



Bessie May Thomas

May 15, 1928 - February 14, 2023

Bessie May (Mattix) Thomas, daughter of Timothy and Minnie Bell (Adams) Mattix, was born on May 15, 1928, and departed this life on Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at her home in Buffalo, Missouri. She was at the time of her passing 94 years, eight months, and 26 days of age.

Bessie was born in California, but her family moved around at a young age and would eventually end up in Wyoming. This is where she would meet her late husband, Kenneth Thomas, and they would be joined in marriage on November 1, 1946. They then moved to Des Moines, Iowa, and there they would have four daughters. Bessie and the family moved to Missouri in 1966 and she lived there until her passing.

Bessie was a passionate and devoted follower of Jesus Christ. She was a member of the Full Gospel Church in Buffalo, Missouri. She loved to read her Bible, listen to gospel music, and pray for her family. Bessie also had a deep love for her family. She cherished her time with them and was proud to be a grandma, great-grandma, and great-great-grandma. Everything Bessie touched would flourish. That included her family. Her last words were a true testament to her faith and love for her family. She said, "Please tell them all 'I love you' and 'I have prayed for you your whole life.'"

Bessie was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Thomas; her parents,

Timothy and Minnie Mattix; one daughter, Pamela Marie Thomas; two brothers, Robert Mattix and Lawrence Mattix; one sister, Dorothy Montonye; and two grandchildren, Jesse McCoy and Brandon Pogue. She is survived by three daughters, LeAnn Martin of Buffalo, Missouri, Susan Thomas of Marshfield, Missouri, and Beverly Lee & husband Michael of Elkland, Missouri; 10 grandchildren, Julie Finley, Brian Prier, Wayne Bremerkamp, Melissa Bolles, Jessica Minor, Michelle Sarlito-Holt, Brandon Acton, Chad Acton, Shaun Coltrane, and Dustin Coltrane; 29 great-grandchildren; and 13 great-great-grandchildren. Bessie is loved and will be missed dearly.

Funeral services for Bessie will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 18, 2023, at Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home in Buffalo, Missouri with Mrs. LeAnn Martin officiating. Interment will follow the service in White Chapel Memorial Gardens in Springfield, Missouri.

Cemetery Details

White Chapel Memorial Gardens

Springfield, MO

Previous Events

Service

FEB 18. 9:30 AM (CT)

Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home - Buffalo

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bessie May Thomas*

October 09, 2023 at 12:27 PM



“ *Bessie May Thomas*

October 09, 2023 at 04:09 AM



“ *Bessie May Thomas*

October 05, 2023 at 11:14 PM



“ *Bessie May Thomas*

October 05, 2023 at 05:41 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bessie May Thomas.*



February 17, 2023 at 08:41 AM

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“ Cheryl Wilson lit a candle in memory of Bessie May Thomas



Cheryl Wilson - February 16, 2023 at 06:12 PM

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My sweet aunt Bessie I will miss you you but I hold you dearly in my heart I have wonderful memories so many of them, one of my favorites is pulling taffy!! Til we meet again❤️😭

Cheryl Wilson - February 16, 2023 at 06:15 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bessie May Thomas.



February 16, 2023 at 12:07 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Bessie May Thomas.



February 16, 2023 at 10:37 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Bessie May Thomas.* ”



February 15, 2023 at 11:18 PM