



Teresa Thomas

August 16, 1957 - January 3, 2022

On Monday, January 3, 2022, Teresa Jane Thomas, loving mother of two children and five grandchildren, passed away at age 64 in her home.

Teresa was born on August 16, 1957 in Newport, TN to William Edward and Janette (Simms) Ray. She graduated from Cocke County High School in 1975. She received her Bachelor's degree in education from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville in 1979. One of her proudest accomplishments was serving as a majorette for the Pride of the Southland marching band for 4 years while at UT. Teresa taught English in Knoxville until becoming a homemaker after the birth of her two children, Lindsey and Barrett. If you knew her well, you know she spoke English loosely. She worked for several years at Bush's Beans in Chestnut Hill, TN, followed by part time work at Goodwill in Newport. She was an active member of Providence Baptist church in Newport, TN.

Teresa loved her children very much and family meant the world to her. She loved vacations to the beach and family gatherings. Teresa's passion was her grandchildren, that she loved dearly. Her nightly routine always concluded with a coffee mug of ice cream and lounging with her dog, Willie, and cat, Jade. She always looked forward to Saturday night filet and crab legs at her dear friend's house, Scott Williamson. She was always there for a shoulder to lean on and calming voice to talk to. She always lit up the room and had an infectious smile. She was one of the easiest people to talk to.

Teresa was preceded in death by her father, William Edward Ray, and her

mother, Janette Ray. She is survived by her daughter Lindsey and Eric Hildebrand, her two children, Cole and Layla, her son Barrett and Sasha Thomas, his three children Giavanna, Lilianna, and Isabella. Her brother Glenn and Sonya Ray, their children, Meghan (daughter Ava), Lauren (Son Easton and daughter Sophia), Austyn, and Tyler (daughter Memphis) and her sister Kay and Tony Funderburg, her two daughters, Kasey and Ashton, and several cousins and extended family. A burial service will be held on Saturday, January 8th, 2022 at the Union Cemetery in Newport a 2 o'clock p.m. Flowers can be sent to Manes Funeral Home at 363 East Main Street, Newport TN 37821.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at: www.manesfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Burial Service

JAN 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Chapel
363 East Main Street
Newport, TN 37821

Tribute Wall



“ *Teresa Thomas*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Teresa's passing. We had some really good times together back in the high school band days. I will keep the family in my prayers.*



Cindy Anders - January 27, 2022 at 12:35 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss. She was always nice. I grew up with Teresa and Glen. She will be missed. Love and sympathy to the family.*

Eddie Knight - January 20, 2022 at 05:52 PM



“ *Dear Glen, Kay & Family,
Very sorry for the loss of your sister, Teresa.
I will always remember her beautiful smile.
Thinking of you and your family during this difficult time.
Suzanne Ray*

suzanne Ray - January 18, 2022 at 01:14 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Teresa's passing. Your family is in my prayers.*

Terri Denton - January 09, 2022 at 04:53 PM

MR

“ Mack Jr. and Charlotte Ray purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Teresa Thomas.



Mack Jr. and Charlotte Ray - January 07, 2022 at 10:47 PM

JK

“ I am so very sad to hear of Teresa's passing. It is a great shock. My deepest sympathy to all of her family members. My thoughts and prayers are for each of you. I pray for your peace and comfort now and in the days to come.

*Respectfully,
Janey Clevenger Kinser*



Janey Clevenger Kinser - January 07, 2022 at 09:29 PM

ST

“ Thinking of you in this time of sorrow and wishing we could be with you. We will miss seeing Teresa at our family gatherings.
*Dee and Barbara Funderburg, Ruby Bennett
Stevan, Sheri Townsend and Family*

Sheri Townsend - January 07, 2022 at 08:58 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Teresa Thomas.



January 07, 2022 at 08:37 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Teresa Thomas.*



January 06, 2022 at 12:51 PM



“ *When I heard of Teresa's passing I paused to reflect on our last meeting. This happened about 2 years ago at my 45th class reunion. Our paths had not crossed in some 40 years. It was good to spend time with her and discuss our "glory" days as CCHS majorettes and catch up on each others lives. Got the old scrapbook down last night and spent sometime reminiscing. One of the most comical times was when we were at a band competition and the zipper busted on my uniform. Teresa and I were panicking on what to do. Jeanette was calm as a cucumber and somehow came up with a needle and thread. She sewed the uniform together with me in it. Problem solved. She was a great leader and motivator. Prayers to all the family.*



Debbie Chesteen Davis - January 06, 2022 at 11:23 AM

GC

“ Glen Ray and Kay , So sorry to hear about Teresa. She was a very wonderful person. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this time of sorrow.



Gail and Bobby Clevenger - January 06, 2022 at 09:38 AM

KW

“ Many wonderful childhood and teenage memories with Teresa that will remain with me forever....Prayers for the family...

Kim Johnson Williams - January 05, 2022 at 10:18 PM



“ So shocked to hear this 🇺🇸
Teresa was one of a kind and will always be remembered by her beauty ,personality and her love for her family .We took majorette lessons together and had so many laughs and wonderful memories ❤️
One person I will never forget .



BobbyandGail Clevenger - January 05, 2022 at 09:18 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Teresa Thomas.



January 05, 2022 at 08:18 PM



“ Glenn, Kay & Family I can't even begin to tell you how sadden I am to hear Teresa passing. Please know you all are in my thoughts & prayers.



Audrey Owenby - January 05, 2022 at 04:17 PM

JB

“ I remember Teresa well from her College days. A talented majorette with UT Marching band and always so friendly. she was a lovely girl with such a nice family. I am very sad to learn of her death and wish for the family peace until all meet again.

Jeanne Birdwell - January 05, 2022 at 03:38 PM

BW

“ We were very sorry to hear about Teresa and are thinking of you during this difficult time.

Barry and Janice Webb - January 05, 2022 at 02:54 PM

LD

“ SINCERE SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY.
PRAYERS!

MATTHEW 5:4



Linda & Bud Dawson - January 05, 2022 at 01:42 PM

KI

“ I'm so sorry for your loss! My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Karen Greene Isaacs - January 05, 2022 at 01:13 PM

SH

“ *Sandy Hurley lit a candle in memory of Teresa Thomas*



Sandy Hurley - January 05, 2022 at 09:44 AM

BH

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. I remember how beautiful she was inside and out during her school years. May God hold you all close through your grieving.*

Betsy Vassar Huff - January 05, 2022 at 08:36 AM

TR

“ *I am heartbroken over our loss of Teresa. I worked with her for years and she was always smiling and had a great personality and attitude. She will truly be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are with her family as they grieve her death.*



Tracy - January 04, 2022 at 09:53 PM

DH

What a truly beautiful angel God has received,I can see you now twirling down that golden road,RIP

Doris Holt - January 05, 2022 at 03:59 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Teresa Thomas.*



January 04, 2022 at 09:38 PM



“ *Glenn, Sonya, Kay and all of the family: Oh how this breaks my heart for all of you. Teresa was a beautiful girl in school. I remember when she was a majorette at UT. She always had a smile and had the best personality ever. I am praying for all of you and the many many friends left behind. This is just so so sad. I love you all and I am so so sorry. God be with you and give you strength and comfort during this time.* 🧡🙏🥹



Susie O'Dell - January 04, 2022 at 09:00 PM



“ *Glenn, We are so sorry for your loss. Praying God will comfort you and your family during this time.*



Hershell and Teresa

Teresa Williams - January 04, 2022 at 08:57 PM

PS

“ I remember Teresa as the most beautiful girl in school, she could twirl a baton like no other. Teresa carried herself very gracefully. God has gained another strong angel. Teresa will never be forgotten. Prayers for the family 🙏
Love to all!!



Pamela Sluder - January 04, 2022 at 08:56 PM

DI

“ I'm so grateful for the conversation we had Friday my dear friend !! I will always treasure that special time in my heart the Lord blessed us with. My love to her family she so loved.



Diane - January 04, 2022 at 08:37 PM

DS

“ I remember Teresa as a high school classmate and majorette, and later was proud to see her as a majorette at UT where I was also attending college. She was beautiful and graceful and friendly and I know the world was a better place because of her.

David D Snith - January 04, 2022 at 08:36 PM

Vickie
Quinley

“ Glenn, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of dear Teresa. Blessings to you and your family.
Vickie Turner Quinley

Vickie Quinley - January 04, 2022 at 08:29 PM

LB

“ Teresa brought joy to all her friends. We will always remember her smile and her laugh. Sending love and prayers that you all find peace. Larry and Jamie Brown

Larry & Jamie Brown - January 04, 2022 at 08:13 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Teresa Thomas.



January 04, 2022 at 06:21 PM

DS

“ This is so difficult for me, I loved her like a sister, we had a bond that was truly special, my tears are selfish because of her leaving us too soon. Teresa was the kind of friend everyone should have the honor of having, true as they come, I love you and will miss you my dear bestie..... My thoughts and prayers for Glenn, Kay, Lindsey & Barrett and all of her beautiful family, she loved you all so much



Debbie Owens Sands - January 04, 2022 at 06:04 PM

SO

“ Prayers for all of Teresa's family.



Steve & Nancy Owens - January 04, 2022 at 05:26 PM

DG

“ I will miss her dearly .

Debbie Guest - January 04, 2022 at 04:05 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Teresa Thomas.



January 04, 2022 at 03:56 PM

MA

“ Marian Anderson lit a candle in memory of Teresa Thomas



marian anderson - January 04, 2022 at 02:30 PM

MC

“ So sorry for your loss and we had many childhood memories and she was very special to so many! You all have me and moms prayers

Mitch Coakley - January 04, 2022 at 02:10 PM

GA

“ I worked with a teresa at Bushe's. She was a precious person. My sincere condolences for her family.

Gail - January 04, 2022 at 02:03 PM

BS

“ Teresa was a good friend and confidant. She loved those grand babies to the moon and back. She had a great laugh that I will miss terribly. Rest In Peace my friend love you.

Billie Swaney - January 04, 2022 at 01:43 PM



“ Loving Grace was purchased for the family of Teresa Thomas.



January 04, 2022 at 01:09 PM

MC

“ Marty Coakley lit a candle in memory of Teresa Thomas



Marty Coakley - January 04, 2022 at 01:03 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Teresa Thomas.



January 04, 2022 at 12:14 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Teresa Thomas.*



January 04, 2022 at 12:08 PM



“ *I have so many memories of younger days. We are so sorry for your loss our prayers are with all that loved her.*

Pat N Patricia Taylor - January 04, 2022 at 12:02 PM



“ *Glenn and Kay,*

So sorry for the loss of your sister. I know it hurts terribly. May God comfort you and your family at this time.

Jill Gorrell Foster

Jill Foster - January 04, 2022 at 11:46 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss of Teresa. May the family find peace and comfort in the upcoming days. Thoughts and prayers for you all. May she Rest In Peace.*

Jackie Gorrell - January 04, 2022 at 11:42 AM

KH

“ *Kerri Fielding Hensley lit a candle in memory of Teresa Thomas*



Kerri Fielding Hensley - January 04, 2022 at 10:25 AM

OO

So sorry.you will be missed R.I.P. Love you

Oochie - January 04, 2022 at 11:48 AM

KH

“ *To all of the family, my thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. Teresa was a very special person. We had so many wonderful childhood memories and I was proud to call her my friend. Heaven gained a very precious Angel! She will be greatly missed! RIP my sweet friend!*

Kerri Fielding Hensley - January 04, 2022 at 10:03 AM

JB

Teresa was a beautiful person. She had the sweetest smile ever. We got to know her at Providence Baptist Church. We will miss her. We are so sorry for the families loss. Gary and Jean Batson

Jean Batson - January 04, 2022 at 11:40 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Teresa Thomas.*



January 04, 2022 at 09:50 AM

PG

“ So sorry Sis, Glenn and family and friends. Sending Prayers.

Patricia Gunter - January 04, 2022 at 09:28 AM

DK

“ *Debbie & Herbie Keller lit a candle in memory of Teresa Thomas*



Debbie & Herbie Keller - January 04, 2022 at 09:00 AM