

Footprints in the Sand

By Mary Stevenson

One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord.

Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky.

In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand.

*Sometimes there were two sets of footprints,
other times there were one set of footprints.*

*This bothered me because I noticed
that during the low periods of my life,
when I was suffering from
anguish, sorrow or defeat,*

I could see only one set of footprints.

So I said to the Lord,

*“You promised me Lord,
that if I followed you,*

you would walk with me always.

*But I have noticed that during
the most trying periods of my life
there have only been one
set of footprints in the sand.*

*Why, when I needed you most,
you have not been there for me?”*

The Lord replied,

*“The times when you have
seen only one set of footprints,
is when I carried you.”*

Harrisburg
FUNERAL & CREMATION

In Loving Memory of **Lannie Ruth Thomas**



Sunrise
June 10, 1940

Sunset
March 5, 2026

Thursday, March 12, 2026
Visitation: 11:00 A.M.
Funeral Service: 12:00 P.M.

Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church
200 Sims Pkwy
Harrisburg, NC 28075

Obituary

Ms. Lannie R. Thomas, Age 85, earned her wings on March 5, 2026 and went on to her eternal home.

Born the daughter of Pansy and Grover McCormick on June 10, 1940, in the City of Camden, South Carolina.

Lannie was a graduate of Central High School located in Newark, NJ. First studying to be a radiologic technologist she decided she more interested in pursuing a nursing career.

At Essex County College she completed the LPN and RN Programs, which resulted in her nursing employment at Martland Medical Center now named University Hospital in Newark, NJ. She admirably advanced to become the Clinical Nurse Manager of the Pulmonary Clinic overseeing community nursing for tuberculosis patients for over 20 years.

During Lannie's tenure at University Hospital, she was inspired to forge ahead and went on to complete a Theological Bachelor's Degree at Eastern Bible Institute in Irvington, NJ. It was evident that Lannie had a yearning to serve the Lord and followed her calling. At St. Johns Baptist Church in Scotch Plains, NJ, Lannie first served as Sunday School Teacher, working on the Nursing Ministry, became a missionary and an evangelist. Under the guidance of the late Bishop Kelmo C. Porter she became a minister. After retiring from University Hospital and moving to Palm Coast, Florida she was further ordained "Reverend Lannie R. Thomas," at First A.M.E. Church in Palm Coast, Florida by Reverend Gillard S. Glover, where she served on the ministerial staff, Church Steward, Class Leader and Outreach Ministry. Later, at Daytona State College Lannie accepted and carried out a position of professor of the CNA Nursing Program.

Rev. Lannie R. Thomas was predeceased by her parents, Grover, Pansy and bonus father Frank Smith as well as her loving husband, the late Edward Thomas.

Left in the sunshine of life to forever cherish her memories are her two daughters, Nicole McGlown and Shombai McGlown Malone, her bonus children Judy, Vance, Chet, Kirk, Scott, and Dwayne; Three grandchildren, Silke, Barry, Jr. and Shaaf-Khatim; Brother, Richard McCormick (Joanna); Sister, Alice F. Richards; Sister, Lyda D. Singleton. Rev. Lannie also leaves behind a host of bonus grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Homegoing Service
honoring the life of
Rev. Lannie Thomas

Oak Grove Baptist Church
200 Sims Parkway Harrisburg, NC 28075
Rev. Franklin D. Watkins, Senior Pastor

Musical Prelude	Media Team
Processional	Clergy & Family
Call To Worship	Pastor Franklin Watkins
Hymn of Praise #94 "Near The Cross"	Congregation
Invocation Prayer	Pastor Franklin Watkins
Holy Scriptures:	
Old Testament (Psalms 23)	Dea. Hilton Ore
New Testament (John 14:1-6)	Sis. Delphine McIntyre
Prayer of Comfort	Rev. Melissa Heyward
Song "Precious Lord" (Mahalia Jackson)	Media Team
Acknowledgements, Obituary & Resolution	Sis. Doris Haynes
Remarks (2 minutes please)	
Song "Jesus Promised Me a Home (Jennifer Hudson)	Media Team
Eulogy	Pastor Franklin Watkins
Recessional "Bye & Bye"	Media Team
Interment & Committal Service	Pastor Franklin Watkins
Benediction	Pastor Franklin Watkins

