



# Delores C. Thomas

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**D**elores Cawthorn Thomas, age 85, of Cordova, TN went to be with her Lord in her Heavenly home on December 22, 2016 surrounded by her husband and family members. She is preceded in death by her parents Vernon Cawthorn and Velma Cawthorn a granddaughter Laura, and also her grandparents Tish and Clarence Bond who raised her, her brother and sister after their mother died when Delores was 15 and her father left town. She was born on February 7, 1931 in Memphis, TN, graduated from Memphis Technical High School in May 1949 and married John on July 29, 1949 at Union Avenue Baptist Church. Later she was a member of Eudora Baptist Church, and in the last thirty years she was a member of Bellevue Baptist Church in Cordova, TN. A loving devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother who found joy in serving in the adult choirs for 65 years, praying for people after greeting and talking with them, and was a devoted "Prayer Warrior" serving at Bellevue Church. She always loved her family visits and gatherings, going to athletic games or other performances they were playing in. Her grandchildren call her "DeeDee" and said she was "...gracious, giving, unwavering love and support for her family"; "...always considerate of others, a strong lady who truly loved and walked daily with the Lord."; "a wise teacher who loved her family, and the person who taught me about unconditional love and support"; "A perfect example to all"; my best friend and could read me like a book." She went on foreign mission trips to Brazil, and to Guatemala many times where her son Jeff and family serve. Her beautiful smile was truly her outward expression of her inward love for people she knew and met. She was devoted completely to her husband John in a 67 year marriage deemed by the former Assistant Pastor of Union Avenue Baptist Church who performed their marriage "...as a marriage made in Heaven."; reared their four children in the ways of The Lord; prayed unceasingly for them, and their eleven grandchildren, a great grandchild and the married spouses. Delores is survived by



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her devoted husband of 67 years, John W. Thomas, Jr., her loving daughter Julianne Thomas, devoted sons and lovely daughters-in-law, John G. Thomas (Cathy), David W. Thomas (Roselyn) and Rev. Jeffrey C. Thomas (Karen); eleven grandchildren, Drew (Annalisa), Heather Garner (Russell), Jonathan, Sean, Kelly, Shelley, Elise, Andrew (Yumi), Bethani (Wil), Caleb and Daniel; one great grandson Beck; a sister, Lorraine Ogilvie and a brother, Robert Cawthorn and sister-in-law, Judy Cawthorn. Family request memorials be sent to Family of Friends Bible Class at Bellevue Baptist Church; Love Worth Finding, Life Choices, Calvary Rescue Mission or a charity of their choosing. Visitation and services will be held at Bellevue Baptist Church in the chapel on Wednesday December 28, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., followed by services at 1:00 p.m. Entombment will be at Memorial Park Funeral Home & Cemetery Mausoleum in the Rotunda, 5668 Poplar Avenue.



## Tribute Wall

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CW

**Christi Williams** posted:

I remember Delores as a lady full of grace. She was a hostess with the mostess and always had a smile on her face. She hosted a swim party for me way back in my early years and I will never forget her generosity and willingness to share her home with a bunch of young teens. She left an indelible mark on many of us and I'm sure she is on the list of one of the most gracious to have walked on this earth. We will never forget the path she left ...

January 11 at 4:19 AM

BM

**Bryson Mcquiston** posted:

Delores was a very gracious and Godly lady! She will be missed greatly. Our prayers to John Thomas & the family!

December 25 at 11:42 AM

DK

**Debbie Kaspar** posted:

Delores and I met in choir in 2000. We got together several times a year to celebrate choir buddies' birthdays. Delores always had such a genuine interest in the lives of others, precious words of encouragement and all while done with the sweet glow of Jesus radiating from her face. I often said , "I want to be like Delores when I grow up." John and Delores have shared family celebrations with us and I consider her one of my best friends. So thankful for the many years I was blessed by her friendship. Debbie

December 24 at 1:52 PM

JL

**Judy Lunati** posted:

I had the privelesge of visiting with Mrs. Delores every week at least once a week and lots of time twice a week. Mrs. Delores was one of the prettiest ladies I know both inside and out. She loved the Lord , her husband and her family ( in that order) and her coffee lol . She would send my mom a get well card when she found out she was sick and that was before she had even met her. I have never met a more selfless person and I am blessed to be the one to make her pretty every week because I had the priveledge to do her hair for 25 years. I along with my Goulds family will miss her but she is praising Jesus right now.

December 24 at 12:10 PM



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**Memorial Park** posted:

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Delores C. Thomas.

December 24 at 4:20 AM



**Angel Auricchio** posted:

Sending love and prayers to your family. This lovely lady, Mrs. Delores will be greatly missed. Heaven sure gained a special lady..Xoxo,Ångel

December 24 at 3:57 AM



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