jones

Min. Patsy Jones - March 01, 2023 at 09:17 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ms. Carolyn "Ms. C" Thomas.



March 01, 2023 at 08:57 AM

MJ

“ While at Acrylic Nails “across the track” Opelousas one day a little lady with an infectious smile entered the salon. Soon she and I engaged in conversation. Noticing her nails as we awaited our turn, I asked her why she was waiting on the nail tech when she only had tiny flaws in her nail polish. She laughed and said, “Honey, I wear my gloves to keep my polish intact when I get home!” Thereafter we met at our common spot, at which time it was always a joy to see my new friend, “the glove lady.” Don’t think I ever knew her name was Carolyn, as she always answered to my term of endearment for her. Sleep on Ms. Carolyn...see you on the other side❤️  
Min. Patsy Jones

Min. Patsy Jones - March 01, 2023 at 08:46 AM

PC

“ Sending my heartfelt sympathy to Nichelle and family. I met Ms C, through her daughter Nichelle. I remember her as being a very nice lady, who loved her daughter and grand children and had a special eye for fashion. Nichelle your Mom was your greatest cheerleader. Keep that caring spirit alive. Sending prayers, sympathy and love during this difficult time.

Phyllis W Cincore - March 01, 2023 at 07:55 AM

MG

“ My memories of Carolyn are from church many years ago. Though they are no longer fresh I can still see her smiling face, feel her generous spirit. Rest peacefully, Carolyn. My condolences to family and friends.

Martha Guillory - March 01, 2023 at 07:41 AM

DS

“ R.I.P Mrs. C. Thomas my 6th grade teacher from Southwest 🙏🙏🙏 My prayers and condolences to the family. 🙏🙏🙏



Denise Robinson Semien - March 01, 2023 at 01:43 AM

MM

“ Mark&Ommanda Major lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Thomas



Mark&Ommanda Major - March 01, 2023 at 12:01 AM

NM

*Thanks*

**Nichelle Milburn** - March 03, 2023 at 09:45 AM

EG

“ *Ervin Guillory lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Thomas*



**Ervin Guillory** - February 28, 2023 at 11:29 PM

NM

*Thanks*

**Nichelle Milburn** - March 03, 2023 at 09:46 AM

EG

“ *Ervin Guillory lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Thomas*



**Ervin Guillory** - February 28, 2023 at 11:28 PM

LF

“ *Sending words of comfort to to the Thomas family. Nichelle love with all my heart. Your mom was a good friend and neighbor to me and my family.*

*" The wind blows where it wishes, and She hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." John 3:8*

*Linda Milburn Fontenot & Family*

**Linda Milburn Fontenot** - February 28, 2023 at 10:58 PM

NM

*Thank you*

**Nichelle Milburn** - March 03, 2023 at 09:47 AM

CR

“ *My condolences and sympathy to the family of Sister Carolyn Thomas. To her daughter Nichelle and her granddaughters know that so many people knew and loved Carolyn and we are so sorry for her passing. Remember that to be Absent from the Body is to be Present with the Lord. RIP Carolyn for your Labor has Not been in Vain.*

**Celina Richard** - February 28, 2023 at 09:59 PM

NM

*Thank you*

**Nichelle Milburn** - March 03, 2023 at 09:47 AM

LT

“ *Prayers and condolences to the family. Rest on, Ms. Carolyn. I'll remember your laugh!*



**Lakeshia Morris Triggs** - February 28, 2023 at 09:47 PM

NM

*Thank you*

**Nichelle Milburn** - March 03, 2023 at 09:47 AM

JS

“ *Johnnie Simmons lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Thomas*



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**Johnnie B Simmons** - February 28, 2023 at 09:13 PM

NM

*Thanks*

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**Nichelle Milburn** - March 03, 2023 at 09:48 AM

JS

“ *Ms C*  
*We are missing you already. So happy to know that you have traveled to your Eternal Heavenly Home. God was waiting No more illness. Prayers going out to entire Thomas and Pollard families, Classmates, Friends.*  
*Johnnie Bee and Family*

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**Johnnie B Simmons** - February 28, 2023 at 09:12 PM

TE

“ *Thank you Ms. C for being our sunshine director at Greater Mount Calvary Baptist Church and for teaching us to do things decent and in order. - Twins and Sis. Emily*

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**Twins and Sister Emily** - February 28, 2023 at 08:36 PM

NM

*Thank you*

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**Nichelle Milburn** - March 03, 2023 at 09:48 AM