



Wilhelmina Thomas

July 11, 1932 - October 22, 2024

Wilhelmina Thomas, of Riverton, passed away on October 22, 2024. She was 92 years old. Wilhelmina “Willie” was born on July 11, 1932, in Lynchburg, South Carolina. She moved to Philadelphia, Pa, where she attended Kensington High School and the Philadelphia Modeling and Charm School; subsequently working as a model.

Throughout her life, her deep faith and dedication to community were constants. She was a devoted member of several congregations, including Berean Presbyterian Church, Grace Lutheran Church in Philadelphia, and St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Moorestown. Willie made a lasting impact, serving on the Altar Guild, teaching Sunday School and Vacation Bible School where her warmth and kindness drew children to her with ease. Her commitment to her faith was unwavering, and she was an active presence in church life.

Willie was also dedicated to serving her community. As a volunteer with Rainbow of Hope, she offered support to victims of abuse, and she served on the Burlington County Superior Court’s child placement review board advocating for the well-being of children. In her professional life, she worked for the Philadelphia Housing Authority, Revel and Capewell of Riverside, and the County of Burlington in various departments, always demonstrating integrity and compassion.

Willie's love for her family and friends was at the heart of her being. She made everyone feel valued and cared for, and her legacy is one of love, kindness, and service. While she is deeply missed, her spirit lives on in the love she shared and we now share with others.

Wilhelmina is survived by her children Heshim "Chip" Thomas (Nina), and Janal "Jay" Thomas (Laurel), her grandchildren Olivia, Victoria, David, and Arielle, and her brother Ceasar "Benny" Maddox (Christine).

She is predeceased by her husband Oliver Thomas, and sister Alma Bailie (Don).

Funeral services will be held on November 1, 2024 at St. Matthew Lutheran Church at 318 Chester Avenue, Moorestown, NJ. (Family Calling Hour 2:00 PM, Service 3:00 PM)

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to the Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org) 800-272-3900.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 1. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

St. Matthew Lutheran Church
318 Chester Avenue
Moorestown, NJ

Memorial Service

NOV 1. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DJ

“ *Derrick and Lisa Johnson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wilhelmina Thomas.*

Derrick and Lisa Johnson - October 31, 2024 at 09:08 PM

DJ

“ *Derrick and Lisa Johnson purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Wilhelmina Thomas.*



Derrick and Lisa Johnson - October 31, 2024 at 09:08 PM

CM

“ *Ceasar Maddox purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Wilhelmina Thomas.*



Ceasar Maddox - October 31, 2024 at 08:34 AM

CM

“ *Ceasar Maddox planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wilhelmina Thomas.*

Ceasar Maddox - October 31, 2024 at 08:34 AM

HT

“ Heshim T. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Wilhelmina Thomas.



Heshim T. - October 30, 2024 at 03:55 PM

HT

“ Heshim T. purchased the Lavender Reflections S pray for the family of Wilhelmina Thomas.



Heshim T. - October 30, 2024 at 03:53 PM

PR

“ Miss Willie was an amazing lady. Her kindness to everyone and beautiful laugh were attributes of hers beyond compare. She was a wonderful lady

Patricia Ring - October 29, 2024 at 07:57 PM



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

October 27, 2024 at 05:35 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Wilhelmina Thomas.*



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“ *Melissa & Maria Rivera, Margarita Trotman purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Wilhelmina Thomas.*



Melissa & Maria Rivera, Margarita Trotman - October 27, 2024 at 03:51 AM



“ *Brenda Ford and Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Wilhelmina Thomas.*



Brenda Ford and Family - October 26, 2024 at 10:02 PM