



Lizzie Mae Thames

October 10, 1937 - April 13, 2024

Lizzie Mae Riley was born on October 10, 1937 in Manning, South Carolina to Josephine Lemon and Charles Riley, Sr. She was raised in a loving and God fearing home, along with her one brother and three sisters. She attended school in Manning where she graduated.

It was in Manning where met the love of her life, David (Tim) Thames. In January 1966, they were wed in Holy Matrimony. In 1968, she joined her husband in Winter Garden, Florida. Their union was blessed with two sons, Kelvin and Kenny. Liz was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and family member. Her family meant the world to her. They were given loving care, with wisdom and guidance. She worked at Sunland Training Center in Orlando, Florida for many years until its closing in 1983.

Mother Thames accepted Jesus Christ as her Personal Savior at an early age and began her work in His vineyard. She united with the Bethlehem Missionary Church Family in 1974, where she labored for more than 45 plus years.. She was loyal to every auxiliary she was affiliated with. She was a member of Choir #1 Combined Choir, The Sr. Women's Mission, Prayer Band, Golden Angels, Deaconess Ministry and she was very instrumental in organizing the Bereavement Committee. She served untiringly and unselfishly giving both spiritually and financially, until her health prevented her from doing so. She also loved to hear the Male Chorus and supported them

wholeheartedly.

Her final thoughts on Saturday, April 13, 2024, must have been: 'I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

Mother Thames was preceded in death by her Husband, David (Tim) Thames; Her Parents: Josephine Lemon and Charles Riley, Sr.; Son, Kenneth Thames; Stepdaughter, Carol Jones; and her Brother, Charles Riley, Jr.

She leaves cherished memories of a beautiful life with Sons: Kevin Thames of Winter Garden, Florida, James Riley of Baltimore, Maryland; Grandchildren: LeKendra Geffard (Rick) of Winter Garden, Florida; Naomi Thames of Winter Garden, Florida; Kevin Thames, Jr, Travontae Rodgers, Sandra Akins, and Kendall Lovett, all of Orlando, Florida; Step Son, Shaquille Riley of Winter Garden, Florida; Step Daughters: Lisa Myles of Orlando, Florida, and Titiana Riley of Winter Garden, Florida; Sisters: Estelle Brock and Sarah Tindal (Cleveland) of Baltimore, Maryland and Eva Mae Gaters (Samuel) of Sumter, South Carolina; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, her Bethlehem Church Family, Kenny Court Neighbors; and sorrowing friends.

Cemetery Details

Orlando Memorial Gardens

5264 Ingram Road
Apopka, FL 32703

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church
915 East Plant Street
Winter Garden, FL 34787

Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Prayers for the Family 📖❤️🙏❤️🙏
From: Roxana Faison

Nancy Faison Taylor - May 09, 2024 at 11:20 AM

BM

“ Barbara Massey lit a candle in memory of
Lizzie Mae Thames



Barbara Massey - May 07, 2024 at 05:08 AM

DM

“ Deaconess of Bethlehem MBC purchased the Cr
ystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Lizzie Mae
Thames.



Deaconess of Bethlehem MBC - May 06, 2024 at 04:22 PM

MR

“ Marvelous Rodgers lit a candle in memory of
Lizzie Mae Thames



Marvelous Rodgers - May 04, 2024 at 10:20 AM

EJ

“ *Ethel Johnson lit a candle in memory of Lizzie Mae Thames*



Ethel Johnson - April 19, 2024 at 07:04 PM

MS

“ *MONICA DENISE SCOTT lit a candle in memory of Lizzie Mae Thames*



MONICA DENISE SCOTT - April 17, 2024 at 04:07 PM

ML

“ *Mary Morss (Lois) lit a candle in memory of Lizzie Mae Thames*



Mary Morss (Lois) - April 16, 2024 at 10:19 PM