



Mother Sarah Martha Thomas

January 31, 1939 - July 31, 2023

Sarah Martha Mathis was born in Sandersville, Georgia on January 31, 1939 to John Mathis and Willie Bell Solomon. When she was two, the family moved to Ojus, Florida. Educated in Miami-Dade County, she was a proud graduate of the 1958 class of Miami Northwestern Senior High School, where she studied cosmetology and she was given the nickname "Legs" due to her tall stature.

Soon after graduation, Sarah met William "Big Earl" Thomas, and they were married March 23, 1961. From this union, four beautiful children were born. Sarah was a doting mother and wife, who took pride in her family and her home. You'd never see a sock on the floor or a bowl in the sink. Everything had a place in her home, and she instilled that in her children. She also loved to cook and entertain for her family and friends. Known to fire up the grill on the 4th of July or cook up an elaborate Thanksgiving meal in November, everyone knew whose house they could go to for a plate on the holidays. If there was an event at the church, Mother Thomas' potato salad and lima beans were always expected. She got great joy out of people enjoying her food.

Sarah loved to travel and enjoy life. She was a member of a club called the "Socialites," a group of friends who gathered monthly at one another's house to eat, drink, and socialize. They held banquets and parties, also supporting

other sisters who held events such as theirs. Fridays were for her and her best friend, Johnnie Mae. They started at the crack of dawn and made it in after the sunset: a full day of shopping, eating, talking, movies - just enjoying life. She also loved to go to Disney World at least twice a year. The first trip would be with the kids, and the second would be just her and Johnnie Mae, enjoying the park kid-free.

Sarah worked in the manufacturing industry for many years. Her last place of employment was Filpak Inc. in Hallandale. She retired from her supervisory position in 2005; then she became a caregiver. Sarah always had a caregiver's heart. She cared for her brothers when they were ill as well as her mother. In 2003, she became a full-time caregiver to her child, Tammy. She gave up her job and all extra-curricular activities to care for her child. It was not an easy task, yet she did it for 17 years straight with minimal help. Tammy became her top priority, and she cared for her until her health would no longer allow her to do so.

Sarah always loved her Heavenly Father and drew near to Him. She was a member of Chattie Grove Missionary Baptist church as a child and remained there for many years. She made sure she and her children were in church every Sunday. She was a faithful member until Chattie Grove was acquired by Aventura developers. She then joined Macedonia and served on the usher board. Her last church home was Believers in Christ, where she also served as an usher. She later became a Mother of the Church until her illness prevented her from performing as needed. One of her passions was to visit and pray for the sick and shut-in. Every Sunday, she and other church sisters would go to a home, hospital, or facility to visit fellow church members and pray for them.

Sarah loved her family, friends, and neighbors. She was a strong, stern, caring, and passionate woman. To know her was to know that she had no

problem setting you straight if need be. She shot straight from the hip, holding back nothing. That strength, tenacity, and love were what she used to rear her children as a single parent. There was not a need her children had that she did not meet. She showed her children the true meaning of a mother's unconditional love.

In the early hours of July 31, 2023, Sarah Martha Thomas was called home to be with the Lord. She went to sleep on this side and woke up in Paradise. Heaven has gained a beautiful angel. While we mourn her passing, we rejoice in knowing she is safe in His arms.

Sarah was preceded in death by her parents, John Mathis and Willie Bell Solomon. She was also preceded in death by 5 of her 11 siblings: Abner Eddie Scott Jr., John W. Mathis, Billy Mathis, Willie Clyde Solomon, and Dorothy Harris.

She leaves precious memories to be cherished by her children: Earl A. Thomas, Terry Thomas-Oliver (Kenneth Oliver), Zina D. Thomas, Tammy E. Thomas, and Sandra Mathis (Gregory Johnson). Siblings: Handy Mathis, Cassandra Mathis, John Wesley Mathis, Debra Mathis Garner, Asberry Mathis, and Norman Mathis. Grandchildren: Travis Crawford, Latoya Neal, Monica Thomas, Kyle Hollingsworth, Tiquilla Brown, Anthony Brown (Wendy Brown), Earlisia Hester, Eric Bryant (Courtney Bryant), Earlane Hester, Zenise Robinson, Earl Hester, Kenneth Oliver Jr., Terry D. Horn, Zaria Dennis, and Derrick L. Thomas. She is also survived by 26 great-grandchildren, her brother-in-law Johnnie B. Harris, sister-in-law Juanita Bolton, and best friends Johnnie Mae Thomas, Pastor Armie Tyson, and Gladys Maloy. Additionally, her prayer warriors and encouragers include nephew, Reginald D. Gray, and

niece, Pamela Peete, along with her caregivers: Ann Marie Lambert, Susharna Greenwood, Janice Robertson, and Marlyn Rankine, and a host of loving nephews, nieces, family members, church members, and friends.

Be comforted by these words:

Psalm 48:14

"For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death."

Tribute Wall

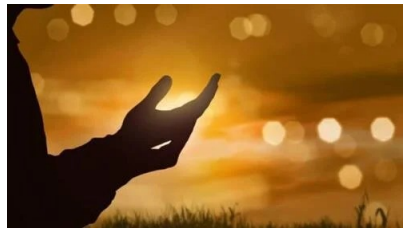


“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Eric S. George Funeral Home - February 10, 2025 at 10:25 PM



“ *Eric S. George Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mother Sarah Martha Thomas*



Eric S. George Funeral Home - July 31, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Sending Hugs, Kisses, and Cosmic Love from "MaMa Universe" to the family of Cousin Sarah. As Cousin Sarah transitions to the next realm in her spirit journey, she is steadfast to remind us all that while she is not here physically she is amongst us in spirt ...find a quiet space... you will feel her vibration and speak to her using your ancient gift of telepathy.Cosmic BlessingsCousin Nube (Ann)*

Nube - August 13, 2023 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ *My sincere heartfelt condolences to the family. My find peace during this most difficult time.*

Andre - August 12, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ *She was a Mother to many a beautiful spirit. A wonderful warm i, encouraging yet firm full of wisdom woman I was blessed to have known all my life.*

Natasha Brownlee-Montgomery - August 12, 2023 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ *Mother Thomas You Will Truly Be Missed, You Were Truly A Good Mother Of BOC, Sending Heart Felt Condolences To Your Family ..Sister Connie Coleman*

Constance Jones - August 11, 2023 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mother Sarah Martha Thomas*

August 10, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ *A loss of a beautiful lady. I will miss our conversations about "anything and everything" I'm sure she is busy getting Heaven organized to her standards, and keeping a weather eye on her chick down here. My love to the family.*

Tammy Kern (Other Tammy) - August 04, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ *My condolences, prayers and deepest sympathy sorry for y'all loss. May God continue to strengthen, comfort and healing of y'all i, hearts. Mother Thomas was my supervisor in the early 90s she became my friend. She was a loving, kind, giving and a Prayer Warrior prayed for everyone. Truly truly going to be missed!! Love you Mother Thomas until we meet again friend!!i,*

Marguerie Thornton - August 03, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Mother Sarah Martha has touched my life in a special way, from the day I came into her family, as her daughter Tammy nurse, she took a liking to me, I will surely miss the fond memories we shared. Love. Annmarie*

Annmarie - August 02, 2023 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *My condolences to the family. She was a wonderful friend to us. A great person overall. From Helen Brownlee and family*

Brenda Brownlee - August 02, 2023 at 12:00 AM