



## Clarissa King-Thomas

August 17, 1943 - June 13, 2024

Clarissa King Thomas, affectionately known to many as Cislyn, Aunt C, Mom, and Grandma, passed away peacefully on Thursday morning, June 13, 2024 in her home, surrounded by her family. Born in John's Hall, Clarendon, Jamaica on August 17, 1943, Clarissa was the daughter of the late Rudolph and Viola Whittaker. She attended St. Monica's Academy, and after completing her studies there, she studied to become an accountant.

She met and married the late Hugh King, and they relocated to Kingston, Jamaica where she worked as an accountant for National Bakery. Clarissa and Hugh's union produced three beautiful children – Michael, Maureen, and Michelle, all whom she loved dearly. While in Jamaica, Clarissa thoroughly enjoyed the beach, entertaining, and traveling around the Island.

Clarissa migrated to the United States to create a better future for her family, where she worked in her field of study for many different corporations such as Goodyear in Jamaica Limited, Hertz, and American Express. While working with American Express she was relocated to Orlando, Florida. Clarissa eventually ended her professional service to corporate America, when she retired from Sprint PCS.

When her beautiful mother Viola, the Matriarch of the family, passed away, Clarissa stepped right in to fill her shoes. She was honored to be the 2nd

Matriarch of the family she loved and cherished throughout her entire life. She continuously opened her home to many family members and friends alike, using her gift of being a super hairdresser, a cook who made memorable and tasty meals, and being a wonderful shopping partner to any who dare to venture out with her.

Clarissa's love for her Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, was evident in all she did. She loved serving Him and making herself available to her brothers and sisters in Christ. She joined First Baptist Church of Central Florida, under the leadership of Dr. Gene Pritchard, and later became a charter member of Grace Bible Church of Central Florida, where she hosted Women's Bible Studies and Prayer Meetings in her home until her health began to fail her.

In 2006 Clarissa was blessed yet again when she met and married Leapert Thomas. The two loved attending church together, traveling, playing dominoes, and entertaining. Clarissa was a blessed Mighty Woman of God, AND she was a blessing to others. She was loved by many, and will be missed by all that knew and loved her.

Clarissa King Thomas was preceded in death by her parents, and her brother, Alphonso Spencer.

She leaves to mourn many beautiful memories of a life well-lived: her husband – Leapert “Tommy” Thomas; son – Micheal King (Vivene); daughters – Maureen, and Michelle (Joseph); bonus children – Phillip and Yvette; brother – Michael (Dr. Barbara) Whittaker; sisters – Cynthia Davis (Bishop Donald) Davis, and Sylvia Stewart; grandchildren – Donya, Warren, Elliott, Mikayla, Nicholas, Nathanael, Joshua, Jordan, and Kristen; great grands – Tyla, Zaiven, Chase and Mason; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends too numerous to mention



# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn Memorial Park

400 Woodlawn Cemetery Road  
Gotha, FL 34734

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 29. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace Bible Church  
801 Dorscher Road  
Orlando, FL 32818

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Clarissa King-Thomas.* ”



June 28, 2024 at 10:45 AM



“ *Stacy-Ann and Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Clarissa King-Thomas.* ”



**Stacy-Ann and Family** - June 28, 2024 at 06:16 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clarissa King-Thomas.* ”



June 28, 2024 at 04:48 AM



“ *Winsome Thomas planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Clarissa King-Thomas.* ”

**Winsome Thomas** - June 28, 2024 at 04:48 AM

YF

“ *Your Behavioral Health- Work Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Clarissa King-Thomas.*



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**Your Behavioral Health- Work Family** - June 28, 2024 at 02:59 AM

RC

“ *Rose Green- Cunningham purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Clarissa King-Thomas.*



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**Rose Green- Cunningham** - June 27, 2024 at 09:05 PM

RC

“ *From: Rose Green- Cunningham planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Clarissa King-Thomas.*

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**Rose Green- Cunningham** - June 27, 2024 at 09:05 PM

FL

“ *From Edith Powell & Family with Love purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Clarissa King-Thomas.*



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**From Edith Powell & Family with Love** - June 27, 2024 at 02:00 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Clarissa King-Thomas.



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June 26, 2024 at 09:19 PM



“ Jacky Garraway-Brown & family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Clarissa King-Thomas.



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**Jacky Garraway-Brown & family** - June 26, 2024 at 08:47 PM



“ Condolences to Leapert and the children and family. I will miss Clarissa dearly she was a true and kind friend.  
Gloria Garraway

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**Gloria Garraway** - June 26, 2024 at 04:40 PM



“ Gloria G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Clarissa King-Thomas.

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**Gloria G.** - June 26, 2024 at 04:21 PM

MF

“ Michael Whittaker and family. purchased the Refl  
ections of Gratitude Casket Spray for the family  
of Clarissa King-Thomas.



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Michael Whittaker and family. - June 26, 2024 at 11:46 AM

MF

“ Michael Whittaker and family. planted a <a  
href="/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518">Memorial Tree</a> in  
honor of Clarissa King-Thomas.

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Michael Whittaker and family. - June 26, 2024 at 11:46 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the  
family of Clarissa King-Thomas.



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June 26, 2024 at 11:12 AM

MI

“ Missing you Mom,



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Michelle - June 24, 2024 at 11:07 PM

TF

“ Teddy and family purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Clarissa King-Thomas.



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**Teddy and family** - June 24, 2024 at 01:32 PM

TF

“ Teddy and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Clarissa King-Thomas.

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**Teddy and family** - June 24, 2024 at 01:32 PM

CG

“ Cynthia, Donald, children and grandkids purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Clarissa King-Thomas.



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**Cynthia, Donald, children and grandkids** - June 23, 2024 at 07:07 PM

CG

“ Cynthia, Donald, children and grandkids planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Clarissa King-Thomas.

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**Cynthia, Donald, children and grandkids** - June 23, 2024 at 07:07 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Clarissa King-Thomas.*



June 21, 2024 at 07:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Clarissa King-Thomas.*



June 20, 2024 at 07:45 PM



“ *MONICA DENISE SCOTT lit a candle in memory of Clarissa King-Thomas*



**MONICA DENISE SCOTT** - June 17, 2024 at 03:37 PM



“ *This beautiful lady took me into her home treated me as a part of her family. I will never forget what she has done for me. We have lost a loving mom. Now she is resting in the loving arms of the lord. GOD BLESS YOU MOM....From your loving son Phillip.*



**Phillip** - June 17, 2024 at 01:35 PM

MM

*Clarissa treated me like her own family. She had a great heart, and those who met her, knew her, always felt her warm. My family love and respected her. She was as truly a Mother to young and old.*

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**Marcia Mitchell** - June 18, 2024 at 07:27 AM