



Mrs. Edna Mae Thomas

March 10, 1935 - November 18, 2022

Mother Edna Mae Thomas, 87, of Peoria, IL, transitioned from this life to her heavenly home at 9:05 pm on Friday, November 18, 2022 at River Crossing Nursing Home of East Peoria, IL.

Edna was born on March 10, 1935 in Harrisburg, Illinois to John Logan and Lydia Ann (Mays) White, Sr. Edna was a 1953 graduate of Harrisburg Township High School. Following her sisters, Edna moved to Peoria, IL in 1954. Later that year, she married the love of her life, Prentis Thomas, Jr., and to their blessed union, 5 children were born, Patricia, Margaret, Anna, Lawrence and Carol. Prentis preceded her in death June 6, 2005 after 51 years of marriage.

Edna had an amazing work ethic. She worked at Bergner's for 33 years, retiring in 2001. She went back to work there after about 3 months, retiring again 7 years later. She not only worked outside the home, but was an avid homemaker. She loved keeping busy. Edna was a shopper, crochet designer and seamstress. She enjoyed listening to gospel music. Mother Edna was a faithful member of Zion Baptist Church for over 50 years.

Mother Edna leaves to cherish her most precious memory her five children, Patricia Thomas, Margaret Irby, Anna Thomas, Lawrence (Mary) Thomas and Carol Thomas all of Peoria, IL; 9 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; 6

great-greatgrandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. She is also preceded in death by her parents; one brother, John Logan White, Jr., and three sisters, Margaret Ann Jones, Beulah Beavers and Betty Trahan.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Saturday, November 26, 2022 at Zion Baptist Church with a visitation at 10 am. Pastor Samuel Duren will officiate. Mother Edna will be laid to rest along side her husband at Parkview Cemetery.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with pre-arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [SimonsMortuary.com](https://www.SimonsMortuary.com).

The service will be live streamed on Simons Mortuary's Website or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Simons-Mortuary-232095303487150> promptly AT THE TIME OF THE SERVICE (Central Time). Due to Covid-19, social distancing is encouraged to be consistent with recommendations from the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA), funeral home directors have been instructed and should follow CDC guidelines on gatherings, including those directly related to funerals, visitations, or graveside services.

*In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, we ask that everyone in attendance: wear a face mask and refrain from hugging, kissing and shaking hands (as hard as it is to see someone you care about and not touch them).

*It is our responsibility as Funeral Directors, to do everything we can to advise families in order to honor our beloved Families and to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

Cemetery Details

Parkview Cemetery

2001 N University St
Peoria, IL 61604
(309) 688-0733

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Zion Baptist Church
323 W.Martin Luther King Drive
Peoria, IL 61605

Celebration of Life

NOV **26**. 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM (CT)

Zion Baptist Church
323 W.Martin Luther King Drive
Peoria, IL 61605

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Edna Mae Thomas*



Simons Mortuary - November 23, 2022 at 02:09 PM



“ *Mrs. Edna Mae Thomas*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mrs. Edna Mae Thomas*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *To the family of Ms. Edna Thomas,
Your mom was a beautiful lady and resident.
You have my deepest condolences and
prayers. May God keep you at this time.
Sincerely,*



Jewel Gibson Service Coordinator B'nai B'rith Phase-II

Jewel Gibson - November 28, 2022 at 05:38 PM

LT

Thank you so much, Jewel. The Thomas family greatly appreciates all the assistance and support you gave our mother.

Lawrence Thomas - December 01, 2022 at 05:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Edna Mae Thomas.*



November 25, 2022 at 02:22 PM

JB

“ *Joanie Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Edna Thomas*



Joanie Brown - November 25, 2022 at 09:39 AM

MR

“ *Mattie Risby sent a virtual gift in memory of Edna Thomas*



Mattie Risby - November 23, 2022 at 11:06 AM

MF

“ *Mr.& Johnnie Horton & Family lit a candle in memory of Edna Thomas*



Mr.& Mrs. Johnnie Horton & Family - November 22, 2022 at 10:35 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Edna Mae Thomas.*



November 22, 2022 at 05:00 PM

AI

“ *ANNETTE IRBY lit a candle in memory of Edna Thomas*



ANNETTE IRBY - November 22, 2022 at 03:23 PM

FR

“ *To the Thomas Family:
My prayers are with the family, in the passing of Mother Thomas.
What a beautiful woman, she was, inside and outside.
May our God, comfort the family, during this time of grief.
Mother Thomas is at peace now, resting in our Saviour's arms.*

Much love family.

Frederick T. Morris a.k.a. Ricky - November 22, 2022 at 08:52 AM



Our condolences to the Thomas family

Robert & Gail Johnson

Robert Johnson - November 26, 2022 at 08:23 AM