



Ernestine Thomas

August 13, 1944 - July 14, 2025

Mrs. Ernestine (Archie) Thomas was born August 13, 1944, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She was born to the late Ernest Archie and the late Doris Bullock. She departed this life on July 14, 2025.

Mrs. Ernestine, also known as Tootsie, was educated in the Philadelphia public school system and graduated from West Philadelphia high school in 1962. She worked in the medical field for thirteen years, worked at an engineering construction company as a clerk for two years, and was in the childcare field for 25 years. Ernestine moved to New York City in 1964 and later met Jesse Thomas in 1966. The couple became united in marriage on January 17, 1970, and from that union two children were born.

She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church in Columbia, South Carolina for 13 years and served as a Deaconess. She was known as the hat lady because she always made sure her head was covered. She enjoyed her family and friends, traveling, and took pride in her appearance. If you were ever looking for her, she could always be found shopping, getting her nails done, or at the movie theatre.

Mrs. Ernestine was preceded in death by her parents, Ernest Archie and Doris Bullock; sister, Bettie Bislam; brothers Donald Bullock (Peggy) and Dallas Gerald Bullock (Joanne).

Mrs. Ernestine leaves to mourn her passing: her husband Jesse Thomas of Columbia, SC; daughter, Gina Hambrick (Edwin) of Elgin, SC; son, Kevin Thomas (Yolanda) of Upper Marlboro, MD; granddaughters, Brandi Johnson of Columbia, SC, Sophia Thomas of Upper Marlboro, MD, and Shameika Cunningham (Jerrell) of Columbia, SC; grandsons, Da'Mon Dunn, Ryan Thomas, and Justin Thomas, all of Upper Marlboro, MD; great-grandsons, Jeremiah Cunningham, Jaylon Cunningham, and Josiah Cunningham, all of Columbia, SC; brother, George Bullock (Teresa) of Pemberton, NJ; sister in laws Joanne Bullock of Philadelphia, PA, Georgia Thomas of Newark, NJ, Liz Glanton of Pennsylvania; brother in laws Habeed Love of New Jersey, an aunt, Salley Smith of Cinnaminson, NJ; two God daughters; a host of nieces and nephews; and a host of loving relatives and caring friends, all of whom will miss her dearly.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 23. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel
1200 Fontaine Place
Columbia, SC 29223

A Celebration of Life

JUL 24. 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Baptist Church
2521 Richland Street
Columbia, SC

Tribute Wall



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ernestine Thomas.*



July 23, 2025 at 03:23 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ernestine Thomas.

July 23, 2025 at 03:23 PM



“ *Mrs. Ernestine Thomas was a beautiful God-fearing woman who truly loved the Lord. Her radiant smile, gentle spirit and unwavering faith has touched the lives of so many. She carried herself with grace and stood in a class all her own. She will be deeply missed but forever remembered. Gina, thank you for sharing your beautiful mother with us. I will truly miss her!*

Iris Wright - July 23, 2025 at 01:48 PM



“ *Sending my Deepest Sympathy to the Family!*



Tanya & David Lewis - July 22, 2025 at 07:48 PM

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“ *Sending Our Deepest Sympathy!
David & Tonya Lewis*



Tanya Lewis - July 22, 2025 at 07:42 PM

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“ *I thank God that He chose you to be my mom. You were a perfect example of a mother. Thank you for your wisdom, support, and unconditional love. I love and miss you so much. Until we meet again* ❤️❤️

Gina Hambrick - July 22, 2025 at 12:06 AM

MB

“ *Sending our condolences to the family. You all are in our prayers*



Muchelle Burton - July 21, 2025 at 12:18 PM

NS

“ *I am going to truly miss my aunt. I thank God I got the opportunity to make memories with her and I will cherish all the memories we had. Thank you auntie for being there when I needed someone to talk too and more. I love you and I will miss you. Rest in peace!!!*



Nichole Simmons - July 21, 2025 at 08:06 AM



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



July 20, 2025 at 08:07 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ernestine Thomas.*



July 20, 2025 at 07:54 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ernestine Thomas.*

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“ *Will always love you my childhood love sister and will see you when I get there*

Charles Jenkins - July 20, 2025 at 03:03 PM

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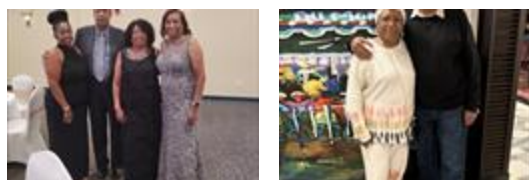
“ *Mary Porterfield lit a candle in memory of Ernestine Thomas*



Mary Porterfield - July 19, 2025 at 08:16 PM

BJ

“ *I miss you grandma! I'll take care of grandpa for you. He's not ok but I'll make sure he has a good life. We love you! ❤️*



Brandi Johnson - July 19, 2025 at 12:25 PM

GF

“ *Sending our deepest sympathy and condolences and prayers to the family and relatives and friends.*



Gloria Harrison Brown and Family - July 18, 2025 at 08:41 PM