



Bessie Elizabeth Swagerty Thomas

September 23, 1930 - June 26, 2015

Bessie E. (Swagerty) Thomas, age 84, born September 23, 1930, departed this earthly realm on June 26, 2015, at Baptist Tennova Hospital, Newport, TN, with her loving family by her side.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Andrew "Hoochie" Thomas; mother, Cynthia Swagerty, father, Harold Swagerty; brothers, Rudolph, Mills, Henry, Douglas, Mark, Edward and David Swagerty; sisters, Kate Frazier and Rue Hammer English Stokes.

She leaves to mourn her passing, children: Thomas E. Thomas, Jacqueline Collins-Hudson, Cynthia J. Finch, Knoxville, TN, Roy Bruce, Steve, Steuffon, Tony Thomas and Delores Branner, Newport, TN and Beulah Oldham, Clarksville, TN.

Special thanks to East Tennessee Health Consultants, Stephen Miller, PA and Dr. Foster, Newport Family Practice Center, Dr. Garbarino and Smoky Mountain Hospice family.

The family will receive friends Friday, July 3, 2015, 12:00 noon, followed by funeral service at 1:00 pm, in Manes Funeral Home Chapel, Newport, TN. Burial will be in Gum Springs Union Cemetery following the funeral service. Family and friends may sign the guest register at:www.manesfuneralhome.com.

Manes Funeral Home in charge.

Tribute Wall



“ *Bessie Elizabeth Swagerty Thomas*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about Ms. Bessie passing. She was a wonderful lady. My love and prayers continue to be with the family*

Diana Woods Kinard - July 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *The McMahan Family sends their condolences to your family!*

Janet McMahan - July 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Stueffon n family, so sorry for your loss, but hope you find comfort knowing she's with our precious Lord. This is Lillie Mae Holt's daughter. Chris and Audrey*

Audrey Holt Lamb - July 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our prayers and thoughts are with the family during your time of sorrow. Ron and Betty Breeden (we worked with Bessie at Electro-Voice)*

Betty Breeden - July 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bessie Elizabeth Swagerty Thomas*

alannta ball- great granddaughter - July 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ *Bessie Elizabeth Swagerty Thomas*

steve & donna gilbert - July 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ *My prayers are with you all..*

Angie Gentry - July 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *Deepest sympathies.*

Darrell Robertson - July 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *Bessie Elizabeth Swagerty Thomas*

Charlie and Lana williamson - July 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ *praying for your family during your loss!!!*

erica walker - July 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ *Bessie was a great friend who I loved and respected. We worked together a Electro-Voice. Blessings to each of you*

Faye Brooks - July 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *Bessie Elizabeth Swagerty Thomas*

Pat and Shannon Swagerty - July 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ So sorry for your loss

Kay James, Betty Phillips - July 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ We are thinking and praying for all of the family and friends.

Anit Collins - July 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Cynthia, my condolences to you and your family.

Jack Manning, Jr - July 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ I'm very sorry for your loss.

mary keys - July 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ God Bless your family and friends. My deepest sympathies to all.

David & Sandra Johnson - July 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ Our deepest sympathies.

Paulette Shults & Juanita Lane - July 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Sorors Cynthia, Beulah, and Tanya, my prayers are with you and your family with the loss of your dear mother and grandmother. Psalm 73:23-24, "Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will

Angela Spann - July 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ From: "Chief" To: Cynthia Finch and Family "During Your Time of Grief -- Keep In Your Hearts the Promises of Our Loving God" What God Hath Promised God hath not promised Skies always blue, Flower- strewn pathways All our lives through; God hath not

Brenda "Chief" Thompson - June 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ You've lost something or someone that meant the world to you, and now all you can see is a big hole where your future used to be. If you let God step into that big hole you'll see Him fill it up, spill out and tower over it. He's a way maker!!

Shelia Henderson-Washington - June 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Bessie Elizabeth Swagerty Thomas

Jason Stokely - June 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ Bessie Elizabeth Swagerty Thomas

Edith Hudgens - June 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ To the family of Bessie Elizabeth Thomas, we express our sincere condolences in the loss of your mother. We pray God's peace and comfort upon each of you in the name of Jesus Christ. Salisbury District WHOM Society Dorothy Gill-Smith, District Pres. 06/3

DOROTHY GILL-SMITH - June 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Words cannot possibly begin to ease your pain and sorrow, but please remember that we care about your hurting heart and share in your sorrow. May the precious memories of your sweet mother carry you through these difficult times. With Heartfelt Prayers &

Tammy Francis - June 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ In your time of sorrow may it ease your pain to know that others are thinking of you. With Deepest Sympathy Lula & Ralph Ozmun
Psalms 23

Lula Ozmun - June 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Bessie Elizabeth Swagerty Thomas*

Jimmy and Charlotte Blazer - June 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *Family Family isn't always blood.It's the people in your life who want you in theirs,The ones who Accept your for who you are.The one who would do anything to see you smile and who Love you ,that you all are to The Thomas family,No Matter What.??*

Steuffon and Jackie Thomas - June 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ *Ours thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We love you, Eunice and Chantel*

Eunice H Bridgeorth - June 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Sincere sympathies for entire Thomas family. Thoughts and prayers this day..

Abby Balch - June 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Soror Cynthia, I am praying for you and the rest of your family in the home going of your beloved Mother. Remember she is absent from the body but she is present with the Lord. Sisterly, In Christ, Sheree Pinkerton-Wheat

Sheree Wheat - June 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Our sympathies. Melissa

Melissa Ripley for Clara Mae Frazier - June 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ Cynthia, Praying for Comfort and God's Strength for you and your family. Phyllis Jones

Phyllis Jones - June 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ With thoughts of peace and courage for you

Bea S. Brady - June 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.

Rosa Sutton - June 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *Bessie Elizabeth Swagerty Thomas*

Mary Ann & Jay Chrisman - June 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ *I shall never forget Bessie being in our play with the Newport Theatre Guild. I got to rehearse and work closely with her and we had a marvelous time. Loved her too death!!! My sincere sympathy to all of her family. You certainly were blessed to have her*

Linda Dawson - June 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *Soror Finch, I am so sorry to hear about your mother's passing. My prayers are with you and your family. Sincerely, Soror Alvone Scott Zeta Delta, UT-K (1980-1982)*

Alvone Scott - June 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *We are very sorry for your loss.*

Pat and Susan (Morgan) Mason - June 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ *May God provide you and your family with comfort and peace as you mourn the loss of your mother. I will keep you and the family in my prayers. Love Always. Gloria*

Minister Gloria Parahams Eskridgemsgjp - June 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *Bessie Elizabeth Swagerty Thomas*

Lisa Reed and family - June 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ To my Aunt Bessie, I want to thank you for raising me and loving me and my children. Thank you for allowing my children to have a grandmother and loving them as your own even though they were your neices and nephews. I know that you are where you need t

Teresa Allen - June 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Cynthia, and Steve, I am so sorry to hear about your mother's passing praying for you and your family as you grieve. May God's love and peace be with you all during this difficult time.

Julie Tritt - June 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

OI

“ Deloris, I am very sorry for the loss of your mother, you and Jameszina will be in my prayers. May God give all her children comfort in the days to come. God Bless You All.

Orlevia Ivy - June 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WE

“ Bessie Elizabeth Swagerty Thomas

William, Katrina, Gage and Keira Eck - June 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NT

“ Cynthia, Beaulah and Tanya- I pray for your strength in the Lord. My desire is that time and God heal your hearts. Love you all and know that the Toombs family loves and supports you. Nikki Toombs

Nikki Toombs - June 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Sorors Cynthia, Beulah and Tanya our prayers are constantly with you and the family. Knowing that The Lord is constantly with you will give you strength and guide through this process. Love you more
Soror Juana Dirl Hodge 6/28/15

Juana Dirl Hodge - June 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ Jacqueline, and family I am so sorry for you loss. Sending prayers for peace and comfort now and in the days ahead.

Nanette Wilds - June 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Thomas Family,Especially Cynthia, know that I understand and am with you always. Know that God is to wise to make a mistake so he will be with you during this time and forever.

Betty Davis Gause - June 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Delores & family , may you feel the comfort & peace of our Lord as you mourn the absence of your precious mother...

Marilyn Shelton-Jones - June 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FE

“ We are so sorry for your loss.

Fletcher and Penny Ervin - June 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ To all the family deepest sympathy prayers Mary Austin-Taylor

Mary taylor - June 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM