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Acknowledgement

We, the family of Sister Annie "Annette" Wheeler Thomas, wish to acknowledge Valencia's Heavenly Creations Home Health, LLC – Helen Valencia Washington-Thomas, Vivian Alston, Helen Robinson, and Prisma Health Hospice. We would like to also thank each of you for your calls, texts, prayers, and visits during this time of bereavement.

*A Celebration of Life
In Loving Memory
of*

MRS. ANNIE JEANETTE WHEELER THOMAS



**SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025
12:00 NOON**

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Obituary of Sister Annie “Annette” Wheeler Thomas

Sister Annie “Annette” Wheeler Thomas was born on November 1, 1944, in Columbia, South Carolina. She was the fifth child of the late Abraham and Leah Esther Wheeler. She departed this life on Sunday, May 11, 2025.

Sister Thomas was educated in the public schools of Richland County, South Carolina, and graduated from C.A. Johnson High School, Class of 1962.

She committed her life to Christ at the age of nine. Sister Thomas was baptized in the name of Jesus Christ at the Progressive Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in Columbia, South Carolina, and soon after was filled with the gift of the holy ghost. Sister Thomas served on various missionary auxiliaries and held key positions throughout the years. She loved giving God praise through her voice as she was a part of various singing aggregations at Progressive Church. Her generosity knew no boundaries as she served her church faithfully for over 70 years.

Sister Thomas was employed by Bell South from which she retired at 18 ½ years of service. She also taught and assisted in the Richland County Public Schools for almost 10 years. Sister Thomas owned and managed Annette’s Styles of Distinction for many years. Her greatest passion was visiting the sick and shut-in and often worked as a private caregiver.

In addition to her parents, Sister Thomas was preceded in death by her sister, Emma Cruz.

Sister Annie “Annette” Wheeler Thomas leaves behind cherish memories for her children, Darrel (Valencia) Thomas, Bridgett (Stephon) Cunningham, Katherine (Jermaine) Tart, and Brian Thomas; seven sisters, three brothers, thirteen grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, other close friends, and family.

Tributes From Grandchildren

I love you, I am proud to be your first-born grandchild. I will miss you, but I will remember you in the way I continue to live on this Earth. I thank God that I was blessed to have you as my Grandmother. Your first-born grandson-
-Sidney

Grandma Ann always let it be known that I was her “miracle baby” every chance she was able to. She made me feel special all the time. Thank you for being a great role model to us all. I love you.
Your “Miracle Baby”,
Zhané

I remember when grandma came on a trip with my mom, Aunt Bridgette, Sidney and myself on a trip to Universal Studios and we sang gospel songs the whole way since we had to rehearse for singing in the children’s choir. Thank you for making sure we kept God first in everything we do at an early age. I love you.
Donovan

I just wanted to touch on one of the special memories that’ll always be with me as we continue to live on with Grandma Annette in our hearts. Her jelly layered cakes always touched my soul and my stomach.
-Chase

The times I remember most with my grandma were spent at her house with my cousins. Whether we were staying the weekend or going there for a holiday, it was always a good time. I will cherish those moments for the rest of my life. Thank you for every little moment, Grandma Ann. I love you.
-Zachary

Thank you for loving me, for me, Grandma Ann. I’m grateful to say I spent the majority of my life knowing what it was like to know your embrace. You gifted me with your love, your Sunday dinners, & your hugs will forever be etched into my mind.
-Jovonnie

A grandmother’s love is one of the most special kinds of love, and I am forever grateful that I was blessed to experience a love as strong as yours, Grandma Ann. I love you forever,
-Tabitha

My most memorable moment with Grandma Ann were the sleepovers at her house. I loved every moment spent with her whether it was shopping or just relaxing. Grandma Ann you will be missed, I love you!
-Aaliyah

Grandma Ann has been there for me when growing up, every step of the way. She made sure we all went to Sunday school to help build our relationship with God. She was the glue to this family and made sure we all were in each other’s presence.
-Edgar

My most memorable moments with Grandma Ann would have to be the phone calls with her that would go on for almost an hour and we would just talk about everything, and she would come out and help us and she was always bragging about us to other people.
-O’Brien

Grandma Ann was the heart of our family. Her kindness, gentle spirit, and endless love shaped our lives in countless ways. We will miss her deeply, but we are forever grateful for the times we’ve had with her.
~ Amari

Memories



Order of Service

- Prelude....."Jesus Is The Light That Shineth In Me"
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Old Testament.....Deacon Leroy Epps
- New Testament.....Minister Simon Jenkins
- Prayer.....Bishop David Johnson, Sr.
- Musical Selection....."Called on Jesus"
- Reflections.....Sister Sarah Jenkins
Sister Jessie Scott
Grandchildren
- Acknowledgements.....Sister Janie Davis
- Musical Selection....."I Feel Like Praising Him"
- Words of Comfort.....Bishop Theodore Jenkins, Sr.
- Musical Selection....."Have Faith In God"
- Recessional
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

Lincoln Cemetery
4900 Farrow Road
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