

Hazel Dean THOMAS



CELEBRATING
THE LIFE
— of —

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Sunset

FEBRUARY 14, 2025

Sunrise

AUGUST 11, 1937

Tributes

MEMORIES FROM GRANDCHILDREN

Trisha: A great memory for me with mama aside from her loving me and always being supportive is when I was a little girl probably between 7-10 yrs old she'd let me pull out that trusted JC Penney big oh jumbo catalog and circle everything I wanted! And guess what ..I got everything I circled. Priceless.
Xoxo



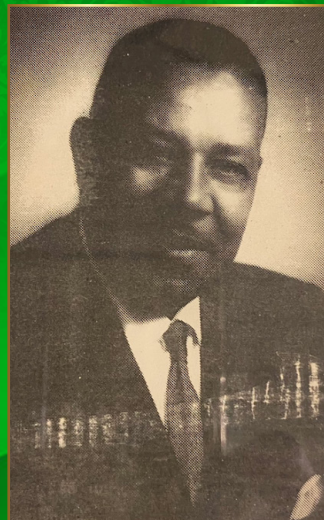
Shay: I remember the Christmas we all had matching pajamas. Me, Shante and Lalas would go to Nanny's every morning before school. Nanny and papa Eddie would make us a cup of coffee and we would watch cartoons with them.

Shante: I can always remember nanny being beautifully put together! She was the definition of feminine and sexy to me. I remember her cooking Sunday dinners before church and still having time to get herself dressed to IMPRESS!

Jaelin: From Nanny, to me, to you—this love, this wisdom, this legacy carries on. It does not end with loss; it transforms, it lingers, and it lives on through us. We honor those who came before us by living fully, by cherishing each moment, and by holding each other close.

Candice: When I think of Nanny I think of her playing cards, laughing and talking mess!! When we would ask her for money while she was playing card games. You got what you asked for. You asked for \$1.00 you got \$1.00 you ask for \$20 she gave you twenty. I couldn't figure out how to make that two sentences. Love ya thanks for doing everything you are doing.

Christi: My memory of Nanny was when I rode with her and Papa to Dallas to spend summer there.



Alexandria: Besides being the best example of strength, independence and leadership for the family, Nanny showed me love always, from our coffee milk dates when I was 5, taking me to Mickidees after school or church, to letting me lay with her and watch tv. Nanny supported me and loved on me in such a beautiful and unique way. She is and will always be everything to me and this family.
Without her there is no us.

Stephanie: Growing up with Nanny, holiday mornings were the highlight of my childhood memories! We would wake up to the smell of delicious food and so many cakes I couldn't touch... You know I tried! Nanny would blast all her favorite songs, one of my favorites, was "Last Two Dollars" by Johnnie Taylor.

Stacy: Nanny had to take the cousins to swim lessons because our parents all left us together. All 4 of us Alex, Stephanie and Deven let her drive us all the way to the YMCA instead of MLK rec center because we were too scared to say anything. We all still laugh about it today!



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A GODLY WOMAN

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Hazel Dean Thomas was born on August 11, 1937, in Jacksonville, Texas, she was the cherished daughter of John and Inez Trimble. As the fifth of six siblings, she grew up surrounded by love and laughter, sharing her childhood with Sherman, Fred, William, Mardine, and Billie Fay.

Throughout her youth, Hazel dazzled with her passion for baton twirling as a majorette, a pursuit that exemplified her vibrant spirit. Some of her fondest memories were crafted during summers spent with family, spending time together in Texas and Denver—moments that left an indelible mark on her heart.

A proud graduate of Manuel High School in Denver, Hazel continued her educational journey, earning an Associate’s Degree from Arapahoe Community College, a testament to her lifelong love for learning and self-improvement. Hazel was a pioneer in her own right as a homeowner in the Parkhill neighborhood for over 50 years.

In love, Hazel found her soulmate in Rome Daniel Davis. Their hearts entwined in Jacksonville, Texas, and they took vows of marriage on November 1, 1955, amidst the breathtaking scenery of Tijuana, Mexico. Together, they built a beautiful family, welcoming five wonderful children: Rhonda, Linda, Pamela, Ronald, and Donald.

In her later years, Hazel’s heart expanded once more when she met Eddie Thomas at Jim’s store in Denver. They wed in August 1980 at The Monaco House, where Eddie lovingly treated her like a queen. His mantra—“Happy wife, happy life”—encapsulated their joyous partnership filled with respect, affection, and shared dreams.

Hazel was not only a devoted mother but also a proud grandmother to 17 grandchildren and over 20 great-grandchildren. Her legacy of love continues through each one of them. Each grandchild carries a piece of her spirit, echoing the warmth and kindness she radiated throughout her life.

Hazel Dean Thomas will be remembered for her laughter, her fire cracker personality, and her boundless love for family. She enriched the lives of all who knew her, leaving a legacy that will be cherished forever. Hazel’s life was a tapestry woven with cherished moments, leading her family, and her memory will continue to shine brightly in the hearts of those who knew her.

Hazel Dean Thomas departed this life on to the embrace of the Lord on February 14, 2025. Hazel is survived by her 5 children: Rhonda Little, Linda Duncan, Pam Davis, Ronald Davis and Donald Davis and her 35+ grandchildren.

Celebration

Monday, October 19, 2024 | 11:00 A.M.
 MORNING STAR BAPTIST CHURCH
 2385 Galena Street | Aurora, Colorado 80010
 Pastor Hardy Swazer, Officiating and Eulogist

Processional..... Tara Washington Everette / Andre Hazard
 “Open My Heart”

Parting Memories Pipkin Braswell Funeral Directors
Selection..... Tara Washington Everette / Andre Hazard
 “We Fell Down”

Comfort From The Scriptures..... Minister
 Old Testament
 New Testament

Prayer of Solace..... Minister
Selection..... Tara Washington Everette / Andre Hazard
 “Never Would Have Made It”

Acknowledgements, Condolences and Obituary..... Pipkin Braswell Funeral Director
 Video Tribute
 Family Tribute

Expressions Of Love(open mic)..... Two – Minutes Please
Words of Comfort Pastor Richard Lewis
Selection..... Marvin Sapp Recording
 “We Shall Behold Him”

Eulogy..... Pastor Hardy Swazer
Selection..... Tara Washington Everett // Andre Hazard
 “Safe In His Arms”

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Recessional..... Tara Washington Everette / Andre Hazard
 “I Can Only Imagine”